



Varner proposes tuition hike

Students were greeted on the first day of classes Monday by Chancellor Durward B. Varner recommending sharp tuition increases for 1971-73 and saying the University is not holding its own relative to other institutions.

The Chancellor recommended tuition for resident students taking 12-16 hours at the Lincoln campus be increased 21 per cent from \$229 to \$267.50 a semester. Students taking more than 16 hours will have to pay \$18 for each additional credit hour.

The tuition increases were part of a \$199.6 million University budget adopted by the Board of Regents Monday. The proposed University budget, asking for \$123.8 million in state funds for the

1971-73 biennium, will have to be approved by the 1971 Legislature.

Despite the tuition hikes, students on the Lincoln campuses will be paying the same share of operating costs of the University for 1971-73 as they are now. Students at Lincoln pay about 35 per cent of the total cost of their education, according to Varner.

THE CHANCELLOR said Tuesday the increases in tuition were not intended to limit enrollment, but were due to inflation and a desire to improve the University.

However, in an effort not to price students out of the market, the Lincoln and Omaha campuses will create special funds to aid students who can't afford the increased

tuition, according to Varner. He added that \$160,000 is proposed to go into the Lincoln fund for hardship students.

The University is asking the Legislature for 53 per cent more state funds than it is receiving in the current biennium.

However, Varner believes the budget will survive cuts "if the University can demonstrate to the governor and the Legislature that the budget can begin to achieve its three main goals."

The Chancellor said the three main goals of the budget will be to help build the state of Nebraska, to reverse the out migration of Nebraska youth

and to make NU the finest university in the area. However, Varner said these goals will not be easy to achieve and will probably be a part of a ten-year program.

Varner justified the increased budget by stating, "I now believe that the University of Nebraska holds the key to the future well-being of the State."

Asked what affect the spring demonstrations at the Lincoln campus would have on the expanded budget, Varner said:

"THE MAY UNREST will not help us. How much carry-over damage there will be, time can only tell. I hope the Legislature realizes that to

penalize us for last spring is not the solution to the problem."

The Chancellor backed up his claim that the University is falling behind other schools by pointing out:

—NU ranks sixth among Big Eight schools in federal grants and contracts received in 1969.

—NU ranks 43rd among 47 schools of the American Association of Universities (AAU) in average full-time faculty salaries.

—NU ranks 46th among those

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NU policeman says M&N door unlocked

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Two Campus Police officers said Tuesday they can identify the students who forcibly opened the door of the Military and Naval Science Building last May 4th, but questions remain concerning the nature of the forceful entry.

Both Captain Gail Gade and Lt. Ken Markle refused to divulge names of students involved in the forceful entry. However, Markle said the door in which the students entered "was not locked by key" but instead was held secure by campus policemen inside the building.

The Board of Regents Monday directed Chancellor Durward B. Varner and Lincoln Campus President Joseph Soshnik "to exhaust every means available to identify the student or students who forcibly opened the door" of the M&N Building last May 4th. The regents also ordered that those students so identified be promptly reported civil authorities for appropriate action and that university disciplinary proceedings be initiated immediately.

MARKLE'S STORY runs contrary to the account of the forceful entry into the M&N Building by the Spelts Commission, which investigated the disruptive actions on the Lincoln Campus last spring. Markle said he was not interviewed by the Commission concerning the occupation of the M&N Building.

The Spelts Commission report stated that students "attempted to gain entrance and when they found the doors locked, one student was able to pull on one of the doors with

sufficient strength to break the lock." The Commission also reported that after the lock was broken, a campus policeman "pushed the leading students back and held the door closed momentarily until greater force outside pulled it open."

Flavel A. Wright, a University attorney, said Tuesday that it would make some difference legally if the door was not locked. The Spelts Commission concluded that a violation of law occurred when the lock was broken by the unidentified student.

