

'Catch-Up, Keep-Up' Program: Funds Needed To Finish Job

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

The University is looking for the tools to finish the job. In this case, the tools must come in the form of fund appropriations from the state Legislature, and the job is a comprehensive "catch-up and keep-up" program administrators say the school must embark upon in the next two years.

Approval Asked
The University is asking the Legislature to approve a total operating budget of \$98,662,406 for the 1967-69 biennium which begins July 1, 1967.

The request proposes that \$67,019,893, or 67.9 percent, of the money come from the state general fund of tax revenues.

The remaining funds for the new budget would come from several sources:

Student tuition \$12,255,300
Federal funds 4,003,584
University sales

and services 12,064,344
Activities related to instruction 968,118
Endowment 122,000
Other sources 2,639,267
Total \$31,942,513

The request represents a 91.48 per cent hike in tax support and a jump of 37.4 million, 61.14 percent, from the operating budget of \$57.8 million the Legislature authorized for the present 1965-67 biennium.

The largest part of proposed increased funds officials say the University must have, is earmarked for educational programs aimed at catching-up and keeping-up with the huge enrollment increases the schools has experienced.

Enrollments in the past seven years have doubled and the predicted enrollment for the fall of 1968 is some 20,600 students. Cost per student, according to Chancellor Clifford Hardin is about the same now as it was seven years ago, but "there are just more students."

State Support
Regent B. N. Greenberg said that while University en-

rollments have increased more than 80 per cent since 1961, state support for the school has risen only 26 per cent.

Twelve million dollars of the proposed increase would be used to support administrative and other activities involved in teaching, and housing 17,000 students.

A second area pinpointed for improvements under the new budget is faculty salaries.

Need Stressed
Hardin has repeatedly stressed the University's need to keep up with a highly competitive national market for faculty. Under the proposed 1967-69 biennium budget, teaching salaries would climb 30 percent in the two-year period.

The plan is for a catch-up, keep-up program of faculty salaries that will allow the University to catch up to the faculty salary level of universities of comparable scope, and to keep up to this level by boosting salaries at a faster-than-normal rate.

The plan calls for an average salary of about \$13,000

per year for faculty, in contrast to the present average of just under \$10,000.

Salary Lag

Lagging faculty salaries were cited last year by former vice chancellor for faculty Adam Breckenridge as the chief reason faculty leave the school.

Eighty-four faculty members resigned their positions in the past year.

The higher faculty salaries proposed will be aimed at getting and keeping top personnel, while the budget also allows for the addition of 349 full-time equivalent faculty members over the two-year span to ease overloads on teachers.

Workload Reduction

In the teaching area, the proposed budget also provides for the reduction of faculty workloads. Last year's rate of some 521 student credit hours per full time equivalent faculty would be lowered to about 485 credit hours.

The budget plan additionally provides for a "major re-development of the extension and research programs in the

College of Agriculture and Home Economics built around the plant and animal sciences," the Board of Regents' budget statement read.

Some \$3.7 million of the increase would go to this program.

The development of an engineering research center in the College of Engineering and Architecture, and increased capacity and staffing of the University's computer center are other areas designated for increased funds.

Two million of the increase would go for these programs. John Davis, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, stated that Nebraska's almost total lack of support for engineering research is seriously threatening the quality of the undergraduate program in engineering.

An engineering program without research is certain to affect the teaching program, he said.

Open Seven Days
Additional support for libraries built into the budget

request would provide that the libraries would be open seven days a week in the evenings rather than the present five day week.

The increased funds, \$1.3 million, would also provide for additional book purchases.

Another large chunk, \$6.3 million, of the budget proposal is destined for strengthening of the College of Medicine in Omaha.

The medical school budget provides mainly for needed additional faculty and sup-

porting personnel to expand present programs and develop new ones being made possible by an extensive building program.

The increased support would allow the school to increase the size of future College of Medicine classes by 20 per cent.

The present medical school budget is the "lowest of eight university medical centers in

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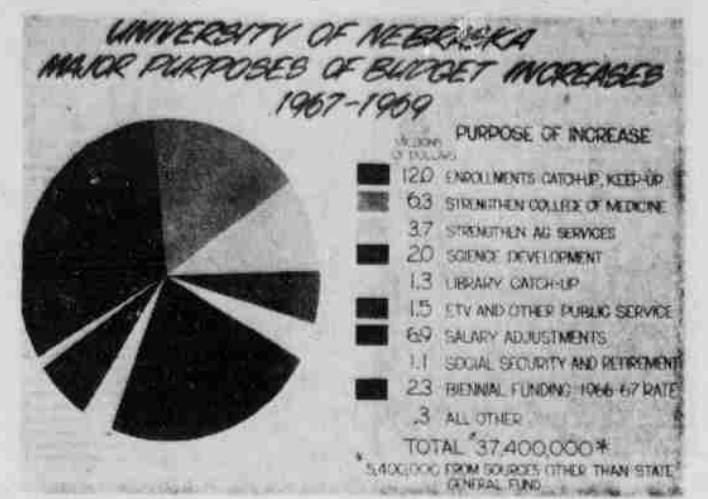


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THE 1966 HOMECOMING QUEEN, Pam Wragge, representing Pound Hall, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi, proudly displays a team-autographed football. Miss Wragge and her attendants, Pam Oswald representing Zeta Tau Alpha, and Susie Diffenderfer representing Chi Omega, were crowned at the Homecoming dance Friday night.

