



BUILDING SETS . . . for two productions presents some problems for the University Theatre workers, especially when they combine the sets.

Set Building Is Problem For University Theatre

Building sets for two productions and combining them is a fantastic problem, according to John Holms, University Theatre technical director.

Rehearsals have begun and sets are near completion for "As You Like It", which opens Oct. 21 and "Look Back in Anger", which opens Oct. 28.

Work on the sets started four weeks ago and rehearsals began on location when the first chalk outlines were drawn on the stage floor.

The five-member cast of "Look Back in Anger" now rehearses on a mock set in the arena theatre. The box set, which is the interior of an English apartment house, is finished.

"As You Like It" is a typical Shakespearean production with complex music and lighting details, Holms said.

The forest scene for Shakespeare's play is being built on the revolving stage. A 20 foot paper mache tree, eight real trees covered with flocking material, hills and a rolling countryside complete the setting.

A false proscenium converts the set to a palace scene. The proscenium frames the forest in the back of the set and palace and interior scenes are played on the forestage.

The revolving stage is more versatile for playing Shakespeare, Holms said. Different views, locations and playing areas enhance the scenes, he said.

SDS To Continue 'Power' Teach-In

Further discussion of the Black Power Teach-in scheduled for Oct. 30 at the University, will take place at the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) meeting Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Biennium Budget .

Administrators Admit 'Moment Of Truth, Crisis'

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first story in a six-part series on the University's 1967-69 \$98 million dollar budget request to the Nebraska Legislature.

The improvement or decline of the University's educational quality is dependent upon the \$98 million question being posed to the Nebraska Legislature.

Dr. David Trask, a former University history teacher, said when he resigned last spring that the school was experiencing a "decline in quality" and characterized Nebraska as a mediocre institution.

University administrators are indicating now that Trask was at least partly right. Furthermore, they have presented a solution that begins with a whopping \$67 million in state tax funds to put the school back on its feet.

The University has reached "a moment of truth and crisis," Regent E. N. Greenberg said when he announced that the Regents seek legislative authorization for a total operating budget of \$98.6 million for the 1967-69 biennium.

The school, Greenberg said, cannot continue with another biennium of "emergency, make-do operations. If the University is to stay in the mainstream of higher education it must have the substantial increases in financial support for which we have asked."

"The University isn't doing all of the things it ought to be doing," declared Joseph Soshnik, Vice Chancellor and corporation secretary for the Board of Regents.

Regent Richard Adkins said the University needs to "get in the league or get out."

A total of \$96,602,406 is what the Regents said the University must have to sustain and strengthen its operations in the next two years.

Of this, the administrators hope \$67,919,892 will come from the state general fund of tax revenues, funds that are allocated directly by the Legislature.

The remaining dollars will come from student tuition, University fund sources and federal aid.

A capital construction budget, expected to be in excess of \$10 million, will be sent to the Legislature later this month by University administrators. The entire University budget must be approved by the state lawmakers.

The presentation of a budget request that calls for a 91.48 per cent increase in tax funds and that proposes a \$40.8 million increase in the total budget, prompted some observers to say the University has changed its philosophy regarding its budgets.

Election For Queen Begins Wednesday

University students will vote Wednesday and Thursday for the 1966 Homecoming Queen and her two attendants.

Elections will be conducted both days in the Nebraska Union from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and in Love Library from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may vote in the East Union from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday only.

Identification cards must be presented at the polls to be eligible to vote, Mimi Rose ASUN electoral committee member, said.

Students may vote for only one of the candidates listed on the ballot.

The ten finalists for Homecoming Queen are Twila Andreasen, Marleen Beilke, Ann Boyles, Susan Diffenderfer, Jeannie Howard, Elaine Kallos, Jennifer Marshall, Pamela Oswald, Steph Tinan and Pam Wragge.

The Homecoming Queen and her court will be announced Friday night at the Homecoming Dance in the University Coliseum at 10 p.m. The ten finalists will be escorted by members of the Innocents Society, according to Donni Maclay, Tassel's Homecoming chairman.

Tickets for the Homecoming Dance may still be purchased for \$1.50 from Corn Cob workers or at a booth in the Nebraska Union Oct. 12-14, Miss Maclay added.

Living units are racing against the Friday 5 p.m. deadline to complete their Homecoming displays. The winners of each division will also be presented at the Homecoming Dance, Miss Maclay said.

All University women who are working on Homecoming displays will have midnight closing hours Thursday night, according to Pam Hedgecock, AWS President.

Miss Hedgecock added that in an error in publication, it was formerly announced that freshmen women's closing hours would remain the same.

