

RHA votes to help pay for party

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After lengthy debate, UNL's Residence Hall Association voted Sunday night to help fund the Resident Assistants Millennium Party with an allocation of \$350.

The bill passed following approximately an hour of debate. Four members voted against the bill.

An amendment to allocate \$200 instead of \$350 was brought up and failed twice during the meeting.

The Millennium Party will be a dance to give students a chance to socialize and to raise money for the Friendship Home, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse. The dance will be held Thursday, Jan. 20.

RHA also allocated \$200 for the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex's Casino Night and Date Auction to be held Dec. 9.

Prior notice was given on three bills for the next RHA meeting, which will be Jan. 16.

In other RHA news, Campus Escort Chairwoman Marissa Carstens announced that Campus Escort will be extending its hours to 2:30 a.m. during Dead Week and finals week Monday through Thursday.

Normally, Campus Escort operates until midnight.

RHA also discussed the need to get out remaining Angel Tree tags. The residence halls still have 100 tickets left to distribute for the Angel Tree project.

Angel Tree is an event held to supply underprivileged children with Christmas gifts.

Students can pick up tags in their residence halls. The tags give the child's age and sex so that students can pick out an appropriate gift.

Tags will be available Monday and Tuesday, said Jodi Harper, who is coordinating RHA's involvement with Angel Tree.

RHA also discussed the upcoming semiformal dance, to be held Feb. 5. Tickets will be on sale outside residence hall dining halls this week.

The event will be held at the Lincoln Great Station in the Haymarket.

Tickets are \$13.50 each. The price of the ticket includes dinner and the dance.

Jason Ball, RHA treasurer, said transportation to the event will also be provided.

"We're using busing to transport students there because parking at the Haymarket is even worse than parking at UNL," Ball said.


Swastika-like Pokemon card upsets families

CORTLANDT, N.Y. (AP) — Eleven-year-old Stephen Langsam prefers Japanese-language Pokemon cards to the English version. But when he plunked down \$6 for a pack last month, he was upset to find one that included what he thought was a swastika.

The red mark alongside the Pokemon characters Golbat and Ditto was a "manji," a mirror image of the Nazi swastika. In Japan, where the symbol predates the Nazis by centuries, it means good fortune and can also represent a Buddhist temple.

But to Stephen, his friend Marc Specht and their families, it was a Nazi swastika, the spidery symbol of hate and the Holocaust — and it didn't belong in a children's game.

Nintendo of America, which makes Pokemon products, announced Thursday that the card will be discontinued.



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