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Budget approval pending

by Susan Jenkins Nebraskan Staff Writer

Presentation of Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann's budget recommendations Wednesday to the Nebraska Legislature will be of crucial importance to University plans and fiscal needs for the next biennium.

The bulk of the University's money comes from the state general fund, according to University President Dr. Joseph Soshnik. The governor has tentatively recommended that the University's budget, along with most other state agency budgets, be cut drastically from original requests.

The Legislators are not discriminating against the University when they cut budget



requests." Soshnik said. "There is always the problem of maintaining limits on public expenditure."

. . . "WE SHOULD stop to remember that we have needs, but the state also has requests from people with equal socially desirable programs in view," he said.

Soshnik called the process of budget cutting "the democratic process at work," where the people's representatives must (combine) two opposing forces, the desire to fund state services and the desire for low taxes.

"An outstanding center of learning is one of the state's most treasured assets." Soshnik s a i d .

by Jim Pedersen Nebraskan Staff Writer

ASUN President Craig Dreeszen will announce his resignation effective immediately at Wednesday Senate meeting.

Dreeszen, in an interview Tuesday, said personal reasons compel him to resign his position, although he plans to continue to serve on the Student in the Academic Com-munity committee and the Student Disruptions committee.

DREESZEN, WHO was married reduce the penalty for possession semester, "finds it very difficult to play the three .oles of husband, student and president of the student body at the same time."

The time came when I needed to

make the decision of whether two more months as ASUN president was more important than my academic and private com-mitments," he added.

The ASUN Constitution provides that "in case the President shall become unable to fulfill his duties . . . the First Vice President shall assume his powers and duties." The speaker pro tempore then assumes the duties of the first vice president.

. BOTH MIKE Naeve, first vice president, and Tom Morgan, speaker pro tempore, have indicated they are willing to fill the vacated positions.

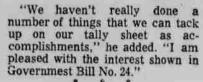
"I don't foresee any drastic change in the executive

Dreeszen submits resignati leadership," Dreeszen said. "I have discussed the situation with Mike, and we agreed on the priorities and the direction Senate should take." Dreeszen thinks that Naeve will

be limited in what he can accomplish by time and the attitude of the Senate.

"MOST PROGRESS in ASUN is made in the first semester," he continued. "Traditionally, senators have coasted and plotted their own personal political coups in the se-

cond semester. Although disappointment in the progress made by Senate was not a factor in determining his resignation, Dreeszen said he feels that Senate did not get as much done as it should have.



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"I WISH MORE would have come of it initially. But it did make people think and begin to question some of the policies of the University. I think there will be some changes made as a result of the bill."

Dreeszen outlined the two obeictives he had most hoped to accomplish during his administration as: (1) To get senators to function together in a clearly defined role, and (2) to improve the com-munications between the Senate and the student body.

The second objective was a failure, he said, because senators recognize that communications is a problem but are unwilling to work to solve the problem.

DREESZEN ALSO aimed several sharp criticisms at the position of ASUN president.

"The ASUN president is un-derpaid," he said. "Yet he cannot take another job to earn extra money because of the extensive amount of time he must devote to Senate."

The ASUN president is paid \$500 for his term while the first and second vice presidents are each paid \$400. The president is paid \$55 per month for nine months, and the vice presidents are paid \$45 for the same number of months

Once Dreeszen's resignation is effective, Naeve will receive the balance of the presidential salary for the next two months and Morgan will draw the salary of the first vice president.

"THERE ARE other costs besides money," Dreeszen con-tinued. "The president must set aside his academic progress. My term as president has certainly postponed my graduation."

'I am uncertain as to what the answer is. Some people have pro-posed that the president get academic credit for holding the office. Another proposal is that the president be allowed to be a parttime student. Here, there are problems with the draft.

"I think the drawbacks surrounding the office discourage many capable students from seeking the

job is definitely not enough," he added. "Some fraternity presidents are paid more than the president of the student body."

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ACCORDING TO Naeve, there is little difference between his con-ception of what student government should be and Dreeszen's conception.

"The biggest difference between Craig and I," he continued, "is that



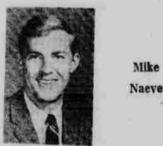
I don't like confrontation politics, and he does.

"By and large our purpose is to make students think and realize what the democratic process is. What is hard about student government is that you have to convince more people than just students.

"SO FAR, we have had more success convincing administrators of the worth of our programs than students."

Moragn, in evaluating the change which will result from Dreeszen's resignation, expressed confidence in Naeve's ability to lead Senate but was unsure of exactly what direction the leadership will take.

"In the past, there has been a united front from the executives with Craig doing the talking," he said. "It is difficult to say what



Mike wants to present in Senate because we haven't heard much from him."

MORGAN BELIEVES that Dreeszen's departure before the end of his term will prove a hinto the working of the Senate. "His ideas will still be prevalent," Morgan added, "but he just won't be presenting them from



But the question is always to what extent we wish to tax ourselves to make it so.

"AT THE SAME time the governor, the Legislature and the people of Nebraska are faced with the problem of evaluating needs in other areas of state concern," he said.

The original budget submitted to the state by the Board of Regents was \$101 million. enlarged to accomodate the newly acquired University of Nebraska at Omaha. (UNO)

When the governor's Department of Administrative Services finished reviewing the request, the budget had been cut to \$68 million, including a whopping slash in the capital construction funds from \$24 million to about \$4 million.

"The capital construction funds have been cut at least as drastically as have the operating expenses," he said.

The University's budget cut was in line with similar reductions sustained by other state government departments.

