

CFA votes on aerobic fees, involvement center hours

Nebraska Unions budget increase request denied

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CFA



The Committee for Fees Allocation budget votes Tuesday night resulted in the possibility of cheaper aerobics classes for students, but put the extended hours of Student Involvement resource center in jeopardy.

While granting the use of student fees to fund the Campus Recreation Center's entire budget request, CFA voted to cut the increase requested by Nebraska Unions.

The committee also voted to accept the budget of the University Health Center, which requested no increase for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Starting off the night with the Union vote, the committee accepted all but \$7,637 of the budget increase the Nebraska Unions requested.

Requesting that amount specifically to extend the hours of Student Involvement, Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson said the extra hours were necessary to best serve student organizations.

Currently, the center is open until 7 p.m.

Swanson said offering more hours and being more accessible to student organizations was his and other administrators' vision when they began considering expanding the space of Student Involvement.

"One of the reasons we wanted to expand that space was because we wanted to offer more resources to student organizations," Swanson said.

"A logical extension of that is to offer a resource center and offer extended hours."

The CFA Unions Subcommittee put forth a report saying they felt Student Involvement could fill the extended hours, from 5 p.m. to

9 p.m. with already existing staff. The report encouraged Student Involvement to reconsider the decision to stay open until 9 p.m., stating that students who needed to use the center could do so by 7 p.m.

CFA member Jason Boykin said he agreed with the report.

"I feel that the funds allocated at this time are adequate to fund the center, whether it be from 9 to 7 or 9 to 9," he said. "If the need arises, I don't have a problem with that."

Swanson said the budget presented to last year's CFA also requested money to fund extended hours.

After the committee denied the request, Swanson took money from other places in the budget to fund the extended hours.

While the center may not be booming with activity during the night time hours yet, Swanson said students need time to discover the expanded location.

"You may have walked by and not saw a lot of activity yet," Swanson said. "But students are still finding us. You have to give us a chance to let this work."

After the committee voted 7-4 for granting all but the money to fund the extended hours and a person to maintain the Web page, Swanson said he will have to look at the big picture before deciding the fate of the extended hours.

Swanson also said the effectiveness of the extended hours would have to be monitored.

"I think we've got to test it this semester," he said.

CFA approved an increase of funds to the recreation center to pay for a proposed marketing position and a decrease in the price of aerobics classes.

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JASON BOYKIN
CFA member

The committee also approved the Campus Recreation repair and improvements budget, which increased \$46,301.

Boykin presented the Campus Recreation subcommittee report, saying they recommended the increases in part because the decrease in price of aerobics classes would lower the cost in comparison with other Big 12 schools.

Currently, the cost of classes at UNL is the highest of all Big 12 schools.

The subcommittee reported that decreasing the prices would encourage the participation of more women, who are underrepresented in proportion to their presence on campus, the report stated.

The increase will also fund a new marketing position.

Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation, said the increases to the repair and improvements budget may result in the conversion of a racquetball court into a squash court, televisions for the East Campus recreation center and, in the future, repairs to tennis courts and playing fields.

The next CFA meeting will take place Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Former medical chief preaches prevention

BY JOSH NICHOLS
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Instead of trying to fix health problems, the United States should prevent them from happening in the first place a former U.S. Surgeon General said Tuesday.

The controversial former medical chief of the nation, Dr. Jocelyn Elders, spoke at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha at a University of Nebraska at Omaha Academy, Business and Community Breakfast.

Her speech, sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies, was titled "Wellness and Health Care: Can they Coexist in the 21st Century?"

Elders said children in the United States needed to be better educated on healthy eating habits, sexual issues and the hazards of smoking and drinking.

"We need to teach children more than reading, writing and arithmetic," she said. "We need to teach them how to be healthy."

Elders said to prevent sexual abuse, teenage pregnancy and the spread of STDs, schools needed to begin sex education at a younger age.

"There should be a comprehensive sex education program beginning in kindergarten," she said. "We need to teach kindergartners there are certain parts of their body that should not be touched."

Students in junior high and high school also need to be educated in sexual matters, she said.

"I'm not about abortion," she said. "I'm about preventing unwanted pregnancies."

In an interview with the Daily Nebraskan, Elders said problems with abusive drinking and sex are particularly relevant for college students.

