

Budget probably will be closer to Exon request

By Theresa Forsman

NU's 1977-78 NU's budget probably will be closer to the \$99.8 million recommended by Gov. J. James Exon than the \$108 million the university asked for, said Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter, vice chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's appropriations committee.

"The economy and the mood of the legislature mean the university will get less than it asked for," Bereuter said Saturday.

In his annual budget message Thursday, Exon recommended sizable reductions in the central administration and capital construction budgets. He proposed shifting leadership from the central administration to the individual campuses.

It is possible through budgeting for the legislature to force the university to adopt this type of administrative structure, Bereuter said.

Direction wanted

Bereuter said the governor and the legislature want to give specific direction to the university because of the large increases in state appropriations to NU and "because there is some dissatisfaction with regents' priorities."

The legislature gave \$94.6 million to the university for 1976-77, a 23 per cent increase over the 1975-76 allocation.

Bereuter cited dissatisfaction with shuffling this year's cut away from central administration. He criticized the regents for violating legislative intent by using funds from the plant operation and maintenance budget to develop a program statement for a proposed cardiovascular unit at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Last year the university asked for and was denied \$25,000 for the project.

The legislature could earmark money in such a way that it could not be moved around, said Hastings Sen. Richard Marvel.

Now chairman of the legislature's executive committee, Marvel served 16 years on the Appropriations Committee.

"If we get to that point though, something would have to give—probably the university administration," Marvel said.

Marvel said he doesn't favor "holding the university down", but that "I am a conservative like he (Exon) is, and my reputation is such that I would be against raising taxes." Marvel added he has not yet analyzed the university budget in detail.

Clarification needed

Interim NU President Ronald Roskens said he favors a clarification of the role of

governor's budget message is vague and did not make clear where the cuts would come from.

Roskens and Omaha Regent James Moylan said the university has not considered where they would take cuts if the university does not receive the amount of tax dollars it asked for this year.

"We'll have to wait to see how much and where they cut it," Moylan said.

When the budget was sent to the legislature in September, Moylan voted against it.

"I thought it was excessive," he said. "It should be about 98 or 99 million," he said. Moylan said the university can get by on

NU General Fund Comparisons

Campus	1976-77 Appropriation	1977-78 Request	1977-78 Exon Recommendation
UNL.....	\$50,868,151	\$60,004,498	\$53,622,923
UNO.....	12,675,156	14,984,408	13,372,289
Medical Center.....	27,228,104	32,423,769	28,456,783
NU System.....	3,829,032	4,514,033	5,342,055*

* Includes \$1.9 million regents' discretionary fund for distribution to the campuses.

the president, the central administration and the chancellors. Too many people think the president is the chief executive officer of UNL, he said. Clarifying this role would give the UNL chancellor a more significant role, he explained.

He said plans were begun three weeks ago to carefully review the administrative structure. Details have not been worked out yet, Roskens said.

Bereuter, Marvel and Roskens said the

less because "enrollment is staying pretty constant. We'll just have to tighten our belts like other areas of state government."

Moylan said the board might review the administrative structure but it will wait to get recommendations from a permanent president.

He said criticism of the central administration is nothing new. "There's always been some disagreement over the size of the central administration," he said.



Tuition due Feb. 16

Tuition is due Wednesday. Students should pay the amount indicated on tuition statements sent out recently.

Payments may be mailed or dropped in the box in Administration 203. Students not paying by Wednesday will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Students who are to receive refunds should be able to pick up their money about March 9.

