

Athletic program debt may hit \$86,982

By Larry Stunkel

It has been projected that the UNL athletic program is going in debt. How much debt could depend on the Legislature.

Figures given to the Omaha World-Herald Wednesday by Husker business manager Bill Fisher shows the Athletic Department could lose \$86,982 this year, and up to \$398,000 by 1977.

This does not include expenses that could be incurred from operation of the new sports complex (expected to be completed by December), and from an expanding women's intercollegiate program under Title IX of the Health Education and Welfare Bill passed by the U.S. Congress in 1974.

"If we don't get funding from the Legislature for women's athletics and the new field house we'll really be in a fix," Athletic Director Bob Devaney said in a March 14 interview. "We couldn't even come close. Our income just supports our present programs."

State colleges financed

Colleges such as Kearney State, UNO, Wayne State, Chadron State and Peru State all have athletic programs financed through the Legislature.

In the past, UNL's football program has profited enough to support the other programs, all of which operate at a loss.

Last year contributions from booster clubs—Touchdown Club, Extra Point Club, Beef Club and Husker Educational Athletic Awards—brought in \$175,939 which helped the Athletic Department achieve a \$30,438 profit for fiscal 1973-74.

This year inflation has affected travel expenses for games and recruiting, operation costs, food bills and scholarships and a loss is projected for the next three years.

In addition, Fisher said the projected income assumes:

—all home football games will continue to be sold out.
—there will be additional income of \$90,000 from basketball after completion of the new sports complex.

—booster club contributions and concession incomes will continue to increase each of the next three years.

Of the listed expenses, guarantees of income from ticket sales to visiting athletic teams and operation costs combine for over \$3 million of projected costs. Another area, grants-in-aid, accounts for \$670,000, much of which goes back into the university for tuition, fees and housing.

Out-of-state tuition

Unlike some schools, UNL charges out-of-state athletes out-of-state tuition. Projected increases in out-of-state tuition could add to the problem by adding to scholarship costs.

Besides these expenses, the athletic department still owes \$1 million in bonds for construction of the south addition to

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'Saigon could fall any time'

Students' families in Vietnam

By Gina Hills

About a week ago, Ho Minh Si got a letter from his family in Saigon, South Vietnam, reporting that they were "still safe," but unable to predict how long that would last.

After the South Vietnamese Province of Dhan Dhied fell to Communist forces, "I was very afraid and very concerned about the situation," Si said. "I have a strong feeling they're going to attack Saigon as soon as possible."

Dhan Dhied is about 110 miles from Saigon. Bach Van Bai's family is in Saigon too, and he wants to "get them out quickly."

"I'm worried about my family," he said. "I don't know how long it will be before Saigon will fall... it could be any time."

Graduate students

Si and Bai are UNL graduate students who arrived in August 1974 to complete their education. Si, 34, is studying weed control and agronomy. Bai, 38, is studying mechanized agriculture.

They are attending UNL through the Agency for International Development (AID) in Washington, D.C.

AID pays for their education and living expenses during their two years of study at UNL.

Si left his wife, 6-year-old daughter and parents in Saigon when he came to Nebraska. Bai came to UNL while his parents in Saigon when he came to Nebraska. Bai came to UNL while his 19-month-old son, wife, in-laws and brother-in-law remained in the South Vietnamese capital.

Both students are working desperately to get their families out before South Vietnam falls, they said.

UNL junior Mike Mitchell of Butte, is trying to reunite Si and Bai with their families. He lives on the same floor in International House as Si and Bai.

"I got into this when I found out what the situation really was in South Vietnam," Mitchell said.

He went to 1st district Rep. Charles Thone's office, State Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh and State Sen. Steve Fowler of Lincoln for guidance and help.

"Senator DeCamp has been real good," he said. "Right now he's in Saigon trying to talk to the families and trying to make arrangements" for their emigration, he said.

In addition, the students have contacted AID, the International Red Cross and local religious groups for help, Mitchell said.

A long time

"If I have to go through the usual channels it will take quite a long time to get my family to the U.S.," Bai said.

"I think the intervention of the U.S. State Department in Nebraska and the Embassy of the U.S. in Saigon can help us get our families out of Saigon," he added.

AID sent them forms to be completed that would help speed up the process, Si said.

