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Mass Meeting Tonight

House Takes Up Budget

DEBATE OPENS ON FINANCE MEASURE

Section on University Appropriation, Slashed Nearly Million and Quarter Under 1931-33 Total, Slated for 10 O'clock Thursday.

COMMITTEE PROPOSES MOST DRASTIC CUTS Present Total, Supported by Democrats in Caucus, Lowers Bryan's Recommendation \$451,150 And Investigators' Report \$66,150.

The general state appropriation bill for the 1933-35 fiscal biennium was reported out on the floor by the house finance committee Wednesday with a slash of nearly a million and a quarter dollars under 1931-33 in the university budget.

Debate on the measure opened in the house in the afternoon, but the section containing the university appropriation was not reached in yesterday's session. Debate will be continued this morning with the university appropriation slated to come up about 10 o'clock.

The finance committee bill, which house democrats in caucus Tuesday night pledged themselves to support, provides a total appropriation of \$3,127,450 for the next two years as against \$4,359,600 appropriated in 1931. It cuts the university budget \$451,150 under Governor Bryan's recommendation and \$66,150 under the proposal of the special joint investigating committee whose report caused consternation in university circles when released a few days ago.

A tabulation of the finance committee's appropriation proposal and a comparison with the 1931 appropriation, the request of the Board of Regents for 1933-35 and the recommendation of Governor Bryan's budget appears in columns three and four.

A rider to the legislative appropriation bill for the university would require the university to sever its connection with the North Central Association of Colleges.

The general maintenance fund of the university, out of which salaries and operating expenses are paid, is hardest hit by the finance bill, taking a \$954,400 cut. The building appropriation, which in 1931 totaled \$195,000, is completely eliminated in accordance with the recommendations of both the Regents and the Governor.

Medical College Not Cut. The medical college and university hospital are not cut at all under the committee's measure, the appropriation for these two remaining at \$375,000, the same as for 1931-33.

Other items in the university appropriation from state taxation funds are cut as follows:

Students Face A Crisis.

Are the present students of the University of Nebraska interested in whether or not the institution is so crippled that it will be lowered to the rank of a mediocre institution? Are the students interested in whether or not the faculty of the university is paid on such a low scale that only mediocre men will be able to remain here? Is there any interest on the part of students, alumni and taxpayers of the state as to whether or not the future educational opportunities for young people are to be so severely restricted that a decent advanced education will have to be sought in other states, thus limiting the rights of citizens of this state?

The Nebraskan is confident that students are interested in the crisis which confronts the university. Student sentiment has been running high over the attitude of the legislators which goes beyond a reasonable cost cutting program and proposes to stifle educational activities and mix political considerations with university functions.

The legislature feels that their sole mandate from the people was to reduce taxes. By reason of the immensity of the majority which the democratic party polled, this feeling has become irresistible. All other factors are apparently being overlooked.

Nebraska university students are not blind to the necessity for cutting expenditures of government. But neither are they blind to the necessity for using discretion and reason in this program. The consideration of the state from a social point of view as well as from the point of view of the individual taxpayer must not be allowed to be completely overwhelmed.

It is now time for citizens of the state forcefully to call these other considerations to the attention of the legislature. The mass meeting of students tonight may and should have a part in presenting to the attention of the legislature the necessity for caution, and the adoption of a long-time point of view.

The state and its essential institutions are set up to serve the people for all time. The existence of a severe depression is no excuse for becoming imbued with the spirit of panic and so wrecking them to the point where irreparable damage is done for the future.

Comparison of Appropriations

Table with 5 columns: General, Appropriated 1931-1933, Requested by Regents, Proposed by Governor, Proposed Appropriations. Rows include Appropriation, Agr. Extension, Conservation and Survey, Col. of Medicine and Hospital Main, Buildings, Repair of Hail Loss at North Platte, and Totals.

SOLONS APPROVE SPECIAL REPORT

Daily Nebraskan Hit During Debate; Abolition Is Proposed.

The special report of the legislative investigating committee, which recommended a cut of \$385,000 below the previous cuts made by Governor Bryan in his budget message for appropriations for the university in the coming biennium, was approved by the house yesterday by an overwhelming 82 to 1 vote.