Visiting hours for women's living units have also been extended from 11 a.m. to closing hours Oct. 12-13 unless the living units have made other stipulations, Miss Hedgecock said.

The Homecoming displays of 25 living units will be operational by 5:30 p.m. Friday, according to Russ Sindt, Corn Cobs displays chairman.

Streets adjacent to the University campus will be closed Friday evening to give the public an opportunity to view the homecoming displays.

The following streets will be closed from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday: "S" Street from 14th to 16th Streets, "U" street from 14th to 16th Street, "R" Street from 13th to 17th Streets and 16th Street from "Q" to Vine Streets.

Cars parked on these streets must be moved by 1 p.m. Friday or they will be towed away at the owner's expense.

The following University parking lots will be available for those planning to view the displays: north of Love Library, north of the Nebraska Union and the Nebraska Hall parking lot.

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Happy New Year!

Dates Changed For Christmas Vacation

Faculty Senate Thursday voted to change the dates of Christmas vacation to avoid having students and faculty returning to the campus on New Year's Day.

Vacation was originally scheduled to begin on Saturday, Dec. 17, and end on Sunday, Jan. 1. With the change,

the vacation will run from Wednesday, Dec. 21 to Tuesday, Jan. 3.

James G. Porter, chairman of the Faculty Senate committee on calendar and examinations, presented a motion on behalf of Student Senate asking that vacation be extended one extra day—which would

have moved the beginning of classes to Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Although Porter's committee refused to take action on the matter, Porter moved that the Senate accept the ASUN proposal in order to "put the request on the floor so debate can be held."

A subsequent motion to table the ASUN request was defeated. An amendment to the original motion was then presented stating that classes be held Monday, Dec. 19, to compensate for the extension.

Finally an amendment to the amendment was proposed

which altered the vacation to its present dates.

In other action, the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Richard Gilbert, was re-elected to that post for a second term.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin presented an explanation of the proposed University budget and some of the philosophy behind it.

He explained that the budget was "a blueprint for operations for the next biennium. Any improvements which are needed by the University must be reflected in the budget."

Hardin attributed the increase over the past budgets to the dual forces of increased student enrollment and heightened national competition for faculty members.

He stated that the 2,000 students per year increase in the enrollment, which has occurred the past few years, is the single largest factor in the need for more money.

"However, the competition for faculty has increased greatly throughout the nation, with the average of one institution of higher learning being created every week," Hardin explained.

Lonnquist: Evaluation Book To Be Ready In November

Barring any unforeseen obstacles, the Faculty-Course Evaluation Booklet will be published and available in early November, according to Ladd Lonnquist, chairman of the ASUN committee created to print such a booklet.

The legal foundation stating the reasons behind the publishing of the booklet is: "The intent and purpose of the ASUN's Faculty-Course Evaluation Booklet is, first, to provide information concerning courses and instructors at the University in order to assist the students in their selection of instructors and courses by making known more clearly the educational opportunities which presently exist."

"Second, it is hoped that the critiques given in our booklet will provoke constructive change in some of the instruction methods which now exist in our educational institution."

In other words, according to Lonnquist, the purpose of the booklet is to "paint a three-dimensional picture of what it is like to be in a certain professor's class. This includes what the atmosphere is within the classroom, what the tests are like, etc."

"In addition, we hope that this booklet will bring out the things that students criticize so that the instructors can improve their teaching," Lonnquist declared.

The success of the evaluations depend on the students, Lonnquist stated. He explained that the more information the students present, the more material the committee can use in the booklet.

"The evaluations are the result of a survey encompassing the instructor's entire

class," Lonnquist said. "I believe that there can be no fairer method of evaluation than this."

Lonnquist praised the English Department and the agronomy instructors whom, he felt, supported the booklet very strongly.

"But we were particularly disappointed with several college deans who took a protective attitude toward their departmental instructors and refused them the opportunity to submit to an evaluation," he emphasized.

He said that he could cite at least two cases in which instructors gave the committee permission to enter their classrooms, only then to find out that their deans had "dictated" that their departments were not going to participate.

"I would also criticize those instructors who ignored or refused to cooperate with our committee. I recognize their right to privacy, but in a public institution with publicly paid employees, the taxpayer (and consumer) is entitled to know the record and facts concerning any instructor's ability and success as a teacher," Lonnquist declared.

Alterations have already begun on the next questionnaire, according to Lonnquist. "They are steps necessary to improve the evaluation," he said.

"Needed information will be asked for and questions which have proved to be of little value will be deleted."

Lonnquist feels that the booklet will be a success and will continue to be in the years to come.