"But if Saigon unfortunately falls and the Communists gain control, I don't think we can get them (the families) back," Si added.

"We hope we can rely on all Americans to help cut red tapes as soon as possible," Bai added.

"We are so confused now, and we're glad that our friend Mike (Mitchell) is helping us out," Si said.

Industry, city planning among mayoral issues

By Ron Wylie and Lori Demo

Two women are among the contenders for mayor of Lincoln in the primary election Tuesday. If one is elected, it will be the first time Lincoln has had a woman mayor.

The candidates are current mayor Sam Schwartzkopf, city councilwoman Helen Boosalis and housewife Jo Bragg.

Incumbent candidate Schwartzkopf said he doesn't see any need to spark the area's industrial or corporate growth by offering tax incentives or related financial aids.

"I don't feel we need to make such offers," he said. "We haven't in the past. We have been very selective in the acquisition of industry for our city."

Lincoln better off

Cities which offer incentives to industry are experiencing difficulties, according to the mayor, and Lincoln is better off relying on management techniques and coordination between public and private sectors.

While concerned with its growth needs, the city administration also needs to concentrate on low-income housing projects and on the rehabilitation of neighborhoods, Schwartzkopf said.

"Lincoln is a relatively new city as compared with the rest of the country," the mayor contended, "but now we have some deterioration. From this point on, rehabilitation is something which will be ongoing."

Another priority for a second Schwartzkopf administration would be redevelopment of the downtown area, the mayor said.

"We need the Centrum project (renewal of a central business district block and development of an area plaza) for the regeneration and beautification of the downtown area," he contended.

Schwartzkopf said he looks for a greater consolidation of city-county government in the next four to eight years.

The mayor said he was proudest of the modern fleet of buses introduced in the last four years. The new system is "a better system today under city management than when we had a private operation," he said.

Improvements during his first term range from doubling the capacity of the city's sewage plant, building three new fire stations, and resurfacing 105 miles of city streets to creating more than 600 units of senior-citizens' housing, the mayor contended.

He said he created the Police Examining Board to air complaints against officers and started a school resource officer program to acquaint schoolchildren with the duties of police officers.

The morale of the police officers has been affected recently by charges of police abuse, Schwartzkopf said, but added, "they're only being criticized for enforcing the city ordinances."

"I think we have a very highly trained police



Lincoln mayoral candidates Helen Boosalis (left) and Jo Bragg.

Photos by Steve Boerner

force," Schwartzkopf said, "and I think they're doing a tremendous job."

Boosalis priorities

A comprehensive transportation system, a continued freeze on big commercial developments and a more "visible" city administration are among the projects candidate Helen Boosalis said she would like done in Lincoln.

A 26-year city council veteran, Boosalis said she thinks her experience as present chairman of the council and as first vice chairman of the council in 1965-66 would aid her in administering the office of mayor.

Boosalis said she decided to run for mayor because "many people felt leadership has not been clearly exerted from that office in several years."

For example, she said, Lincoln Police Department's (LPD) policies on alcohol-related offenses should have been handled by the mayor.

Boosalis said the city has tried for years to keep the LPD salaries and pay scales comparable to those in areas comparable to Lincoln.

She said since the council approved LPD's budget last year, she "can only assume" salaries are high enough to maintain quality in the police department.

"I think we have a good police department," she said. "I don't mean it can't be improved, just like any department in the city probably could be improved."

She said she would like to see the city get more involved in providing bus transportation between the two UNL campuses and to big industries in Lincoln such as Goodyear.

"Maybe down the line there is a better way between the campuses," she said. "The city should take the leadership in setting up a system of car pooling."

Boosalis also said she would like to see bicycles as part of the transportation system.

"I was instrumental in getting the mayor to set up the first bicycle safety committee some three years ago," she said.

"We focused enough attention on bicycles," she said, "so that the State of Nebraska in planning for Highway 2 has a bicycle lane."

She said she hopes that in the future there will be a bicycle route all around Salt Creek from south Lincoln to Wilderness Park.

Boosalis said the question of whether more big commercial developments like Gateway Shopping Center should be allowed in Lincoln was settled last summer when the council denied the construction of a shopping center.

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Honors Convocation

The 47th annual UNL Honors Convocation will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Coliseum. For students to attend the convocation, classes will be dismissed on City Campus from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on East Campus.