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Board of Regents approve proposed 1985-86 NU budget

By Jana Dahman Bouma

The NU Board of Regents Saturday approved the proposed 1985-86 NU budget, requesting a 10 percent increase in tuition charges and a 12.7 percent increase in state funds.

The budget would provide a 10.7 percent salary increase for UNL academic and administrative staff, and a 9 percent increase for faculty at UNO and UNMC. Salaries for faculty members of the American Association of University Professors UNO are still to be negotiated.

The budget also would provide an 11.5 percent salary increase for non-faculty employees on all campuses, a 10 percent increase for library acquisitions, and \$1.65 million for academic and administrative computing.

The 10 percent tuition increase would raise undergraduate resident tuition from \$38.00 per credit hour during 1984-85, to \$41.75 for 1985-86.

The budget request now goes to Gov. Bob Kerrey and the Legislature's Appropriations Committee for review.

The university also will develop a supplementary budget to be presented to the Appropriations Committee in November, NU President Ronald Roskens said.

The supplementary budget will be the same as the one the regents passed Saturday, but will be divided into two parts: a 95-percent "base" budget containing the most essential funding requests; and a 5 percent modification to the base budget.

James Raglin, NU director of public affairs, said the new 95 percent base formula is required of all branches of state government to help the Appropriations Committee better defend budget requests to the Legislature. However, Raglin said, it is more difficult for the university to make the 5 percent base budget reduction because every reduction affects students and their education.

Also, Raglin said, faculty members might view such a reduction in their department's base budget as a lack of commitment by the university. Such faculty might decide to teach elsewhere, he said.

The first-time request for \$1.95 million in computing funds included \$1.41 million for academic computing and \$540,000 for administrative computing.

In other business, the regents approved a list of priorities for capital construction funds during 1985-86. The first priority was \$2.9 million to bring the university into compliance with safety codes.

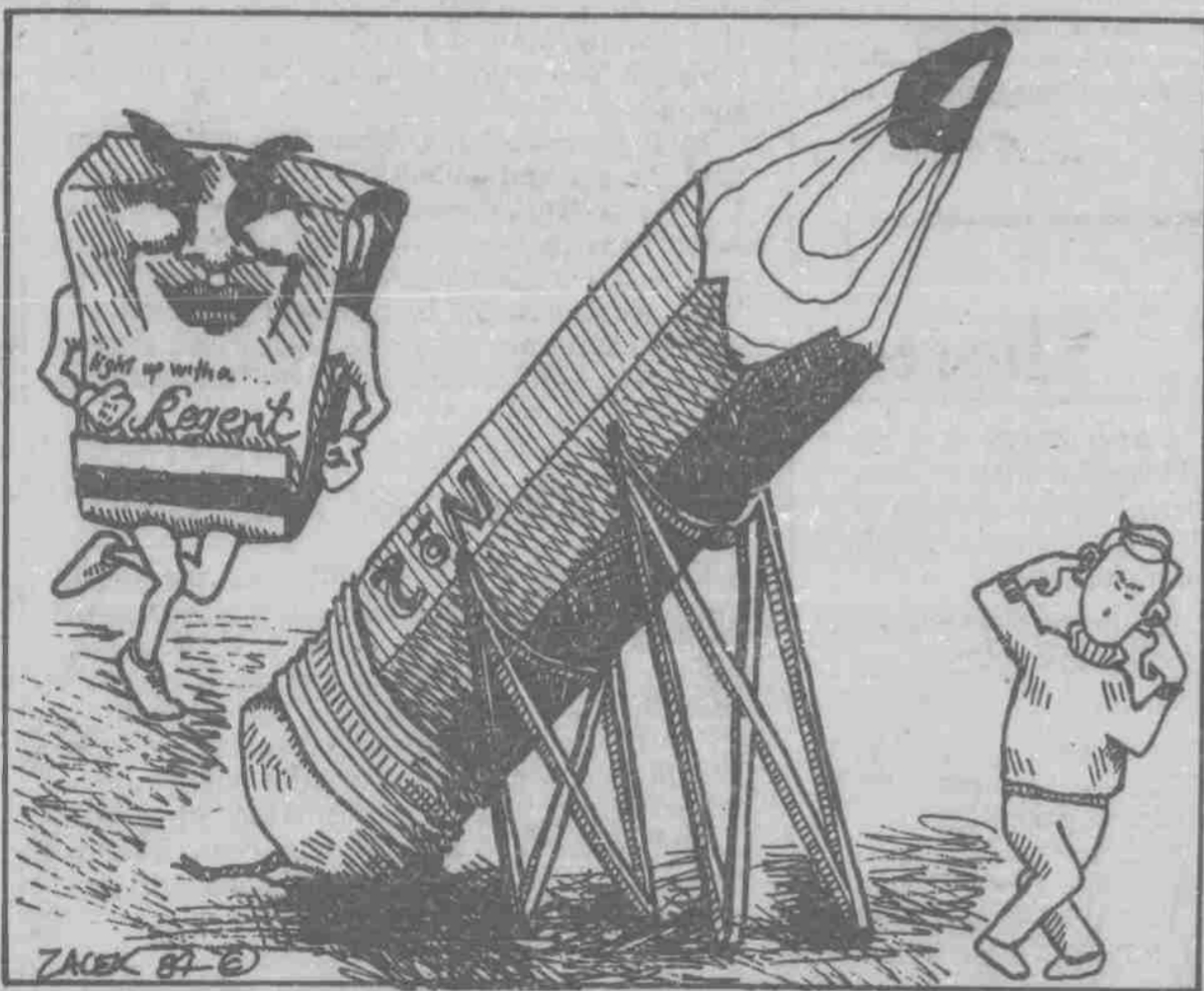
The regents also authorized the administration to add two Omaha-based health maintenance organizations, SHARE and HealthAmerica, as alternative methods of health care for faculty and staff living or working in the Omaha area.