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AFTER the governor's original recommendations were announced, Tiemann's office said that additional funds may be added to his final University recommendation submitted today.

Soshnik said that until the final details of the governor's budget are released, it is impossible to make projections as to what extent the budget might change.

Expenditures for the University not including construction are divided into thirteen areas, according to Soshnik. Eleven of these include monies for Lincoln campuses and outstate services other than Omaha. The other two pro-grams are for UNO and the University Medical center in Omaha.

THE LARGEST single request is under the topic "Instruction and Departmental Research," money which goes directly to the colleges and related services like closed circuit television, and summer sessions. Included in this request are funds for teacher salaries and classroom expenses.

"In this area, student fees pay for 35 to 40 per cent of the total, Soshnik said.

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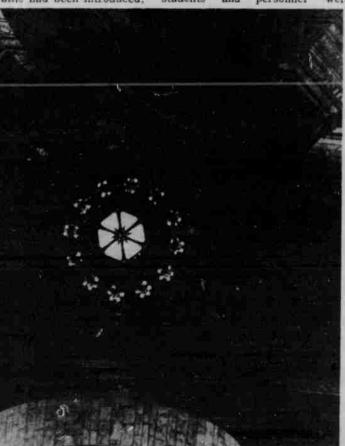
Copious Carpenter, sponsor of 42 bills thus far in this legislative session, readies his arguments in favor of his LB 17, the beer bill authorizing the sale of 3.2 beer to 18-21 year olds.

Lawmakers study new bills affecting University

by Susan Jenkins Nebraskan Staff Writer

Record numbers of legislative bills, many involving the University, have been advanced through the state lawmaking structure since the Nebraska Legislature convened Jan 7

At the beginning of this week, over 500 bills had been introduced.



Deserted now, the main Rotunda of the capitol will become

the scene of enlightened legislative activity during the up-

coming Unicameral session. State senators face University

budget revison and approval Wednesday.

session.

with nearly as many more expected scheduled to come before before the end of the session. legislative committees this week. Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter Thursday the Miscellaneous holds the record for the number of Subjects committee will hear Carpenter's LB17, which would bills introduced, with 42 so far this authorize the sale of 3.2 per cent

SEVERAL BILLS directly or in-

beer to minors aged 18 to 20. Carpenter also introduced two bills dealing with statutes on maridirectly affecting University students and personnel were juana, Monday the Judiciary Committee heard LB8, which would re-

quire expulsion from school of any student convicted of marijuana possession. The bill's provisions would also make it impossible for the convicted student to enroll or re-enroll in any higher education institution in the state.

CARPENTER ALSO introduced LB2, revising the law regarding the sale and possession of marijuana. as well as the penalties for conviction. The bill is before the Public Health Committee and would reduce the penalty for possession from the level of a felony to a misdemeanor.

The public health committee also heard Carpenter's LB9, which would allow the state to have control over LSD and other drugs not now under state jurisdiction.

The Legislature began its session with a charge from Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann asking the senators to accomplish the following during the 1969 session:

-AN EQUITABLE and fair open housing bill is "absolutely imperative," Tiemann said, "so that all citizens of this state have a right to obtain decent housing for themselves and for their children." Tiemann said that the combination of a federal Fair Housing Law, and the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling makes it almost mandatory that Nebraska pass its own housing statute.

State government requires reorganization of several agencies and offices, according to the recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission

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presidency of ASUN," he added

NAEVE FEELS that two months is too little time to begin any new programs in Senate, but, as Dreeszen's successor-to-be, he wants to follow through on the projects already begun in Senate. Naeve said he was surprised by

Dreeszen's decision to resign. "The salary for the president's

the position of president. "I believe that Craig was disappointed in the progress of Senate, he said, "just like every other ASUN president of the past few years."

Naeve to serve as president

Mike Naeve, ASUN first vice-president who will be sworn in Wednesday to finish Craig Dreeszen's presidential term, said Monday that much of his job as president will be to push for completion of programs already begun by his predecessor is Senate.

Although the Reapportionment committee has not made a definite proposal yet, the committee has indicated that next year's Senate will be elected on a different basis than the existing Senate. Naeve intends to call for a report in three to four weeks.

The ASUN Constitution provides that amendments to the constitution may be voted on either on the second Tuesday of December or on the spring ballot. Since reapportionment of the Senate is an amendment and since the only remainig date to vote on it would be on the spring ballot, next year's Senate would be elected on the existing system of college representation.

"If the Senate agrees, I will call a constitutional convention to amend the Constitution so that the reapportionment bill can be voted on prior to the spring election." Naeve said Monday. "I think it is necessary to pass the reapportionment bill this year."

Naeve added that two minor changes in the Constitution are necessary to provide for the election of delegates to the National Students Association (NSA) Congress and the election of an NSA representative.

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ACCORDING TO Naeve, ASUN Senate will hold a special referendum to determine student support of Government Bill No. 24 sometime prior to the University Senate meeting on Feb. 12.

"Students will vote for or against Government Bill No. 24 at this time," Naeve said. "However, this is only an indicative referendum; it will not be binding on Senate in our attempt to implement the bill."

"The Senate will also begin speaking to living units soon in an attempt to inform students and build support for the bill," he added.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT should familiarize the student with the democratic process, Naeve said. "If the University is going to teach us about democracy in the classroom, he continued, "it should let us practice it in real life."

A student doesn't learn much about democracy by going to college and living in a dormitory or frateruity or sorority, according to Naeve. The living experience at college delays growing up for four years.

"The student shouldn't have to give up his rights as a citizen to become a student," he said. "The student govern-ment must represent the student."