

Campus Recreation gets less than requested

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The Committee for Fees Allocation approved on Thursday a budget of \$2,925,516 for the Campus Recreation Center, \$10,710 less than requested.

The budget for the center is divided into two parts – the operating budget and the repair and improvement of facilities, each requiring a separate vote.

The Campus Recreation Center had requested \$2,936,226 for the total budget, an increase of \$249,537 from last year.

The original recommendation by the CFA subcommittee for the operating budget was \$2,440,910, \$22,480 less than requested.

CFA member Grant Vicich spoke on behalf of the subcommittee about the recommendation.

"There are so many mandates and student fees are going up this year, we're trying to limit the amount of increases," Vicich said.

The subcommittee recommended the Campus Recreation Center cut out its plans for adding a strength training education coordinator and an additional graduate assistant.

"This isn't the year to increase services to students with all the mandates; the services won't be decreased, but maintained," said CFA member Kurt Ramaekers.

An amendment proposed by CFA member Nolan Gaskill provided a way for the Campus Recreation Center to add the desired positions.

Gaskill said this could be done by "adding the positions but taking a comparable number of hours from the student supervisors."

Stan Campbell, director of the Campus Recreation Center said Gaskill's amendment was feasible.

"It makes a lot of sense because it would definitely increase the level of expertise on the staff," Campbell said.

Ramaekers did not agree with the amendment.

"I don't want a professional to watch people ride bikes because not enough students are on staff," Ramaekers said.

With the amendment, the recommendation was passed with a vote of 9-1. Ramaekers cast the dissenting vote.

The subcommittee recommended giving the requested amount of \$472,836 for the budget, which passed unanimously.

No plans to step up security at Columbia despite murder

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NEW YORK (U-WIRE) – Last week's brutal murder of a Columbia University student in her dormitory room will not result in security changes there – at least not until students call for such changes, officials said.

Columbia Vice President for Public Affairs Virgil Renzulli said administrators will talk with students to ascertain a general opinion of dormitory safety, but there are no plans to change dormitory policies.

"(The murder) was not a security breakdown," he said.

The body of sophomore Kathleen Roskot, 19, was discovered by concerned Columbia officials Saturday after she failed to show up for a previously-scheduled event, according to police.

She died of a stab wound to the neck, a police spokesman said, and though the investigation is continuing, her former boyfriend, Timothy Nelford, 23, is believed to have killed her.

Nelford leapt into the path of an oncoming subway train last Saturday, only an hour after Roskot's body was discovered. In his pocket were Roskot's wallet and other personal possessions, police said.

Despite the sensational coverage of the crime, which made the front pages of most newspapers in New York City and stunned the Columbia campus in Morningside Heights, the

university does not plan to alter its residence hall security policies, Renzulli said.

"Our current procedures were arrived at after student consultation," Renzulli said, and Columbia administrators are loath to change them without first measuring the attitude of students about crime on campus.

Renzulli said the prevailing opinion, and the opinion of the university, was that the murder, though tragic, was not the result of a failure on Columbia's part.

"Nothing went wrong" with the security procedures at Ruggles Hall, where Roskot was murdered, he said. "(Security) was not the issue."

NYU spokesman John Beckman agreed with this assessment of the crime. "This person was signed in by the young lady who he killed," Beckman said. "I don't think it lessens the tragedy. But I do think that it's a different tragedy."

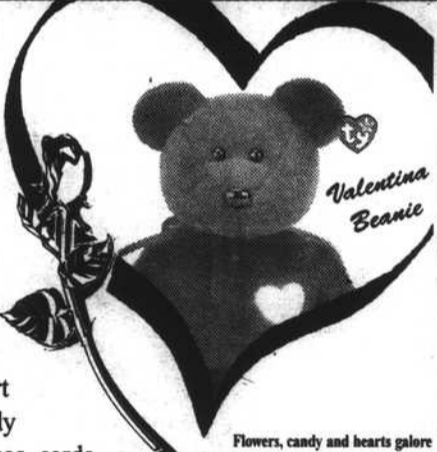
Beckman indicated that NYU officials have no plans to alter security policies here in the wake of Roskot's killing, saying that safety in the University's residence hall system is "pretty good."

Columbia's dormitory security closely resembles that of NYU. Renzulli said the current procedure at Columbia dormitory buildings require residents to appear at the guard's desk in the lobby of a building and sign in a guest. The guest must leave a piece of photo-identification at the desk, he said.

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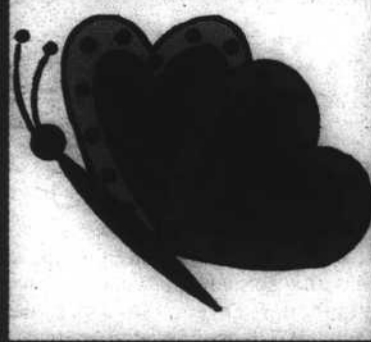
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