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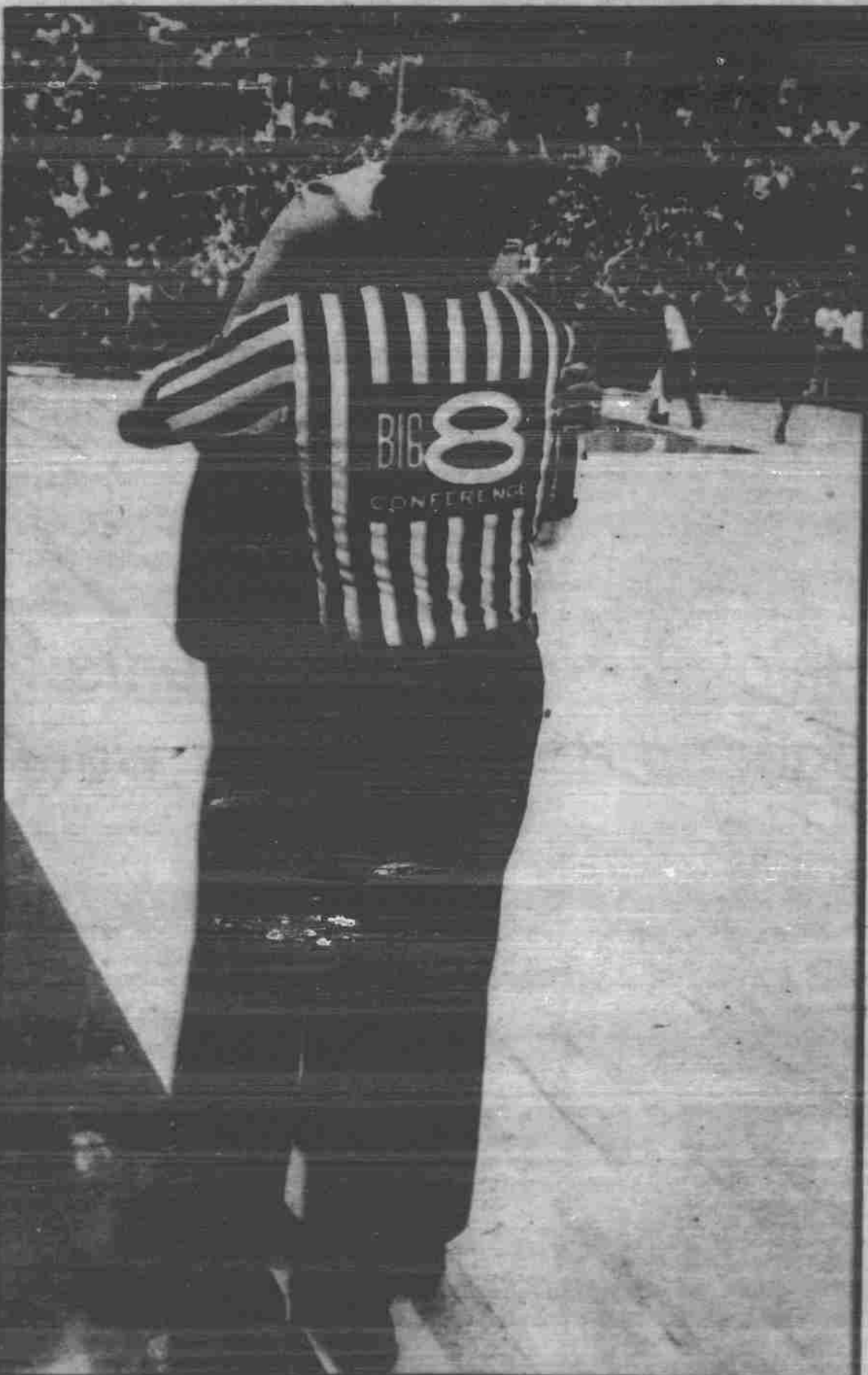


Photo by Ted Kirt

Valentine's Day seems to bring out the best in everyone. Actually, George Oberle, Big 8 Conference referee, is not trying to dance with Gene Jones, University of Missouri assistant basketball coach—he is explaining the fine points of the rules in the waning moments of Saturday's game. For more on the game, see page 10.

Valentines' purse strings tightened by rising costs

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Has the cost of saying "I love you" increased with the cost of living?

Comparisons of flower and candy prices in Lincoln reveal that although students are not tightening their heart strings, they may have to tighten the purse strings a bit.

The thorn is the side of the sweet thought is the cost of roses, according to local florists.

"Prices went quite extreme," said Eva Ortiz, manager of Community Floral, 70th and A Sts. Because of bad weather, the rose crop is smaller this year than before, Ortiz said. A dozen roses costs from \$20 to \$30, compared to \$15 to \$20 a year ago, she said.

Despite the general \$5 increase, roses seem to remain the most popular way to say it with flowers on Valentine's Day. Nancy Kramer, owner of Kramer Greenhouses, Inc., 10th and Van Dorn Sts. said she sees little slack in rose sales.

"They do have the sentimental meaning," she said.

Mixed bouquets of spring flowers and love bonnets are other popular Valentine gifts, according to Robert Danielson, owner-manager of Danielson Floral Co., 127 S. 13th St. Prices on these items have remained about the same the past two years, he said.

The sweeter thought

For the gift-giver who literally prefers, the sweeter thought, chocolate prices have not risen over last year's Valentine rates. But they will go up after Feb. 14, according to a representative of Russell Stover Candies Inc.

Assorted chocolates, gift boxed in satin and foil hearts, are the most popular candy item. There is enough variety in selection and cost in this category to accommodate the economical shopper as well as the flamboyant Cassanova.

A five-pound satin heart filled with chocolates and decked with artificial

flowers, ribbons and lace sells for \$29.95 at the Russell Stover retail store, 129 S. 13th St.

Diamonds also sell well at this time of the year, according to Larry Napp, manager of the jewelry department at Brandeis, 11th and O streets. Prices average in the \$200 to \$250 range, Napp said.

Anything to do with hearts or red is a popular Valentine's item, according to a clerk at Zales Jewelers, 1329 O St.

"Jewelry is a wise investment this year," Galen Walker, sales clerk at Sartor Hamaan Jewelry, 1144 O St. said. Watches, dinner rings and necklaces have been the heaviest selling items, costing from \$50 to \$200, Walker said.

Novel gifts

For the non-traditionalist who prefers to add a distinctive touch to a Valentine gift, a little bit of looking may produce some novel ways to say "I love you."

Giant heart-shaped sugar cookies decorated with personalized messages can be bought at the Bakery in the Nebraska Union for 99 cents.

Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 360 N. 48 St., is offering a Valentine's special of a heart-shaped pizza.

Even the health food advocates have been included in the Valentine gift giving. A spokesman for Lincoln Health Foods Inc., 122 N. 14th St., said he had a customer buy a bag of granola for his wife's Valentine gift.

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