The board also approved the establishment of a residency training program in dentistry at the College of Dentistry at UNL.

tuition rates		
1981 fall	-\$29.25	
1982 fall	-\$32.25	↑10%
1983 fall	-\$34.50	↑7%
1984 fall	-\$38	↑10%
1985 fall	-\$41.75	↑10%



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A ground crew gives the yard lines a second coat of paint on the new All-Pro turf surface of Memorial Stadium. Note the joggers on the stadium stairs and also the missing goalpost.



Union board discusses new computer room

By Vonn Jones

The Union Board Saturday discussed turning the television room in the Nebraska Union lounge into a 24-hour computing facility.

The proposed changeover, still in the pre-planning stage, would close off the TV room from the rest of the student lounge. The change probably would be tied in with major redevelopment of the west entrance to the union.

Daryl Swanson, director of Nebraska Union, presented a plan to build a closed-in room on the west side of the union. The room would make the building more appealing to traffic approaching from the west, Swanson said. It would also offer 24-hour access to the proposed computer room while shutting off the rest of the building during late hours.

The current west entrance to the union, which

includes a ramp for handicapped people, discourages some people from entering the building, Swanson said. A more attractive and accessible entrance would increase the traffic flow in the union.

Handicapped access to the building would be improved by the installation of a lift in the new room, Swanson said.

The board now will investigate further the west entrance and converted TV room.

In other business, the board approved the installation of an experimental video information terminal.

According to V. T. Miller, director of UNL's closed-circuit television, the information system will be a television monitor in the southwest corner of the student lounge. It will feature information about campus activities and deadlines.

Sandy Dvorak, a clerical assistant in Miller's office, said the monitor eventually will be part of an infor-

mation network between City and East campuses.

"We're going to put monitors up in points of interest around campus," said Dvorak. "Then a computer, probably located in the information office, can feed the system continually with information on deadlines, or class registrations."

The board agreed to give the monitor a two-month trial in the Nebraska Union lounge.

Lack of feedback delayed any board decision on the fate of the University Bookstore's location. The board said it will wait until it receives more opinions about what options are available before it makes a decision on whether the bookstore will be moved or expanded.

Action also was deferred on the union's 1985 capital improvements request. The union faces more than \$38,000 in cuts from the budget request, but the board decided to delay any decision making until union executives can meet to set union priorities.