She said because students are away from home for the first time, they want to "cut loose" and "get

crazy."
"Colleges really need to provide two years of guidance and support to the beginning students," she said.

She said this support would make it easier for students to succeed in college and cut down on dropouts.

Elders also said improvements needed to be made in health care in the United States so that everyone could benefit from it, including those who can't afford insurance.

"Lawyers feel every criminal has the right to a lawyer. Why can't every person have a right to health care?"

She also said steps needed to be taken toward preventing diseases, rather than just curing them after they set in.

To do this, she said, the country needs to produce more doctors to take care of people when they are healthy, instead of producing more specialists to take care of people when they are sick.

Elders also said parents needed to understand the importance of getting their children the necessary immunizations when they are young.

"We have to find a way to provide not just sick care," she said, "but health care for all of our citizens."

"Our nation doesn't know how to take care of you when you're well, but when you get sick, they'll fix it."

Elders, now retired, travels the country speaking about her views on health care and has written many articles for medical research publications.

Nichelle Horton, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, attended the speech and was one of many people getting her picture taken with Elders after the breakfast.

Horton said she was inspired by Elders and agreed that education was important to the prevention of many health problems in the United States.

Speaker addresses education

Professor speaks on evolution of minority issues

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Black History Month



With the changing face of the United States, the education of minorities cannot be ignored, a prominent black educator said Tuesday.

M. Christopher Brown, an assistant professor of higher education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, gave a lecture at Andrews Hall titled "The Walking Wounded: African Americans and the Assault on Equal Educational Opportunities."

Geared toward black students and faculty members, Brown's

speech centered on issues minorities face. The educational system is one area that needs to be emphasized, he said.

Brown, who was brought to UNL as part of Black History Month by multicultural affairs educational specialist Benita Douglas, is known for his study of blacks in higher education.

Brown said the Latino and Asian-American population are growing faster than any other racial groups, and that government leaders have not considered these

minorities as part of the market economy.

"We need to utilize underrepresented people and merge them into mainstream society," he said. "If we would do that, we could keep Social Security."

Brown, who is author or editor of three books dealing with black issues, said members of today's educational system need to focus on bridging the gap between the way minorities used to be treated and the way they should be treated now.

He said it was important not to fall into a comfort zone.

"The gap between the haves and the have-nots continues to widen," Brown said.

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Law & Order

Man arrested for possession

A narcotics unit comprising the Lincoln Police, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a Geneva man Monday afternoon.

Lincoln Police Capt. Duaine Bullock said the 45-year-old man was arrested near 48th and O streets for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Law enforcement officials seized 750 grams of suspected methamphetamine and \$1,500, he said.

Bullock said citizens tipped authorities that someone was trying to send the suspected methamphetamine through a package store.

Cops nab possible carjackers

Police are still investigating a Monday afternoon pursuit that may be related to a Saturday carjacking.

Sgt. Todd Beam said police arrested a 19-year-old man for reckless driving, possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license, fleeing to avoid arrest, resisting arrest and an outstanding warrant for driving on a suspended license. The controlled substance, Beam said, was two rocks of suspected crack cocaine weighing 14.8 grams total.

Authorities also arrested a 15-year-old Lincoln girl for a parole violation, he said.

The arrests followed a two-minute police pursuit Monday after-

noon that began near 35th Street and Cornhusker Highway, and ended near 47th Street and Baldwin Avenue. The suspects fled police in a car that was taken in a carjacking Saturday night.

Tuesday morning, Beam said police were still investigating and could not say those arrested were responsible for the carjacking.

"We've caught something, and we know it is something," he said. "We're not sure what."

Building site burglarized

A construction burglary sometime between noon Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday resulted in a \$2,093 loss.

Beam said the burglar or burglars entered an apartment building under construction in the 29100 block of Fletcher Avenue, pried open a wooden door and took construction tools belonging to Oak Creek Inc. of Crete.

Thieves take 24 cases of beer

Booze bandits stole 24 cases of beer Monday afternoon, Lincoln police said.

Beam said a truck was being unloaded at a distributor in the 5800 block of N. 70th Street when thieves stole 24 cases of Busch and Budweiser valued at \$299.

According to police reports, the theft occurred between 1:10 p.m. and 1:20 p.m.

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