The vote on the measure was taken after members of the house had criticized the press, particularly Lincoln newspapers, and more especially the Daily Nebraskan. The Board of Regents was severely criticized for its attitude expressed in the report which they issued yesterday and other editorial comments on the investigating committee's report.

Competition in Tourney Begins This Afternoon. Columbus to Meet Ord in First Game of Class A Competition.

Meat Loses Out. Mead high school, last year's titlist in class B, lost out in the district eliminations, and thus will not be on hand to defend its laurels.

Other teams besides Crete, which played last year and are returning, are Columbus, Hastings, North Platte, Kearney, and Neligh. Hastings was runnerup to the Saline county five last spring and is one of the favorites to go to the semifinals this week. In class B Oakland, Newport, Stockham, and Summer are repeaters.

Columbus and Crete stand up as top-heavy favorites to reach the semifinals in the upper bracket of class A. In midseason the Dis-

by calling attention to alleged excessive authority rather than by attempting to analyze the report. In regard to the Daily Nebraskan editorials he said:

"It's the next thing to disgrace to have a bunch of students attempt to tell us what to do, to ridicule us and to intimate that we are sapheads."

He continued his remarks by suggesting to regents that the publication be discontinued. There was much applause.

In moving for the adoption of the report, R. C. Vance (d.) from Milford, stated that the committee recommended the heavy reductions in salaries and maintenance to prevent the possible necessity for abolishing several departments with the resultant discharge of a number of university instructors.

WOMEN TO VOTE FOR BIG SISTER BOARD NOMINEES University women will vote today on nominees for posts on the Big Sister Board.

Four and Two Sophomores Will Be Named.

Candidates for presidency are Lucille Kelly and Ruth Cherney. Senior post nominees are Virgene McBride, Carolyn Van Ande, Lorraine Brake, Alice Geddes, Donna Davis, Evelyn Hallstrom, Dorothy Keller and Lois Turner.

Committee Members to Be Announced at Rally Members of the pageant committee for the Farmer's Fair are to be announced Thursday night.

STUDENT BODY ROUSED TO ACTION AS SOLONS START SLASHING APPROPRIATION

Proposed Appropriation Is Lowest Since 1913 Survey Shows.

ENROLLMENT HAS GROWN Only 4,627 in School Then; More Than 11,000 at Present Time.

If the appropriations bill submitted to the legislature yesterday is accepted by that body, it will provide the university with the lowest financial support given the institution since the year 1913.

In 1913 the appropriation was \$2,446,735. At that time the grand total of unprepared names of students enrolled in the university for the year was 4,627. At the present time there are more than 16,000 students attending the university during the year 1932-1933, for which the appropriation for the biennium was \$4,378,600.

The new figure, recommended to the legislature yesterday, amounts to \$3,143,250, a reduction of \$1,235,350 from the previous biennium. The heaviest reduction in university appropriations previous to this year was for the years 1923-25, when \$410,434.34 was cut from the amount received for the previous two years.

With the exception of slight financial deductions in 1875, 1879, 1881, 1889, 1893, 1897, 1923, 1927, and 1931, the appropriations for the university have gradually increased since its beginning in 1869. During the same period the enrollment in the university has consistently increased from 253 students to an estimated total of more than 22,000.

The total amount appropriated by the state legislature over that period for the university is \$45,030,097.98, and the grand total of students registered in the university for that period is 231,970.

The following table itemizes the statistics contained in the previous paragraph:

Table with 3 columns: Years, Appr., Enroll. Rows from 1869-70 to 1931-32.

Enrollment figures here shown are for the two year period, or double the actual enrollment at the time.

The University and the Legislature

By James E. Lawrence

Editor's Note: Mr. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, will address the student mass meeting tonight. The following editorial, written by him and published in the Star Monday, sets forth his opinions on the subject.

Thru the sharp criticism which has been leveled at all educational activities in the nation, as well as in the state, the University of Nebraska faces one of the most serious crises in the sixty-six years of its existence. Section 85-106 of the session laws of the state, defining the powers of the board of regents reads:

"The regents shall have the power to enact laws for the government of the university; to elect a chancellor, and the prescribed number of professors and tutors and a steward; to prescribe the duties of all professors and officers, and to fix the compensation. They shall have power to remove the chancellor, and any professor or tutor, when the interests of the university shall require it."

