

Regents raise fees, ask for pavilion restatement

By George Miller

The NU Board of Regents Saturday approved, as expected, a \$3.50 increase in UNL student fees, effective in the 1977-78 fall semester.

The increase will go to repay \$3,831,500 into a surplus fund used to finance revenue bonds for the construction of the Nebraska Union.

The \$3.50 increase per semester will be for each student registered for more than six credit hours. Fees also will increase \$1 per summer session for each student registered for more than two credit hours.

The regents also sent back to the NU administration a program statement for a cardiovascular pavilion that would be built at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The program statement called for \$15 million in state

funds to finance construction of a proposed seven-story building to house the cardiovascular center.

Restatement asked

The regents asked the administration to give them a restatement of the program, based on a construction figure of \$10 million, by the board's January meeting.

Grand Island Regent Robert Koefoot said he did not approve of the magnitude of the pavilion's budget. He said he favors financing a study of the concept of the pavilion, but did not approve paying for the entire project.

Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen proposed a second look at the project to see if it is possible to cut one-third of the

project's budget and still conduct a cardiovascular program.

The cardiovascular center would provide adult and child heart care with life-support components. It also would develop an in-depth program in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with hypertension and stress as well as designing a heart research program.

Other action

In other action, the regents voted to go on record opposing Nebraska Methodist Hospital's application to construct a 280-bed tower at its Omaha location, which would become the new location of Childrens Memorial Hospital.

Childrens serves as a teaching hospital for the medical center and would move to the Methodist Hospital site if given approval by the Health Planning Council of the Midlands in December.

The regents were asked to oppose Childrens move by Dr. Perry Rigby, dean of the NU College of Medicine. Rigby said there was "possibility of some jeopardy in our (the medical center's) educational process if the move takes place."

Rigby said Childrens location near the medical center is favorable because it is near the resources of Bishop Clarkson Hospital, the medical center hospital and clinics and other specialized medical facilities in the area.

The resolution asking the regents to oppose the Childrens move said the medical center and Childrens have not adequately investigated "the potential of developing mutual pediatric programs" and that Childrens had not adequately investigated the possibility of sharing equipment and resources currently available at the medical center campuses.

'Adverse effect'

The resolution also said an accreditation team of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), which evaluated the College of Medicine last January, reported that a move by Childrens away from the medical center could have "an adverse effect on both undergraduate and residency training programs of the College of Medicine."

The regents also heard appeals by two physicians to support Childrens' move.

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Your pilgrim picnic may be Nebraskan

By Sharon Armstrong

Most Nebraskans probably are familiar with cattle ranchers and pork producers. But what about turkey farmers? Where does that Thanksgiving Day turkey come from?

Nebraska is not a large turkey producing state, according to Rich Shinn, who raises the largest number of turkeys in Nebraska.

Shinn said he raised 165,000 turkeys this year on his farm at Dunning.

Quite a few of the turkeys he raises are sold in Nebraska. However, he said many go to places like Chicago and New York. Some were sent to the U.S. military in West Germany.

Shinn has been in the turkey raising business for 40 years. His business is a family partnership and the turkeys are raised on the family farm.

Shinn sells his turkeys through the Nebraska Turkey Association. Processing starts in July and continues through December, he said.

"Thanksgiving is the largest consuming time," said Shinn, who raises only tom turkeys. "We usually market them at 19 to 24 weeks of age," he added.

A 24-week-old tom weighs about 30 pounds and a 19-week-old weighs about 24 pounds, Shinn said.

Hens are the most popular turkeys and usually are marketed at 16 weeks, when they weigh about 14 pounds.

There should be plenty of turkeys for the holiday season, he said. Production is up 10 per cent nationally, he said, but Nebraska production is about the same as last year.

"Prices are definitely down from last year," said Jim Hansen, head of the meat department at Nash Finch Co. wholesalers, 1125 W. O St.

Hansen said Friday that prices have been "pretty good" the last couple of days, but he expects prices to be lower between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Turkey should be a really good buy for the Christmas holidays," Hansen said.

