

# Regents OK revised budget

In its Monday meeting the Board of Regents approved a 1972-73 budget recommendation of \$87.1 million.

Though the budget calls for an additional \$7 million in state funds over this year's budget, the Regents did not consider raising tuition. President D. B. Varner noted that tuition had been substantially raised in the 1971-72 budget.

**THE BUDGET** recommendation, as reported in the Monday Daily Nebraskan, was changed in a few places by the Board. The Regents added a recommendation of \$220,630

in extra funds for the medical center to allow admission of ten more freshman students.

\$40,000 was added to the University-wide recommendation to finance an annual University audit. Another \$100,000 was added to the UNL capital outlay budget for land acquisition.

The miscellaneous remodeling fund of the medical center was cut from \$250,000 to \$50,000 and a land acquisition fund of \$450,000 was added.

**VARNER SAID** the budget was adequate, but not nearly as ambitious as last year's request. But, he said, this does not diminish the decade goal of

making NU one of the top universities in the Big Eight.

He said the current budget proposal will permit the University to stay about where it is in relation to other Big Eight schools.

As the result of a drop below projected enrollment on the UNO campus the Regents accepted the recommendations of UNO interim Chancellor John Blackwell to make up for \$490,000 in expected tuition which did not materialize.

**THE REGENTS** approved the use of a \$157,000 reserve built up from over-enrollments in past years. They also approved cuts in some academic and administrative programs totaling \$233,000.

The remainder of the deficit, \$100,000, was diverted from student services funds on a one-time only basis. These funds come from student fees and have traditionally been set aside for the improvement of student service facilities.

Enrollment estimates presented with the budget provide for a UNL enrollment growth of 250 for 1972-73. Varner said there would be an attempt made to keep enrollment from exceeding this level.

**HE SAID THE** cuts, if necessary, would not come from denying admission to freshmen. Instead, they would come from students who have had a chance at the University and shown they could not make it, he said.

In University-wide action



Regent Robert Prokop...pauses to gather his thoughts during Monday's Board of Regents meeting.

the board appointed Barbara Coffey as special assistant to President Varner, effective December 1.

She is to work in the area of equal opportunity, according to Howard R. Neville, vice

president for business and finance. He said it will be her responsibility to work with all three campuses to promote equal opportunity in all University activities.

In business actions for UNL, the Regents approved a feasibility study for the expansion of Memorial Stadium. They also called for stiffer penalties for unauthorized use of student and faculty football tickets and for increased security of the fences around the stadium.

**THE BOARD ALSO** approved extending veterinary medicine contracts for one year at current rates with Iowa State, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Colorado State Universities.

Currently NU pays these schools \$1,800 a year for each Nebraska veterinary medicine student they are training. Varner called this a tremendous bargain and said he expected the price per student to go up to around \$5,000 per student in a new contract to go into effect Sept. 1, 1972.

**THE BOARD ALSO** appointed William A. Scheller chairman of the UNL department of chemical engineering. Scheller holds the rank of professor of chemical engineering.

Harold W. Floyd, associate professor of speech and dramatic arts, was appointed vice chairman of the UNL division of theater arts.

Though a citizens group was present to oppose the purchase, the Board approved \$142,000 to buy a tract of property for UNO. The property has a home on it which Varner said would be used for some University purpose until the property is needed for UNO expansion.

**THE CITIZENS** group also called for the Board to adopt a plan and timetable for UNO expansion.

Varner agreed that a comprehensive plan was necessary and said one should be ready to present by the October Board meeting.

The Regents approved the purchase of the property in a 6-1 vote. Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber cast the sole negative vote. Regent James Moylan of Omaha was absent.

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