By submitting their findings as recommendations, the special committees of the house and the senate have undertaken to usurp the authority of the duly-elected governing board of the state university. And yet, the report submitted can have but one effect. If the recommendations were followed, the university would be projected into politics in such a fashion that its usefulness and its value would be destroyed forever.

Never before in its entire history has any legislature attempted to direct the board of regents what it shall pay a professor, fix his teaching load, and in some instances, direct that his or her connection with the faculty shall be discontinued. That is the actual effect of the report which has been drafted. The regents, the committee may argue, are not required to follow the detailed program set forth. What would be the result if the university governing board ignored it? That it would provide political fodder for every candidate for legislative position cannot be denied. It would place the university in the swirling currents of party politics two years hence in truly calamitous fashion. That it would substitute meager, intelligent, and partisan many times prejudicial control for trained, experienced, and impartial knowledge of conditions and problems is patent that it does not permit of question. As the World-Herald aptly puts it:

"One may question whether there is wisdom in the proposal that the legislature limit certain salaries, designate the teaching load of professors, or attempt in

Table with 2 columns: Percent of Cut, Amount. Rows for various departments and a total.

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James E. Lawrence, Editor Lincoln Star, to Speak To Assembly.

CENSURE IS NOT OBJECT Expression Campus Attitude On Budget Reduction Being Sought.

Faced by the proposition that the opportunities for a type of higher education creditable to the state of Nebraska may be disastrously curtailed, students of the university will gather, by mutual consent, at 7:15 in the Temple theater this evening, for the purpose of giving expression to campus sentiment. James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, has been invited to act as chairman at the mass meeting and he will discuss the situation from the chair. A majority of the Student Council called by telephone late last night sanctioned the meeting.

Students have expressed the idea that some tangible method of showing their sentiment should be provided. While there is no indication that any attempt will be made to impress the student viewpoint on the legislature, the idea of the meeting is to formulate a definite expression of opinion and crystallize the campus sentiment.

Students Worried. That students are frankly worried about their own future and the future of education in this state is obvious from sentiment expressed on all parts of the campus. The source from which student anxieties emanates is clearly the appropriations bill and the joint report of the committee investigating the university.

A diagnosis of student sentiment apparently reveals the following ideas which are significant from the student point of view.

- 1. An appreciation of the necessity for the legislature to curtail expenses and sympathy with the idea of retrenchment in the university. 2. A fear that because the legislative committee has undertaken to fix faculty salaries specifically, that the university will be subjected to political influence and that the administrative policy of the university will thereby be severely handicapped. 3. The belief that by making cuts too drastic, the legislature will force better members of the teaching staff, loyal though they be to the institution, to accept jobs in higher salaried institutions. 4. The fear that the range of selection in courses, which makes the University of Nebraska a great institution as compared

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTLINES CUTS BY COLLEGES

House Approval Given to Recommendations in 82 To 1 Vote.

Editor's Note: Following is the report of the special joint committee of investigation which was approved by the house with but one dissenting vote Wednesday morning. Its adoption by the house does not enact as law the suggestions of the committee, but indicates the complete backing the house will probably give the movement to cut university appropriations.

LEGISLATURE OF NEBR., 1933. Forty-Ninth Session.

Hon. Walter Jurgensen, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Nebraska, George W. O'Malley, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Forty-Ninth Session of the Nebraska Legislature: Your special joint Senatorial and Legislative Investigating committee consisting of the following named Senators E. M. Neuberger, Chairman of the Senate Committee

open its hearings to all persons having suggestions to offer and also requested the regents, officers, heads of the various colleges and other persons in authority to meet with the committee before the committee with suggestions were all given due consideration. Meetings were arranged with those having positions of authority with the university and the committee received the cooperation of all such persons.

Your committee is of the opinion that in view of the reduced income of all Nebraska citizens and the necessity of rigid economy, a material reduction in the expenses of the University of Nebraska under the budget recommendations of Governor Bryan must be made. Your committee believes that this is not a matter of choice, but of necessity.

Payroll. Inasmuch as the payroll of the University of Nebraska constitutes a very considerable part of the total expense of this institution, your committee considers a reduction in the payroll of most important. (Continued on Page 3.)