Earl Gleaves, UNL professor of poultry and wildlife sciences, said he expects the wholesale price of turkey to be 10 cents per pound less this year and should be reflected in the retail price.



Photo by Scott Svoboda

This turkey, one of thousands at the poultry science complex on East Campus, probably is related to many other turkeys to be invited to Thanksgiving dinners.

NU Regents delay ticket surcharge

A decision on whether to tack a \$1 surcharge to the price of UNL football tickets to non-conference games was delayed a month by the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

The proposal would have added \$1 to the price of tickets to the Washington State, Alabama, Baylor and Indiana football games next year.

The \$280,000 in added revenue would be used to defray rising costs in the Intercollegiate Athletic Dept. from field maintenance and equipment replacement, as well as women's athletic programs.

The regents deferred until December consideration of this proposal because it did not make clear whether the \$1 a game surcharge would be included on student and faculty tickets in addition to general admission tickets.

Regents to ask for building repair, upkeep funds

By Theresa Forsman

As a result of Gov. J. James Exon's telegraphed request and at the suggestion of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, the NU Board of Regents Saturday agreed to ask the federal government for building repair and maintenance funds.

Each board member received a mailgram Friday from Exon in which he criticized them for asking for federal Title I funds for new buildings while NU needs \$19 million in maintenance and repair work, according to a legislative committee study and a university study completed last month.

"If federal monies are available, I believe they should be applied first to building repair and maintenance, our obvious top priority," Exon said in the mailgram.

The board tacked the repair assistance request onto an application for \$14 million in Title I funds for an auditorium and greenhouse for the new UNL Life Sciences Bldg. and an East Campus Access road. In October, the board approved a \$3.5 million request for Title I funds for

the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Bldg. planned for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Priorities questioned

Exon also questioned the board's priorities for requesting only \$670,000 in the capital construction budget for repair and maintenance for 1977-78. Schuyler Regent Kermit Wagner said the amount requested was "what we thought we could obtain."

Last year the board asked for \$1.1 million for repairs, renovation and fire safety as its top capital construction priority. Of that, the university received \$260,000 for fire safety repairs and \$200,000 for renovation.

"We've asked for money for repair before and Exon has turned us down. Now it's imperative all of a sudden that we get it," Wagner said.

NU Capital Construction coordinator Robert Pazderka said new work is a higher priority for the federal government than repair, because it would employ more types of workers. Title I funds are part of a federal government effort to decrease

unemployment. Nebraska is scheduled to receive \$10 million, the amount decided upon according to the state's unemployment rate. According to the federal law, contracts must be let within 90 days of receipt of the funds, so the university asked for the money to finance projects that already were planned, Pazderka said. The funds should be allocated by Dec. 10, he said.

In the mailgram, Exon said the university violated legislative and executive intent by developing a program statement for a proposed cardiovascular pavilion at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This spring Exon vetoed the \$25,000 requested to develop the plan. The governor criticized NU for taking the money needed to develop the plan from the plant operation and maintenance budget. This budget was cut \$500,000 this year because of an amendment sponsored by Omaha Sen. John Cavanaugh.

Did not violate intent

Exon's charges that the university used maintenance funds for program development were "technically correct," said

Glenn Smith, NU assistant vice president and director of business and accounting. However, he said, some funds are allocated for planning in every maintenance budget. Smith said it would be incorrect to say there was a violation of intent. It is difficult to justify a request for money without a program statement, he added.

The regents Saturday deferred action on the \$15 million cardiovascular center proposal until a less costly program could be planned.

Exon also questioned the need for the 498 positions added in next year's budget request to staff new buildings or programs.

Smith said few of the persons listed were needed as a result of new buildings. Also included in that figure, he said, are positions cut this year because of the Cavanaugh amendment and positions dropped in the past two years because of losses in federal funds for the medical center. The number of new personnel also would include those professors hired this summer with a \$860,000 legislative appropriations intended to increase undergraduate education quality, Smith said.