"Harvard has had one for 44 years. We have the people who want to work on a booklet, but it depends now on the reactions of the faculty and students."

'Best-Dressed Coed' Finalists Named

Twenty University coeds have been selected as finalists in the AWS Ten-Best-Dressed Coeds contest. Ten winners will be announced during a Holiday style show Oct. 24 in connection with the "Focus on Coeds" week.

The finalists were chosen on the basis of nominations

Ag-Exec To Face Constitution Vote

Agriculture and Home Economics students will vote on a new constitution of the Ag-Executive Board Thursday, said Dave Snyder, Ag Exec president.

The new constitution was drawn up last spring and was then approved by the Faculty Senate and ASUN.

The constitution must be approved by at least 16 per cent of the total students enrolled in the Agriculture College to be valid.

The election will be held with the Homecoming queen election Thursday on East Campus.

submitted from campus living units, Carol Johnson contest chairman, said.

Each unit was asked to submit a maximum of ten nominations of girls they considered to be best dressed on campus. AWS Board members were exempt from nominations.

The twenty finalists are JoAnn Christensen, Jan Delbridge, Susan Devier, Kathy Deitemeyer, Susan Dowe, Ginny Ferrara, Stephanie Floyd, Diana Focht, Kathie Glade, Natalie Hahn, Jeannie Howard, Nancy Hoffman and Ruth Ann Larson.

Sally Leonard, Brenda Lyle, Jane Schmadeke, Nyla Soukup, Susie Miller, JoAnn Renierkerp and Pam Wragge.

The twenty girls receiving the most votes were named as finalists, Miss Johnson added.

Miss Johnson stressed that this is not a personality or popularity contest but a selection of ten women who are best-dressed at all times.

The Ten-Best-Dressed co-

eds will be selected by the following criteria, established campus appearance, personal grooming, appropriateness of dress, individual suitability of dress and poise.

Netherlands Prof Speaks At Behlen

A professor from the Netherlands' Institute of theoretical Physics will lecture Wednesday at the University Department of Physics in Behlen Laboratory.

Dr. Riek van Wageningen will lecture on "calculations for the ground state of a simple triton model."

The physics department has also scheduled a talk by Dr. T. L. Loucks of the Iowa State University Atomic Research Institute Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the Behlen Laboratory.

Dr. Loucks' talk is entitled "augmented plane wave method and electronic structure of transition elements."

stressed the huge enrollment increases, doubled in the past seven years, and the stiffened competition for faculty as the deciding factors in the University's present dilemma.

The University is experiencing a period of enrollment increases "like we've never had before," Hardin said. He added, "It's hard for people to understand" why the University would suddenly need huge dollar increases to handle huge enrollment increases when enrollment was fairly stable for years.

Enrollment is expected to hit 20,600 in the fall of 1968, Hardin said, two and a half times the enrollment in 1959.

Budgets Trimmed

In the past, the largest single user of the state general fund, has never been granted all the funds it asked for. University administrators and teachers are reluctant to speculate what the Legislature will do with this request.

Soshnik noted that the University requested \$42.1 million in tax funds for this biennium and received \$34.4 million, a cut of \$7.7 million.

Budget trimming "has been a fact of life," said Floyd Hoover, former Registrar and professor of education.

How the Legislature will receive the University request is based on a number of imponderables, according to one University source. The state

tax situation is one large factor.

New Tax Base?

The state income tax, passed by the last Legislature, and the state property tax are both on the November ballot and both may be eliminated by the voters.

If they are, the lawmakers will be forced to write an entirely new tax base for the state.

The writing of a new tax base would necessarily come first in the order of legislative business. Whether the situation would help or hinder the University's budget hopes is an open question, Soshnik said.

Sen. Clifton Batchelder of Omaha said he feels the "exorbitant budget they (University) asked for was occasioned by the opportunity to get more money through a broadened tax base."

Political Feasibility

Political implications also enter into the University's budget request, according to Hoover. "The administration is always up against the problem of presenting something that is politically feasible," he said.

A third "imponderable" is the size of budget requests made by other state agencies. The state colleges, Kearney, Chadron, Peru and Wayne, have asked for a combined budget of \$17 million, double the amount for

the present biennium. The proposed operating budget for state government itself is now at a proposed hike level of \$16.4 million.

Observers interviewed indicated that it is now the University's responsibility to demonstrate to the Legislature and to the state the ac-

tual needs for the budget requested.

As has been the pattern in the past, University administrators will be able to explain the budget needs to Gov. Frank Morrison when the Governor holds his budget hearings in November and

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