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## Regents consider tuition increase

A proposed tuition hike for next year, budgets, budget increases and salary equalization measures all found their way onto Board of Regents' agendas during summer meetings.

At the urging of ASUN president Bruce Beecher, the board steered away from a modified tuition proposal, projected to cost UNL students an extra \$416,912 beginning next school year.

Although final action is expected on a new tuition schedule at the regents' meeting in September, the board has tentatively endorsed a plan which would cost students an additional \$376,805.

The plan eliminates the single \$216 charge for students taking 13 through 16 hours.

### Tentative tuition increase

Instead, students will pay half the cost of those hours, or \$9 per hour for residents and \$24.12 for non-residents, on top of the base charge for 12 hours.

Prior to a plea by Beecher, the board was headed toward adopting a plan which would have lowered the cost of credit hours to \$17 each for residents (\$46 for non-residents) and simply charged students for each hour they took.

A table of the proposed tuition schedule for resident students taking 12 hours or more looks like this:

Hours	Present Cost	Proposed Cost
12	\$216	\$216
13	216	225
14	216	234
15	216	243
16	216	252
17	234	270
18	252	288
19	270	306
20	288	342

### Budget proposals

In other summer action, the administration submitted a \$95.9 million 1973-74 budget for regent study.

The administration budget calls for a total fund increase of \$11.5 million over 1972-73. The proposed budget includes an \$8.8 million increase in state tax funds, or 18.8 per cent over the 1972-73 allocation.

The board refused to take action on the proposed budget at the August meeting, and instead directed administrators to return with three budget alternatives at its September meeting.

### Alternative budgets

The first alternative is the recommended administrative budget with the tuition schedule change.

The second, at the direction of Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen, will have a \$2 million cut out of it. Most of the trimming is to come from the tax fund support segment.

The third alternative is another administration-proposed budget which would include some development projects suggested by University President D.B. Varner.

The first alternative, the one presented to the board at the August meeting, included a total fund hike of \$5.4 million for the UNL campus—an 11 per cent increase.

The administration also presented regents with a \$10.375 UNL capital construction budget, which includes a new law college and life science and veterinary science buildings.

### Salary equalization

In other budget action, the board okayed an \$83.7 million system-wide operation budget for 1972-73, including an estimated \$300,000 to equalize women's salaries on the three campuses.

The women's salary increases include 209 administrative, academic and non-academic employes on the UNL campus.

The total 1972-73 UNL budget is \$47.1 million, up 5.4 per cent from last year.

## Board adopts new residency guidelines

New residency guidelines adopted by the Board of Regents this summer mean several hundred UNL students who formerly paid non-resident tuition won't have to this year, according to admissions director John E. Aronson.

Aronson said students who meet new requirements have until about September 18 to file change of residency forms if they want to avoid being charged non-resident tuition this fall.

Non-resident tuition for full-time undergraduate students, including fees, is \$630.50 for those taking between 12 and 16 hours. Residents pay \$267.50.

Aronson said students wishing to change from non-resident to resident status must

—be 19 years old;

—have lived in Nebraska for the past year (students who moved to another state for the summer will not qualify);

—have paid Nebraska income tax for 1971, and will pay Nebraska income tax for 1972;

—be registered to vote in Nebraska.

Residency classification forms can be picked up at 108 Administration Building, he said.

Students received advance word of the residency requirements change with class schedules mailed early in August, Aronson reported.

Although students have until Oct. 27 to change their status, Aronson said those not doing so before Sept. 18 will be charged non-resident tuition and must apply for a refund.

At the July board meeting, University President D.B. Varner told regents that the residency change would mean a loss of about \$400,000 in tuition revenue.

The change brings the University in line with the intent of LB 408, passed by the 1972 Legislature, which redefines who is a Nebraska resident.

## Study calls drug use 'learned behavior'

Drug use among the young may not result from "a generation gap or youthful defiance" as it is popularly held, but from "a form of learned behavior handed down from parent to child," according to a report from the American Psychological Association (APA).

Research concerning parent-child drug relationships was presented recently in an article by Dr. Reginald Smart and Dianne Fejer in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

The project was sponsored by the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation of Toronto. Data was collected from questionnaires answered by 8,865 high school students in the suburbs and inner-city of Toronto in 1970.

"Parents who regularly use mood-changing drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, may unintentionally pass on to offspring an attitude favoring drug experimentation," said the APA.

The study also indicates that young drug users who follow their parents' example often try a variety of psycho-active and illegal drugs.

"The percentage of students who reported using tobacco, marijuana, barbiturates, heroin, speed, LSD and other mind-affecting drugs was lowest if the parents used neither tobacco or alcohol. Mothers who smoked and drank frequently were most likely to have their children turn to illicit and stronger drugs," according to the APA.