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## Varner to recommend 10 per cent tuition hike

By Ann Owens

NU President D.B. Varner told the NU Board of Regents Saturday that he would recommend a 10 per cent tuition increase for the next year at the board's May meeting.

"Our current plans are operating on the assumption that a tuition increase will be generated next year," he said.

Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber told Varner he objected to a tuition increase and added that the regents would be opened to an "immense amount of criticism if it proposed a tuition increase."

Varner told the board "if everyone agrees with Prokop, we're in real trouble." The size of the proposed tuition increase will not be known until next month, Varner said.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff said the Nebraska Legislature put NU in a "very unfair position" by criticizing the university for not raising its own money, but putting a cash ceiling on the amount the university can spend from new tuition income.

Guidelines set

The regents also set guidelines Saturday for depart-

ments to follow when awarding pay increases with about \$6.3 million budgeted by the Legislature for 7 per cent faculty salary merit raises.

Varner warned against awarding across the board pay increases because, he said, the money was budgeted for merit raises.

The guidelines include:

-awarding a minimum three per cent increase for satisfactory performance.

-awarding three per cent for merit and parity with other colleges and departments.

-awarding one per cent for the chancellor's discretion subject to Varner's approval.

Varner emphasized that faculty members performing unsatisfactorily would not receive raises.

"The temptation is going to be very great to give everyone a standard increase," he said, "and I might be embarrassed next year when I go to the Legislature if we haven't proven that we awarded merit increases."

Flexibility allowed

The guidelines allow flexibility within campuses and departments but decisions must receive Varner's approval.

Maximum raises for faculty members on a nine-month contract will be \$4,000 a year. Faculty members on 12-month contracts will receive a maximum raise of \$4,900 and office or service workers will receive a maximum \$1,200 increase.

In other business:

-UNL Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge said he planned to hire additional faculty members, reduce the number of graduate assistants and reduce class sizes with the \$850,000 earmarked by the Legislature for improving undergraduate education at UNL.

-The board voted to include institutional support in the 1977-78 budget request for eight programs and activities currently financed totally or partially by student fees. The programs are career planning and placement, career counseling, academic health education, new student orientation, environmental health, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) radio KVNO-FM, fine arts, general facilities and maintenance of public use areas in student unions.

-The board voted for a resolution proposed at its last meeting by former UNO Student Regent Clint Bellows restricting smoking to designated areas on all NU campuses.

Enforcement impossible

NU administrators told the board the smoking policy will be impossible to enforce and no punishment for violation was included in the resolution.

Bellows had proposed that smoking areas be designated where large groups of people would gather.

New UNO Student Regent Steve Shovers objected to the resolution. He said people who buy cigarettes paid for the new UNL fieldhouse with a 13 cent tax on each package of cigarettes.

The resolution would set smokers against nonsmokers on campus, he said.

Speaking to the board in favor of the resolution were State Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln, Frank Nowak of Omaha, representing the Group Against Smoking Pollution (GASP), and Delmar Serafy of Omaha, executive director of the American Lung Association of Nebraska.

## Write-ins alter graduate election result

The results of Friday's election of six Graduate Studies College representatives to ASUN Senate were different from the invalidated March 17 election.

Roberto Sosa (Ind.) and Robert Simonson (New Student Coalition), both winners in the first election, lost their seats to write-in candidates Janet Rasmusson and Ronald G. Struss, both independents.

Frank Thompson, the top vote-getter in the first election with 68 votes, garnered 25 votes Friday, while Mike Duffy, who ranked sixth in the first election, led candidates in Friday's election with 43 votes.

The six winning representatives and their vote totals in Friday's election, followed by their totals in the first election were:

-Duffy (Ind.) 43; 53.

-Rasmusson (Ind.) 35; unavailable.

-Struss (Ind.) 32; unavailable.

-Ron Stephens (University Student Awareness-USA) 30; 57.

-Marie T. Engelke (USA) 26; 63.

-Thompson (Alliance of Concerned Students) 25; 68. Simonson received 60 votes in the first election while Sosa tallied 55.

The March 17 election of graduate senators was invalidated April 2 by the ASUN Electoral Commission because it recorded 181 Graduate Studies College ballots although only 171 students were included in the college's roster.

Five candidates' names were on the second ballot and 69 votes, including two absentee ballots, were cast, according to David Ware, electoral commissioner. Sixteen of the 18 absentee ballots cast were disallowed because they failed to comply with commission guidelines for absentee ballots, Ware said.

## Theatre specialization splits Speech-Drama Dept.

By Gail Smith

Because of more specialization in theatre arts, speech communication and speech pathology and audiology, those three divisions of UNL's Speech and Dramatic Arts Dept. will become separate departments on July 1.

Joseph Baldwin, interim vice-chairman of the Speech and Dramatic Arts Dept., said the three areas do not share as much in common as they once did. At one time, he said, many professors taught both speech communication and theater arts, but currently they do not share teaching responsibilities.

The three disciplines are "still friendly," Baldwin said,

but they are distinctive areas of study.

He said higher UNL enrollment figures have caused more student demand for courses in the three areas. All three divisions were located in the Temple Bldg. at one time, he said, but speech communication now is in Burnett Hall and speech pathology and audiology is moving to the Barkley Memorial Center on East Campus.

