



An additional \$15 million to the original University of Nebraska budget is explained by Governor Norbert Tiemann to state solons during the revision-approval session Wednesday.

Governor's addition boosts initial University allocation

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Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann announced a \$15 million increase to his original budget recommendations for the University in his final budget message to the State Legislature Wednesday.

Tiemann's \$85.4 million recommended University budget is by far the largest single agency appropriation, an increase of \$30.5 million over the current biennium.

In addition, the governor's final budget recommendation is increased to \$264 million which is \$16 million over the total in his preliminary message to the special legislative session. Most of this increase will be appropriated to the University.

"I HAVE TRIED to insure the continuation of educational progress we have made during the present biennium," Tiemann said. "We have a great University. It would be to our discredit to permit it to deteriorate and I will not allow it to happen."

The \$85.4 million recommendation is still approximately \$15 million under the requested \$101 million operational budget submitted by University officials to the Governor.

University President Joseph Soshnik said Wednesday that the governor and his staff have apparently recognized that the school requires more funds than the amount originally allocated by Tiemann.

TIEMANN SAID he was unable to fit his final recommendations to fit the present revenue from the two per cent sales tax and ten per cent income tax.

"Such a reduction is impossible without substantially retarding the development of Nebraska," Tiemann said.

TIEMANN'S RECOMMENDATIONS of \$70 million to cities, counties of \$70 million to cities, maintained the same in the final budget, as did the capital construction appropriations. That total remains at approximately \$15.4 million.

"I am making what seems to be a drastic reduction in capital construction expenditures because of the need for additional comprehensive long-range capital construction facilities planning," Tiemann said.

He emphasized that the total increase over the 1967-69 biennium was less than 17 per cent.

"I see no way that this budget can realistically be reduced," Tiemann said.

THE GOVERNOR noted that six of the 51 state agencies financed by the state general fund would receive 80 per cent of the total budget. These agencies are:

—NU, which is presently spending \$62.4 million per biennium, and would in Tiemann's estimate require \$70.7 million to continue functioning on the same level for 1969-71. Of the remainder, \$6 million is needed for increased enrollment, and \$5.3 million is budgeted for personnel and facilities needed for staffing buildings just completed.

"The amounts recommended in my budget for the University are not dreamy, esoteric amounts," Tiemann said. "They are hard-line, but at the same time progressive."

—the State Colleges' budget was increased from \$10.8 million to

\$14.5 million. Tiemann said that about one half of the increase would go to handle enrollment increases and lighten the "present heavy teaching load to a more manageable level."

—one million dollars allotted to the Department of Education would go for creation of a vocational-technical school on the Near North Side in Omaha.

"We all know the pressing need for vocational-technical school graduates," Tiemann said. "Nowhere is that need greater than in Omaha where industrial development is so rapid."

—the Department of Public Institutions would be allotted \$65.2 million under the governor's budget, an increase of \$8.7 million. Tiemann recommended that all mental health programs be consolidated under this department, and called for an increase in hospital staffing, a present condition he called shameful.

—Tiemann recommended an \$8.5 million increase to the Department of Public Welfare.

—the State Patrol budget was increased \$2 million, in what Tiemann said was "simply a continuation of current programs in an effort to consolidate the gains made this biennium."

TIEMANN EMPHASIZED to the senators that over 97 per cent of the budget for these six agencies "is simply to continue services that are now in existence."

The governor said that many of the programs which he was forced to cut from agency requests he still supported.

"I have not funded these programs even though I support them," he said, "because I sincerely feel that this two-year period should be a consolidation and settling period to permit the state to absorb the programs instituted by the past Legislature."

Sophomore girls eligible for key

Sophomore women can begin using keys with parental permission Feb. 14, according to Christie Schwartzkopf, AWS Key Committee chairman.

The Board of Regents accepted the AWS sophomore key proposal at their January meeting, she said.

THE SYSTEM for sophomores will operate like the present junior-senior-21 key system, but there will no longer be a grade average requirement for eligibility, and women over 21 will no longer need parental permission to use a key.

Because of the increased number of women who will be using keys in the large dormitories, night clerks are being hired to open doors on Friday and Saturday nights, according to Miss Schwartzkopf. Resident directors are now in the process of hiring these night clerks, she said.

Sunday through Thursday nights 100 keys will be available in the dormitories to be checked out. Use of night clerks on two nights only will substantially decrease the cost of the system, she said.

APPLICATIONS to participate in the system are available in the AWS office in the Nebraska Union and from AWS congresswomen in the living units, she continued. After the application is returned, AWS will send a letter explaining the system and a permission slip to parents of applicants. Parental permission is necessary.

Any woman student who wants to participate in the key system at any time this semester must attend

a key orientation held by the individual living units. These orientations will be next week. Times and places are yet to be announced, Miss Schwartzkopf said. Women must pay \$1 to help cover the cost of lost keys before being eligible for the program.

JUNIORS CAN begin using keys after Feb. 7 or as soon as they receive notification from their living unit key chairman that they have parental permission.

"My main concern with the new key system is that the women continue to use the keys responsibly," Miss Schwartzkopf said. Last semester only two keys were lost and AWS court cases for keys have been negligible, she said.

Work on the implementation of sophomore keys began last spring with an evaluation of the junior-senior-21 system, the key committee chairman said.