Kosmet Klub To Audition 13 Skits For Fall Review

Thirteen skits will audition for the 1966 Kosmet Klub Fall Revue Wednesday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Tom Holyoke, KK Fall Revue chairman, said, "We foresee an excellent show. These skits provide good continuity for the theme."

Holyoke pointed out that this year thirteen skits will try out. Last year there were only ten.

Trophies can be awarded for the first, second, and third place acts, best costumes, best individual actor, and most original actor.

"Not all the trophies have to be awarded," remarked Holyoke. "It depends on the judges."

The panel of judges will be Frank Hallgren, Kosmet

Klub sponsor; Larry Comstock, show director; Tom Holyoke, and two additional members who have not been selected.

The theme of the revue is "Fuddled Fables." The show will be Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. in Pershing Auditorium.

Try-out times:

Farmhouse, 7 p.m.; Alpha Gamma Rho, 7:20 p.m.; Sigma Nu, 7:40 p.m.; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 8 p.m.; Delta Sigma Phi, 8:20 p.m.; Kappa Sigma, 8:40 p.m.; Alpha Tau Omega, 9 p.m.

Theta Xi, 9:20 p.m.; Phi Kappa Psi, 9:40 p.m.; Delta Upsilon, 10 p.m.; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 10:20 p.m.; Phi Delta Theta, 10:40 p.m.; Beta Theta Pi, 11 p.m.

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Regents Approve Construction Budget

... For All Three Campuses

The University has submitted a \$24.1 million capital construction budget request to the state that provides for remodeling, renovation and

construction of buildings on all three campuses.

The budget request, which was approved by the Board of Regents Saturday, is designed to cover construction

costs for the 1967-69 biennium. The request is \$7 million more than the 1965 Legislature provided for the period under a plan that allows the University to schedule capi-

tal improvements on a six-year basis and to revise the plans each two years.

The capital construction budget request is presented to the state's Administrative Services Department separately from the University's operating budget request for the biennium, which was \$98.6 million this year. Funds for construction come from a different tax source than do operating budget funds.

The Regents believe that with the requested \$24,145,000 in tax funds from the state the University can obtain an additional \$8,527,500 in matching funds for construction from other sources, mainly the federal government.

Vice Chancellor Joseph Soshnik likened the capital construction budget to an individual's "house" while he said the University's operating budget is comparable to the "groceries."

Each biennium, Soshnik explained, the University makes construction budget projections for the coming six years and each biennium the projections may change because of new needs or because of rising cost of construction.

Rising Costs

University officials said the request for state support for construction this biennium exceeds the figure projected in

Cancer Research Fund Established

A memorial fund for leukemia research has been established at the Eppley Cancer Institute in honor of the late Isidor Sherman.

More than \$1,100 has been donated to the fund started by his daughter.

1965 for several reasons. Construction costs have risen since that time and are expected to be even higher when projects are ready for contract, they noted.

The University's growth has exceeded expectations in 1965 and construction priorities of some projects have been shifted so these projects could qualify for added outside grants, the regents said.

The University requests that the state support be allocated as follows:

- City campus, \$16,495,000
- East campus and outstate agriculture stations, \$2,500,000
- College of Medicine, Omaha, \$5,150,000

Of the funds the University proposes for the College of Medicine, \$2.5 million is needed to complete the state's share of an \$8.0 million matching grant the federal government has already pledged for capital improvements at the college. The construction plans here include a new hospital and clinic, a new basic science building and remodeling of the old hospital.

City Campus

Fund allocations proposed for city campus construction and improvement include:

State Funds	Nebr. Funds
\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
2,400,000	2,400,000
2,700,000	2,700,000
2,500,000	2,500,000
600,000	600,000
315,000	315,000
180,000	180,000
150,000	150,000
250,000	250,000
1,200,000	1,200,000
415,000	415,000

Ag Needs

East campus and agriculture station construction included in the request:

\$ 100,000	Wood Science Facility
35,000	Northeast Neb. Exp. Station
155,000	North Platte Exp. Station
200,000	Child Development Lab.
300,000	Utilities, Walks, Drives, and Landscape
300,000	Gen. Lab. and Faculty Office Bldg.
1,000,000	Miscel. Renovation
250,000	Scottsbluff Exp. Station
40,000	

'Students Should Have Right To Choose Own Speakers'

Grievances concerning the selection of University speakers, housing regulations, automatic membership in certain University organizations and unclarified rules were discussed at the ASUN Student Conduct committee's opening hearing Sunday.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the area of student conduct and the grievances which would warrant changes in student regulations, Dick Schultz, Student Conduct committee chairman said.

The small group of students present agreed that students should have the freedom to hear speakers on topics of their own choice.

Steve Abbott said the administration permits only speakers "who are in line with total education."

