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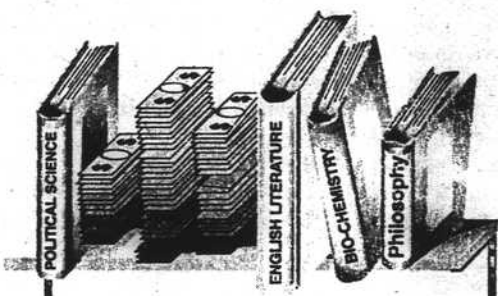


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'Natural highs' to be promoted on East Campus

By AMANDA SCHINDLER
 Staff Reporter

A new bulletin board on the Nebraska East Union will promote more informed student choices concerning the use of alcohol and other drugs. The "Natural High" display was approved by the Union Board at its bimonthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Presented by Kara Pfingston of Campus Recreation, the new bulletin board will show displays provided by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Program (NIRSA), and any other displays promoting more responsible use of alcohol among college students.

Events like Alcohol Awareness Week, Fitness and Nutrition Month and the annual Spring Health Fair can be advertised on the board.

"A lot of students make choices about alcohol based on perceptions," said Pfingston, assistant director for East Campus recreation. "A change in perception can result in a change in behavior."

A "Natural High" bulletin board has already been installed in the Lee and Helene Sapp Campus Recreation Center, but there was a void on East Campus, so a 4x5 board will be installed in the lobby of the east union.

The board voted unanimously to approve the installation.

In other business: Union Board President Saad Alavi and Secretary Matt Leuth were appointed representatives to the Diversity Retreat, which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Louisville.

Representatives from various student organizations attend the event and discuss issues concerning overcoming the ethnic differences present on campus.

"It's bringing students from different backgrounds together," Alavi said, "and finding different ways to bridge the gap."

Also, Union Board Director Daryl Swanson said that construction of the city union was back on schedule. Minor problems with the soil content of the site were also mentioned, but are "very routine," Swanson said.

Swanson also gave an update on the construction of a new snack bar located in the recently constructed parking garage, one similar to the City Union's bakery. The snack bar is due to open next semester.

The board's next meeting will be in two weeks, and will include an open forum presentation by the National Bank of Commerce.

ASUN Watch

And the score is...

The following is a list of goals ASUN has set, and the progress it has made.

1. Continue commitment to diversity issues through sponsored events and increased communication with the campus community.

—Diversity speaker Marlon Smith will present a speech at the Lied Center Monday at 8 p.m. ASUN President Curt Ruwe encouraged all students to attend. ASUN senators also met with Brian Foster, dean of the arts and sciences college, to discuss increasing the availability of ethnic studies classes.

2. Improve interaction among campus student governing bodies: ASUN, the Residence Hall Association, Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

—"We are in the planning phases of getting some philanthropic work done by all organizations together," Ruwe said. Ruwe said they are planning campus clean-up activities.

3. Work for the implementation of a parking class.

—The ASUN proposal regarding the parking class will be presented to the ASUN senate tonight. If it is approved, it will be presented to UNL Parking Services Friday.

4. Address pedestrian safety concerns in the 14th and Vine streets area.

—A Government Liaison Committee Directive was passed at last week's ASUN meeting allowing the GLC to lobby the city to lower the speed limit on 17th Street, between Y and Vine streets. The GLC will present its proposals for increasing pedestrian safety on campus, to the Lincoln City Council and mayor.

5. Work to seek more student input in the student fee allocation process.

—Three new appointments to the Committee for Fee Allocation will be voted on at today's ASUN meeting.

6. Lobby for the university to continue research to develop a fall break policy.

—Ruwe said a proposal to include a fall break and an observation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday has been made to the Universitywide Calendar Committee. The SIT will work to lobby the committee to implement these new breaks, Ruwe said.

7. Work toward a regents' bylaw change to allow student organizations to apply for funds from the University Program Council once every two years rather than once every four.

—Legislation will be presented to the ASUN senate today. If passed, the legislation will proclaim ASUN's support for this change in programming fund allocation.

8. Research advising policies on campus and gather student input in order to look for ways that advising can best serve student needs.

—Ruwe said about 90 surveys regarding advising have been completed by students. He said the Academic Committee's goal is to have 200 surveys completed.

9. More efficiently inform students of services that ASUN provides and what it accomplishes for students.

—ASUN is searching for a replacement for Andrew Long, who resigned as the ASUN public relations manager.

10. Successfully create a more integrated campus community through the implementation of the Student Impact Team and the University Leadership Community.

—Ruwe said the meeting of the ULC was changed from Thursday to Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. The meeting time was changed because not enough people knew about Thursday's meeting time, Ruwe said. The SIT met Tuesday.

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