"THIS FALL there was more of an attitude change and more women wanted the program expanded," Miss Schwartzkopf continued. The Key Committee questioned parents, faculty, students, residence directors, housemothers and other schools about expansion of the key program.

A report was presented in October on the state of the junior-senior-21 system and in December the sophomore key proposal was approved by AWS Congress and the full Committee on Student Affairs. This committee of administrators, faculty and students removed the grade restriction and forwarded the proposal to the Board of Regents for its final approval.

Union closes door on false fire alarms

Actions of a few students have forced the Nebraska Union to replace two fire exit doors with a more expensive installation, according to Allen Bennett, Union director.

The doors, which trigger a fire alarm system when opened, have been used as exits by several students. Five or six false fire alarms resulted daily after the system was activated Jan. 14, Bennett said.

Bennett said he is in the process of replacing the glass doors with plain steel doors. This, he said, should make the doors less attractive as exits and yet allow their use in case of fire.

"The doors were never intended to be used as exits," he explained, adding that the doors are clearly marked so anyone who can read should be expected to choose another exit.

However, the doors are apparently an attractive nuisance since they offer a convenient exit or a chance to annoy people by triggering the alarm, Bennett commented.

This is why the doors are being changed. Whenever a false alarm is triggered, the fire department must be notified immediately or an unnecessary fire run will be made.

On one occasion this wasn't done quickly enough, Bennett said. On Jan. 18, someone opened a fire door and the fire trucks arrived before notification of the false alarm could be made, he explained.

At the resulting conference with fire officials, Bennett agreed to disconnect the doors from the central fire alarm system. "They will, however, be provided with other security devices," he added.

He stressed that other security measures are being taken. He is willing to spend even more money if necessary to protect Nebraska Union property.

Security is a very real problem, the director explained. Only those doors which can be watched continuously can be used as exits, he said.

Bennett referred to petty larceny and some major theft of property from the Union. Chairs, lamps and ash urns sporadically disappear, Bennett said, adding that students seem to take things for sport when they've nothing better to do.

He blamed the success of thieves partially on general student attitude. When someone steals a piece of furniture, everyone else is deprived of its use and must pay for it, he said, but students apparently look the other way when it happens.

Senate shuffles executives after Dreeszen's top post resignation

Mike Naeve was sworn in as president; Tom Morgan was sworn in as first vice-president; and John Wirth was elected to the position of speaker pro-tempore as ASUN shuffled its executives Wednesday.

The unexpected change in executive leadership was caused by the resignation of former President Craig Dreeszen and created a chain of vacancies to fill.

In addition to filling the top three executive posts, the Senate must elect a student to fill the vacancy in

the College of Business Administration caused by Morgan's elevation to the first vice-presidency. The election will be held Feb. 12.

In another replacement, Sen. Bill Gilpin was elected to the executive committee to fill the spot left open when Wirth was elected speaker pro-tempore.

ASUN Senate also passed two resolutions. The first requests that all organizations supported financially by students and all living units boycott the purchase of California grapes.

This resolution was passed as an act of support for migrant workers in California who are striking for higher wages and the right to bargain collectively. Similar resolutions were passed on many other university campuses last fall and the boycott has been supported by many U.S. senators.

The second resolution provides that ASUN hold an all-student referendum on Government Bill No. 24 and that "a simple majority or an affirmative vote of 15% of the eligible voters, if less than 30% of the eligible students vote, shall have binding effect on the ASUN Senate."

According to Sen. Bob Zucker, who introduced the act, no date was set for the referendum in order to allow Senate to hold it whenever the Student in the Academic Community Committee submits its recommendation to the University Senate.

A resolution was introduced to call a constitutional convention on Feb. 15 to deal with reapportioning Senate, but the resolution was declared major legislation by Morgan and therefore will be voted on next week.

Morgan also ruled that the resolution and the proposals for determining and conducting the convention will be decided on independent votes.

The constitutional convention proposals call for the convention to be composed of all 35 ASUN senators, the three ASUN executives, and 20 other representatives to be selected from Unicorns, Panhellenic, IFC, IDA, and off-campus students who are not members of Unicorns or Greek living units.

The convention is open and all University students may attend as non-voting members.

Officers of the convention will be: Chairman-ASUN first vice-president; assistant chairman-ASUN speaker pro-tempore; secretaries-ASUN recording and corresponding secretaries; parliamentarian-appointed by the chairman from the non-delegates.

The executive committee of ASUN, as proposed, would function both as the credentials committee and the rules committee.

Zucker outlined the proposals and emphasized that all delegates to the convention will be directly or indirectly elected.

"No appointed student will sit on the convention," he said. "All the senators and the executives are elected in a campus-wide election, and members of IFC, IDA, Panhellenic, and Unicorns are elected to their positions, thus they will be indirectly chosen by students to sit at the convention."

When the Senate entered committee of the whole to discuss the convention, several objections were made to various parts of the proposals.

Morgan then asked that the Reapportionment Committee meet at length and submit a general report as to the direction the reapportionment bill will take. He also suggested that senators with objections to the format of the convention meet with Zucker in an attempt to iron out differences outside of Senate meeting.



Unicameral members "listen" to an explanation of the new hiked budget presented Wednesday. With the increase, it is the highest proposed University budget presented to date.



New student body president Mike Naeve accepts his rise to leadership.