Controversial speakers, who in the opinion of the administration would not be "advantageous for University public relations" are not usually vetoed, but simply are not approved, Liz Aitken declared.

The students also questioned the University's right to determine where students are to live.

Al Spangler suggested that the Bill of Rights include an organ or channel by which a student could have a recourse when the University doesn't

fulfill its obligations. He cited late payments of student loans or scholarships as examples.

The group questioned the legality of students being automatic members of AWS and ASUN whether or not they wished to be a part of the organizations.

In the opinion of several students present, University rules and regulations are not clarified. Al Spangler said that there are also rules which have no meaning and are not enforced.

He used a Nebraska Union

general one which forbids obscene and vulgar language within the premise of the Union as an example.

Gene Porkorny stressed that it is "not advantageous to set up the administration as the enemy. The students are their own enemy if they don't have the courage to stand up for their rights."

Dick Schultz added that students must not forget that they also have a responsibility to the University and must prove they are capable of governing themselves.

Kappa Delta's Alumna To Address Panhellenic

"Pledges today: Members tomorrow" will be the theme for the University of Nebraska Panhellenic Workshop to be held Oct. 16-19.

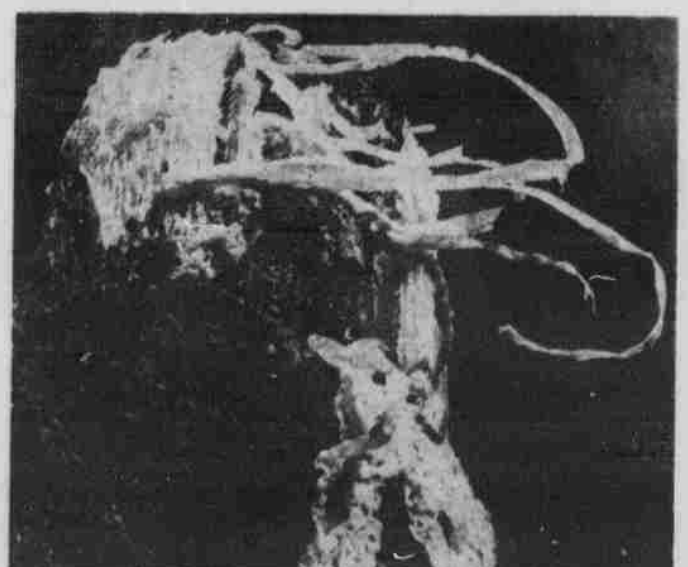
Miss Minnie Mae Prescott, the Executive Secretary of Kappa Delta, will be the guest speaker at Panhellenic Night Monday at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. The top scholar from each sorority will be honored at this time.

On Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. an alumna from

each house will serve as hostess for Panhellenic Training School. Various committees will meet at different houses.

Presidents at the Alpha Phi house, pledge trainers at the Alpha Xi Delta house, scholarship chairmen at Gamma Phi Beta, rush chairmen at Alpha Chi Omega, social chairmen at Kappa Alpha Theta, standards chairmen at Delta Gamma, activities chairmen at Zeta Tau Alpha, and house managers at Alpha Omicron Pi.

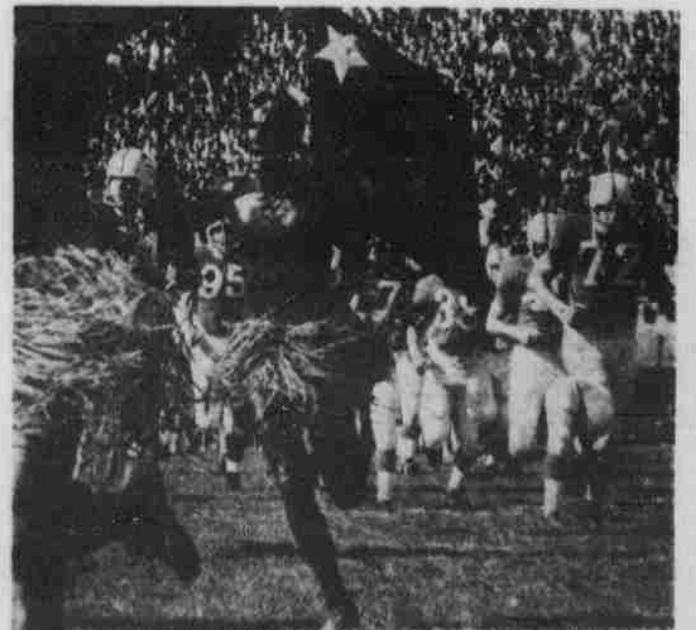
Rain, Wind, Cold...Fail To Dampen Homecoming Spirit



MANY HOURS AND DOLLARS . . . disappeared in the wind Friday evening as Homecoming displays became wet masses of crepe paper and runny paint—victims of Nebraska's changeable weather.



THE KINGSMEN . . . plus the University Coliseum equaled a crowd Friday night as more than 4,000 people braved the wind and the rain to fill the building.



BRAVING 50-DEGREE TEMPERATURES . . . and the stars of 64,108 fans, Phi Gamma Delta pledges added their traditional tropical touch to the pre-game festivities.

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