

Health Center, unions present cases to CFA

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The Committee for Fees Allocation bypassed voting Tuesday night after hearing from Fund B users of student funds instead.

The University Health Center and Nebraska Unions were on the agenda to present and answer questions about budget requests for the 1999-2000 year.

Requesting no new increase for the next year, University Health Center Director Linda Hermann said income brought in by services that are separate from student fees has helped to keep student fees low.

But Hermann said it is unlikely that future budgets will be presented without a fee increase.

CFA postponed a vote on the Nebraska Unions budget until next Tuesday.

The committee questioned Student Involvement Director Marilyn Bugenhagen on different aspects of student involvement, which is included in the Nebraska

Unions budget.

Senator Jeff Woodford questioned the purpose of programs like Students Working Actively Together, which promotes volunteering.

Woodford also questioned whether SWAT and other student volunteer organizations on campus competed against each other.

Bugenhagen said that SWAT allows students to simply volunteer, whereas student organizations may require students to commit to other activities.

Swanson said the program was worthwhile and comes with a cost.

"When we use the word volunteer, we connote that it comes without a cost," Swanson said. "If you are going to support volunteers and volunteerism, it comes with a cost."

CFA will vote on the Fund B users next Tuesday and will hear the Campus Recreation Center's budget presentation next Thursday.

Government accuses Microsoft of producing false video evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government accused Microsoft on Tuesday of offering a false video as evidence during a court demonstration by the software company that purported to show severe problems resulting from the government's efforts to modify the company's Windows 98 software.

"I believe from what I've seen here is, they filmed the wrong system," said James Allchin, a senior vice president and Microsoft's top computer scientist. He later added: "I'm not sure they would do anything like that" to mislead the judge.

In one of the most dramatic moments of the antitrust trial against giant Microsoft Corp., Justice Department lawyer David Boies stopped a video demonstration in mid-frame to show a subtle inconsistency: the border showing the program's name was different in one part of the video than in another.

On the video, Microsoft's marketing director, Yusuf Mehdi, tests a version of Windows that the company said was modified by the government to disable its Internet functions.

The issue is important because the government, as part of its lawsuit, alleges that under federal "tying" laws, Microsoft's design forces consumers who use Windows also to use its brows-

er, discouraging them from using popular rival software.

By showing that Microsoft's Internet software can be disabled, the government hopes to show that the company could be ordered to remove the software from Windows without harming it. Microsoft refutes that.

"It's taking a very long time, however — unusually long — to access that Web site," Mehdi said on the video. "That's a result of the performance degradation that has occurred because of running the (government) program."

Boies charged — and Allchin agreed — that the subtle change in the border, called the title bar, indicated that Microsoft's test actually used a version of Windows unaffected by the government's modifications.

"This video you brought in here and showed for the court, that you checked it ... and that's just wrong, right?" Boies snapped.

"In this particular case, I do not think the (government) program had been run," Allchin conceded. But he insisted that performance problems exist: "I personally tested this, and I know the problem exists."

Hours later, Allchin testified that he had been mistaken, and that his tests were conducted properly on a modified copy. Microsoft was unable to say why

the title bars were different.

"How that name tag was removed, we're not specifically sure of right now," spokesman Tod Nielsen said.

Another Microsoft spokesman, Mark Murray, accused the government of "nit-picking on issues like video production rather than confronting the facts."

Boies said outside court there was no evidence the demonstration was deliberately altered, which he warned would be "obstruction of justice, an outrageous thing."

"I'm not going to stand here and say something nefarious went on," Boies said. "We don't know ... Whether it was deliberate or a result of incompetence, the video was wrong."

An outside expert, computer scientist Edward Felten of Princeton University, testified previously that he was able to disable Microsoft's Internet software included within Windows.

Underwood named NU's skybox director

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The sky has no limit for Karen Underwood.

The former University of Nebraska-Lincoln Coordinator of Special Events for the Chancellor's Office and the Office of Public Relations accepted a position in January as the NU skybox director.

"When the position was announced, it was something I was very interested in," Underwood said. "I'm excited to be here. ... I'm looking forward to starting the new fall football season."

As skybox director, Underwood will be responsible for managing the 42 newest seats in Memorial Stadium.

Her first assignment is to plan a weeklong open house to allow the public to preview the facilities prior to the Cornhuskers' home opener against California on Sept. 11.

NU Associate Athletic Director Joe Selig said Underwood would be a wonderful addition to the athletic department staff.

"I think her wealth of experience in event coordination will make the skybox experience at the University of Nebraska second to none," he said.

Underwood is already putting her talents to use.

"We just want to make sure that everything is ready and just perfect for our skybox patrons," Underwood said. "We want them to have a wonderful time."

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