

# NU budget heading for next stop on road to approval

By Paula Dittrick

NU's appropriations bill will be introduced in the Nebraska Legislature Tuesday and senators are expected to discuss it sometime during the week of April 18 according to Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner, appropriations committee chairman.

The committee has adjusted its original recommendation of \$100.4 million to about \$100.6 million Warner said. This is about \$11 million below the NU Board of Regents request but close to Gov. J. James Exon's latest suggestion that NU receive \$100.8 million.

Warner said the committee allotted funds by priority needs and "didn't pay attention to what the governor said." Predicting few adjustments to the bill during floor debate, he said "there isn't room for very many" changes.

"There is no money and it's hard to spend what you don't have," he added.

UNL comptroller Robert Lovitt described the differences between the regents' requests and the committee's recommendations and warned these sums still are liable to change before the NU budget bill passes.

### Areas of Excellence

The regents requested some \$116,000 but about \$275,000 was allocated for the Area of Excellence programs. Warner said the committee matched the Regents' request in this area except for the art and music departments, which requested more than the regents asked for.

These funds are a continuation of existing programs involving six UNL and three University of Nebraska at Omaha departments designated Areas of Excellence.

Lovitt said the committee recommended \$129,000 for the State University of Nebraska (SUN), which is the sum currently appropriated for that program. About \$179,000 had been requested.

The committee recommended about \$522,000 for selective areas of improvement although NU requested about \$810,000, he said.

One of these areas is the establishment of a small business management course at UNL. About \$30,000 has been recommended for this program, which was prompted by UNL senior Bill Jackson's request to the Legislature.

A total of \$50,000 has been allocated for innovative undergraduate improvement at UNL. Lovitt said NU officials "haven't gotten exactly what this means" yet. He said this sum goes beyond the so-called Bereuter funds for improvement of undergraduate education allocated last year.

### Recommendations

The committee recommended NU receive its requests of \$75,000 for the College of Dentistry, \$120,000 for women's athletics, \$42,000 for graduate studies and research and \$20,000 for affirmative action. Affirmative

action programs are to enable NU to comply with federal laws, Lovitt said.

Included in the committee's recommended extra operating costs is \$110,000 for the library system. Some \$371,000 of operating expenses have been recommended for the maintenance of new buildings such as the Life Science Bldg. and the Nebraska East Union.

The committee met the regents' requested 5 per cent inflationary budget for other operating costs.

The requested 5.5 per cent increase for faculty and administrative salaries was recommended. The committee also suggested the salaries of full-time clerical and graduate student employees be boosted 3 per cent plus \$240.

NU employees paid lower salaries will receive a higher percentage of increased pay, Lovitt said.

## short stuff

Tassels, UNL spirit organization, will elect officers for 1977-78 at their meeting Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted.

This week the continuing *Womenspeak* series focuses on "Marriage Contracts," the legal aspects and personal experiences from guest speakers. The discussion will be held today at noon at Centennial Hall Sun room, 540 N. 16th.

Michael Graves, Architectural Award winner and professor at Princeton University will speak today at 3:30 p.m. in Sheldon Auditorium.

The Prayer and Praise organization will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks Church, 1309 R St.

The UNL Tolkien Fellowship organization will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the

Union. Room number will be posted.

The Baha'i Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The College-Career Christian Fellowship organization will meet at 7:30 tonight in the Union.

The UNL Table Tennis Club will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Union North and South Conference Rooms.

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Union. The committee lobbies for students on local, state and national government levels.

The UNL Gay Action Group will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the living room of UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th.

The Lincoln Backgam-

mon Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Brannigan's party room, 1228 "P" St.

Gerald Whelan, Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor will speak at the Ag Econ Agra Business Club meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

The ROTC Aero Space Studies is sponsoring a lecture on "Leadership & Management Problems in the U.S. Air Force" on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Union Program Council Talks & Topics Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Community Involvement Services is sponsoring a workshop, "The Changing Community—The Changing Volunteer," April 14 and 15. Registration packets are available in the Student Affairs office. For more information call Community Involvement Services, 472-2484.

7 p.m. — Table Tennis Club, Union Conference Rooms.

7 p.m. — Baha'i Association, Union 222.

7 p.m. — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Union 225 G-F-H.

7:30 p.m. — College Career Christian Fellowship, Union 202.

7:30 p.m. — Math Counselors, Union 225 B-C.

7:30 p.m. — Delta Sigma Pi, Union 232.

8 p.m. — Free University "Beginning Bridge", Union Harvest Room A.

8 p.m. — Delta Sigma Pi Pledges, Union 337.

## calendar

3:30 p.m. — Panhellenic, Union 232.

6 p.m. — Mexican American Student Association Advisory Board, Union 203.

6 p.m. — Towne Club, Union Harvest Room B-C.

6:30 p.m. — Fees Allocation Board sub-committee IV, Union 243.

7 p.m. — Free University "The Game of Go", Union 202.

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