

## Initiation

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the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary educational institution."

Maul said the process of becoming a member was educational.

"Leadership, membership and learning historical facts of the fraternity, as well as reflecting what is accomplished as a student in the first semester away from home, are things new members do before initiation," he said.

Hohl said completing the initiation process also gave members voting privileges — although new members, she said, always have input in chapter decisions.

"After becoming a full-fledged member, initiates can vote in meetings and are entitled to all the benefits that come with being a member of their chapter," she said.

New members are expected to be faithful to the chapter in various areas, such as getting acceptable grades and being responsible, both morally and socially, she said.

Even though initiation activities are different for each fraternity and sorority chapter, there are some constants. "Initiation is a ritual used to induct new members. The ceremony part of it is to introduce the chapter to the new members," Hohl said.

"It brings a higher understanding of what the sorority means," she said.

For fraternity members, Maul said, "Initiation week is a final week of reflection for new members, including why they went through the new member program and what they've learned."

Activities range from a weekend to a week, depending on the chapter's new member program.

"Becoming initiated is a step in leading the chapter, alumni and establishing a proving ground for the rest of life," Maul said.

# Senate tables changes for commencement

By Joshua Gillin  
Staff Reporter

The Academic Senate voted to table a resolution to revise commencement procedures at its February meeting Tuesday.

The senate tabled the resolution because of a desire to conduct the ceremony in the traditional way.

The resolution, presented by Leo Sartori and Mark van Roojen, would have allowed graduating seniors, whose final grades had not yet been determined, to participate in commencement.

Under the proposal, professors of seniors would have had more

time to determine the students' final grades.

Currently, professors who give a final exam on the Friday before commencement may have less than an hour to determine a student's final grade.

James McShane, chairman of the senate's commencement committee, said it was unrealistic to expect the ceremony to adjust to only a handful of students.

The resolution was unfair, he said, because students who did not meet requirements could participate in a time-honored tradition at UNL.

"We are the only university of

this size that actually gives a student their degree on stage," McShane said. "If we can run that kind of quality commencement, why wouldn't we?"

Don Jensen, senate member and psychology professor, said the resolution was "a case of the cure being worse than the disease."

The senate approved a motion, however, to send the present commencement schedule to the senate's grading and examination committee for review.

In other business, NU Board of Regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook addressed the senate, bringing a message of upcoming

change.

Blank said the regents' mission was to maintain the present standards of the NU system, and to keep NU traditions stable during times of change.

On his second day as chancellor, James Moeser spoke briefly about his plans for UNL's future.

Some of Moeser's top priorities are appointing an affirmative action director and building a strong community among UNL faculty, he said.

"I do not envision any major changes in course," Moeser said. "I do want to be among the major institutions in the nation."

## Campus Recreation asks for higher student fees

By Heidi White  
Staff Reporter

Requests for University Program and Facilities Fees continued as the office of Campus Recreation submitted budget proposals to CFA Tuesday.

The Committee for Fees Allocation heard requests from Campus Recreation to increase student fees by 5.1 percent, for a total of more than \$1.9

million.

In addition to current operation and maintenance costs of the Rec Center, UNL facilities management is projecting an increase of \$18,220 in electricity costs and in chilled water, used for air conditioning.

The presentation also included new programs and projects for Campus Recreation.

Kenda Scheele, associate director for structured activities at the Rec

Center, presented a proposal for a personal fitness program that needs to be funded by student fees.

"We'd like to get as many students as we can on the road to better health," Scheele said.

Several ideas for desired improvement projects, such as remodeling and expanding outdoor playing fields, were discussed.

Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation, said the current value

of UNL's recreational property was \$37 million. Costs for annual maintenance, according to national standards, should be between 2 percent and 4 percent of the replacement value, he said.

Present maintenance costs are about \$400,000, which is about half of the standard cost.

In other business, CFA voted to recommend approval of the University Health Center's \$3.2 million proposal.

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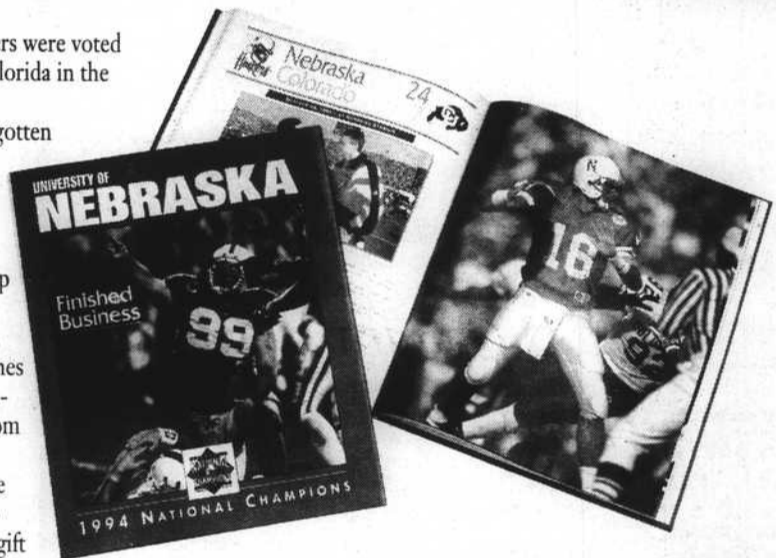
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