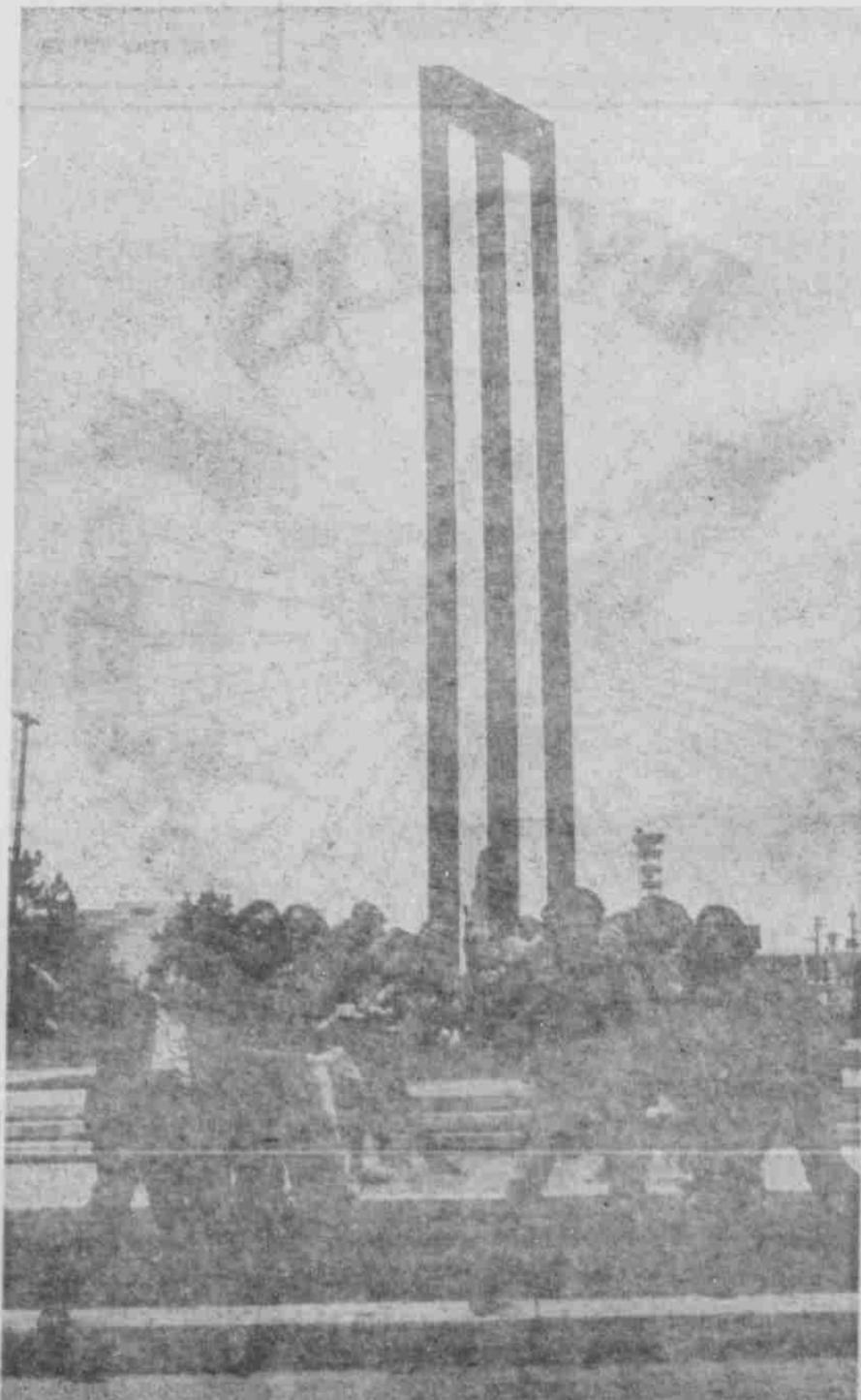
Besides the question of the forceful entry, the Commission report admits that a legal question may exist whether the first students who entered the Building were knowingly trespassing in entering a University building during a time when it would normally have been open.

THE REGENTS also Monday ordered administrators to refer to the proper faculty committee the question of whether sanctions should be applied to Stephen L. Rozman, professor of Political Science, because of his actions and utterances during the May disturbances.

The Spelts Commission had earlier concluded that Rozman's actions in the May demonstrations "were highly inappropriate for a teacher."

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