Baldwin said one new degree, the "master of fine arts in theater," may be offered. It would be for persons specializing in areas such as acting, directing, theater design and sound and play writing. He said it must be approved by the NU Board of Regents.

Rex McGraw, currently a visiting professor at Ohio State University, was confirmed Saturday by the regents as chairman of the Theater Arts Dept. Dennis Bormann, currently vice-chairman of the Speech and Dramatic Art Dept., will head the Speech Communication Dept., and Robert McGlone, chairman of the Speech and Dramatic Arts Dept., will head the Speech Pathology and Audiology Dept.

The budget structure for the three new departments has not been determined yet, according to Max Larsen, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

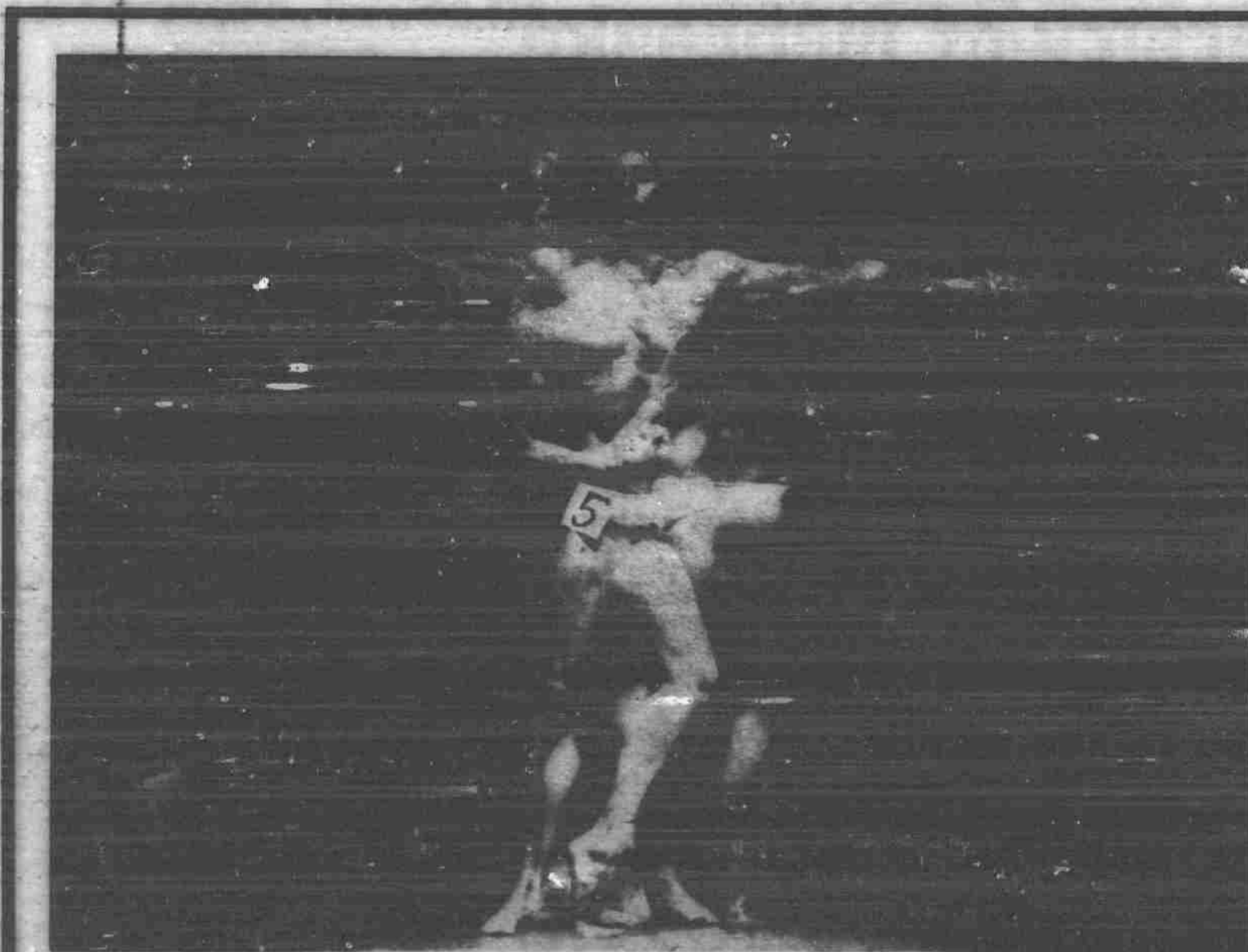


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## Body-builders to vie for Nebraska title; Mr. USA is guest

A display of form, power and motion will be exhibited Saturday when the UNL Weightlifting Club hosts the 1976 Mr. Nebraska and the Mr. Nebraska Novice Physique Contest. The finals, open to the public, are at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets. Awards will be given for the most muscular contestant as well as for best individual body parts, including the chest, arms, abdominals, legs and back. A Mr. Nebraska novice award will be presented to the highest placing contestant who previously has never won the Mr. Nebraska title. Mr. USA, Pate Neve of Phoenix, Ariz., will be guest poser at the contest.