

Erskine says \$100 million needed

By Sandy-Mohr

Just to "keep the place open" NU needs \$100 million in state general funds for the 1976-77 fiscal year, according to William Erskine, vice-president for administration.

And if the university wants to compete with the top three universities in the Big 8 Conference, Erskine said the budget needs an additional "kicker" of \$8 million.

Without the \$8 million, which NU President D.B. Varner proposed to the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee Feb. 9, NU is at a "standstill," Erskine said, because it has no money for improvements.

Gov. J. James Exon has proposed that NU receive \$84 million while the Legislature proposed \$88 million in LB690.

A year and a half ago, Exon appointed a commission to determine the amount of state general funds NU should receive to equal the average of the top three Big 8 schools. Erskine was the only NU representative on the 1202 Commission, chaired by Gus Lieske, formerly head of the state Administrative Services Dept. and currently vice-president of an Omaha computer products company.

Exon had expressed his concern when the commission was established that NU should be financed equal to the average of the top three Big 8 schools.

UNL would receive \$8 million

The commission said NU needed about \$7.8 million in additional state general funds to be in the top-half of the Big 8.

The \$100 million is "just to get by without really improving the university at all," Erskine said.

The largest share of the \$7.8 million would go to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, he said. About \$3.5 million would go toward its instruction, conservation, water resources, research and extension programs.

Erskine said the commission originally came up with a figure of \$7.7 million for the institute, but that was "a little overstated" and later revised to \$3.5 million.

UNL would receive \$2.7 million of that \$8 million. This figure was not broken down for individual departments or schools, he said.

More realistic figure

However, Erskine said, he did not agree completely with the commission's figure and that a subsequent UNL administration committee studying comparable programs found that \$5.6 million would be a more realistic figure for UNL to be in the top-half of the Big 8.

"The commission would never buy that," Erskine said. "But I think \$2.7 million won't achieve equity."

To derive an amount for UNO, Erskine said, the commission estimated about half of the suggested appropriation for UNL because UNO enrollment is about half that of UNL. The commission allowed \$1.4 million for UNO.

The commission found that the University of Nebraska Medical Center comes closest of the four NU programs to being in the top half of the Big 8, Erskine said. The medical center would need \$200,000 of the \$8 million, he said.



It is exasperating to be called so persistently when the last thing we want to do is to get up and go but God elects to keep on haunting like some holy ghost.

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The deadline for submitting Student Organization financing requests to the Fees Allocation Board is today. Further information about applying for funds is available in Nebraska Union 200.

community will be featured.

Phi Upsilon Omicron, Home Economics honorary, will have a short business meeting and a program afterwards Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Home Economics Bldg. 104.

Ken Knowlton, an Association for Computing Machinery national lecture-speaker, will speak on "Interactive Raster Scan Color Graphics" today at 2:30 p.m. in Ferguson Hall 217.

Alpha Tau Alpha, Agriculture Education honorary, will elect 1976-77 officers at its regular meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Agricultural Hall 311. A program presented by the Nebraska Education Association on the role of the professional organization to the agriculture instructor will follow.

Gay Rap Group will hear a tape made during the 1971 "Time Out" conference on Human Sexuality, Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

Carol Oles, a Newton, Mass. poet, will conduct reading and rap session, cosponsored by the Women's Resource Center, University Women's Action Group, and the English Dept., on Wednesday at noon in the Union. She will be reading on Sunday Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial College Commons Room, and on Monday Feb. 23 in the English Dept. library at Andrews Hall 228 at 3:30 p.m.

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee will have a meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Union.

The Student Chapter of the American Society for Personnel Administration will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Union to discuss labor relations. Resource people from both the business and labor

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Daily Nebraskan Feb. 13 that Jack Guthrie, coordinator of business management and programming for the center for students and organizations, told the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) that working papers state that FAB's purpose is to allocate and review expenditures of student fees.

Jack Baier, associate dean of student development, rather than Guthrie, made the remarks when he spoke to FAB Thursday.

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