

Exon attacks; NU arms for budget battle

The University budget battle has just begun.

Gov. J. J. Exon Friday in Columbus charged that University officials had responded with "temper tantrums" to his budget recommendations.

"Despite the wailings of despair from the University," he said, "We have provided more funds for 1971-72 than they have in the current year." Exon's total fund recommendations for the University are 8.5 per cent higher than current

appropriations.

"THIS IS A figure that consistently is not mentioned and certainly not emphasized by those who seem to enjoy spreading false and irresponsible charges of our

total University funds," the governor said.

Although Exon proposed an increase in total funds, he cut state aid to the University.

"Isn't it possible for us to accomplish our goals by traveling the road to excellence in higher education in a Ford station wagon with more room for all than in a luxurious Cadillac complete with stereo music?" Exon asked.

IN HIS REMARKS, Exon charged the University refuses to eliminate its inefficiencies and had management problems.

Replying to Exon's remarks, Chancellor D. B. Varner said he will seek a meeting with the governor early this week "to explore some of the details" of Exon's speech at Columbus.

"It is my belief that Governor Exon has not been given adequate information in the budget case of the University of Nebraska. There are a number of critical points that need to be reviewed. I am very confident that such a meeting will be beneficial to all concerned. I have found the governor to be a man who will listen to all points of view."

EXON SAID Friday that he had avoided answering "irresponsible statements" from University officials "in the sincere hope that the anticipated initial reaction would subside." However, the governor said he could wait no longer.

"I assure you that it is with no enthusiasm that I find it necessary at this time to respond forcibly to the millions

of false impressions that have been generated and regenerated, warmed over and brought to a boil over and over again by official spokesmen for the University of Nebraska and their uninformed fellow travelers."

Higher education is threatening to "destroy itself with spending," Exon said.

HE REPEATED HIS insistence that the University officials, not the governor, had suggested an enrollment limit for the Lincoln campus. "If one Nebraska student is turned aside," he said, "it is the responsibility of the University administration and the Board of Regents, because as of now they have rejected our detailed suggestions for increased efficiency and more dedication from all."

The tuition increase included in his budget proposal, Exon said, would leave the students' share of the costs of their education in the upper middle of the Big Eight, assuming no other school raises its tuition.

"Nebraskans and students of the University of Nebraska have been misled by information fed to news sources by handsomely paid employees of the University to the effect that Nebraska students will be forced to pay twice the average cost carried by students elsewhere in the United States."

The plain fact is that this just is not true," he said.

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Hubbard jobless Teacher promises court action

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Another untenured faculty member who has been dismissed by the Board of Regents said he plans to go to court to save his faculty job at the University.

Duke B. Hubbard, assistant professor of educational administration, said Sunday the Regents violated their own rules by failing to notify him by Dec. 15 that he would not be reappointed. In a meeting in Omaha Saturday, the Regents voted unanimously not to reappoint Hubbard, who has actively sought reform in his department.

Last December in a statement, Regent President Robert Raun noted "the long-standing obligation of the Board of Regents to notify by December 15 any non-tenured faculty member that he was not to be reappointed."

Hubbard said he will contest in court the Regents' failure to notify him by the Dec. 15th deadline. However, Hubbard said he has not thought about suing the Board for actual damages.

"I think the Regents have made another mistake," Hubbard said of the Regents' decision. "I don't think they give a damn about due process."

The Regents in February voted not to reappoint Stephen L. Rozman, assistant professor

of political science, because of his involvement in last May's occupation of the ROTC Building. Rozman later filed suit against the Regents asking for his job back and \$100,000 damages.

Rozman was also notified that he would not be reappointed after Dec. 15th. However, Rozman agreed to postpone a final decision until February to give a special fact-finding committee time to investigate his case.

Hubbard charged that the Regents were "duped into believing my past behavior warrants non-reappointment."

On Feb. 9th the tenured faculty of the educational administration department unanimously recommended that Hubbard not be rehired.

Claiming there have not been any charges against his professional capacity as a teacher and researcher, Hubbard charged that his department chairman, Dale K. Hayes, has "sacrificed the Department in order to personally get even" with him for questioning Hayes' role and function.

When asked Sunday to answer Hubbard's charge, Hayes replied "no comment." Hayes also declined comment on the Regents' decision not to rehire Hubbard or the reasons behind the dismissal.

Hubbard said he has never received a list of written reasons for non-reappointment,

but noted that Hayes has verbally mentioned "certain areas of concern."

It is not customary in non-reappointment cases to give the untenured faculty member a list of reasons for his dismissal, according to Hayes.

Hubbard also objected to not being given a structured hearing of his case. The assistant professor was invited to attend two meetings of his department to discuss his case. However, Hubbard declined to attend the meetings because his attorneys advised it would be against his interests since there were no ground rules for the hearings.

At the end of Saturday's meeting Hubbard stood up and demanded to speak, saying he wanted clarification of the reasons for the Board's action in his case. When he was gavelled down, Hubbard charged, "What kind of board is this?" and added, "Runaway" as the Board quickly adjourned.

"Injustice is a word foreign to the present Regents of the University," Hubbard charged. "Their constant insensitivity insults the citizens of Nebraska. When Stephen Rozman and I, through the courts win our right to remain members of the University staff, I trust that the Regents will apologize for their authoritarian and unjust decisions and immediately resign."

Regents answer critics of Elks memberships

Membership in a private organization like the Elks Club, which has a "white only" stipulation in its by-laws does not mean individuals in the organization are racists, three members of the Board of Regents who are Elks said Sunday.

"I'm not going to resign because of that clause," said Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island, who joined the Elks Club 25 years ago.

Koefoot joined in the first place because "individuals I associated with were members." He said, "I desired to fraternize with them."

BUT KOEFOOT SAID he did not agree with the "white only" clause.

Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln doesn't agree with it either, but said he joined the Elks Club

"mainly because of its youth programs."

Schwartzkopf is on the board of directors of the Cedars Home for Children, a home which cares temporarily for children from broken families.

IF IT WASN'T for contributions from the Elks Club we couldn't have started Cedars Home, Schwartzkopf said. "I challenge those protesters to show me one thing they have done to help minorities that measures up to the Elks Club's scholarship and youth programs."

Schwartzkopf was referring to three students from NU's Lincoln campus who picketed the Regents' meeting in Omaha Saturday. Tom Headley, Dennis Spornen and Larry Mathine, members of the

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Goodell here March 22

Charles E. Goodell, former U. S. Senator from New York who filled out the late Sen. Robert Kennedy's terms, will speak Mar. 22, at 10:30 a.m. as part of the World in Revolution Conference.

Goodell, a Republican, was defeated in his bid for re-election by Sen. James Buckley of the Conservative Party. In departure from political tradition, President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew campaigned extensively for Buckley instead of Goodell, the QRepublican candidate.

An all-university convocation (professors will be asked to dismiss class) will be in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union, World in Revolution chairman Robert Penn said.

The annual Conference, to run March 22, 23, and 24, has provided a chance for students to discuss contemporary issues with national experts since 1968. Seven speakers this year will speak and lead discussions on "technological alienation."

The Union Program Office, ASUN and the Faculty Senate Convocations Committee are sponsoring the conference.

Goodell's topic is the alienation of individuals as a result of the nonresponsive systems in a complex society.



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Members of the Human Relations Insight League . . . protest Regent's Elks membership.