

Marching band Memphis-bound

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The UNL band is Liberty Bowl-bound and will take off for the muddy river banks in Memphis Dec. 17, thanks to a \$30,000 increase in the expense allowance from the Big 8.

UNL Chancellor Roy Young Thursday announced that the band and the football team will make all-expense paid trips to Memphis as UNL representatives.

Originally the Liberty Bowl had provided \$95,000 for UNL to send its football team to the game.

Ned Hedges, vice chancellor of student affairs, said Young contacted Big 8 officials and "sought some adjustment so the band could go" to the bowl game along with the team.

Young said Bob Devaney, UNL athletic director, requested the increase from the Big 8 athletic directors and faculty representatives, currently meeting in Kansas City.

He said he and Keith Broman, UNL faculty representative, placed similar requests with the Big 8 officials.

The bowl committee responded with an additional \$30,000 for the band's expenses, bringing the total UNL expense allowance to \$125,000.

The Big 8 receives the receipts from the bowl games and part of the receipts are set aside for the schools' bowl expenses.

Hedges said the allowance increase means the band will not have to sponsor a fund drive as they have in the last two years. Last year, the band's trip to Houston and the Astro-BlueBonnet Bowl cost about \$35,000.

Although the band was allotted \$5,000 less than it needed to finance its trip last year, Young and Hedges said they did not think it would be necessary for a fund-raising drive by the band.

Young said a fund-raising by the band might interfere with the NU Foundation drive currently underway.



Photo by Ted Kirk

The Cornhusker Marching Band definitely is going to Memphis and the Liberty Bowl.

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Colonel Lawrence W. Jackley, senior military adviser to the United States negotiating team.

Jackley: continued U.S. control could turn Panama into enemy

By John Ortmann

Congressional rejection of the Panama Canal treaties signed by President Carter could lead to attacks on the canal and increased troop commitments to defend it, according to the senior military adviser to the United States negotiating team.

Col. Lawrence W. Jackley, at a press conference at the Nebraska Union Thursday, said continued American control could turn Panama into an enemy. The military could not guarantee continuous and efficient use of the canal under those conditions, he said.

With passage of the treaties, Panama will receive more benefits from the canal and have more interest in keeping the canal open, he said.

Jackley, whose current assignment is to promote support for the treaties, said it would be helpful if opponents of the treaties read them, adding many people do not understand the United States' rights under the treaties.

Jackley said the first of the proposed treaties would allow the United States to run the canal until 1999 with Panama's increasing involvement. The second treaty would guarantee Panama's neutrality for an indefinite period and would prevent a third nation from operating the canal.

However, he said, most people he has encountered are interested and looking for information on the treaties.

Jackley said contrary to popular belief the U.S. is not paying Panama to take the canal. Panama's increased revenue under the treaties will come from tolls charged to ships using the canal, he said.

The U.S. will retain the right to defend the canal and bar foreign troops from Panamanian soil.

Tolls may have to be raised 30 to 35 percent, he said, adding that the increase will raise shipping costs by a small amount.

He said the canal currently saves shippers over one billion dollars on 13,000 transits per year at an average toll of \$11,000 per transit. Loss of the canal, however, would add \$100,000 to the cost of sending a ship to Japan, he said.

Jackley said the cost of shipping a long ton (2,240 pounds) of soybeans from Nebraska to Japan would increase 30 cents per ton under the new rates as opposed to a 50 percent increase if the canal were closed, forcing vessels to find longer routes. The cost of a car imported from Japan would increase by \$3, he said.

The U.S. is not passing off an obsolete facility, he said, explaining that all U.S. Navy warships except the 13 big carriers can use the canal. He added that 90 percent of the commercial ships are being designed to use it.

Jackley said he expects Congress to ratify the treaties by a small margin.

Reaction to graduate tuition increase negative

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Differentiated graduate tuition at the University of Nebraska has received more negative response than semester tuition statements.

Various committees and councils at the three NU campuses have registered opposition to the proposed idea of charging graduate students a higher tuition rate than undergraduates.

At UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, tuition is \$21 a credit hour. At the NU Medical Center, students pay \$14.25 per quarter or \$21 a semester for every credit hour. There is no special rate for graduate students.

At last month's NU Board of Regents meeting, a report examining the possibility of differentiated tuition at NU was presented to the three campus chancellors. In the interim, all three have conducted some type of study and presented the results to NU President Ronald Roskens, according to Steven Sample, executive vice president for academic affairs.

Sample, speaking for Roskens who was out of town Thursday, said the president will use the reports to formulate his recommendation to the regents. It is unknown when the recommendation will be forwarded to the regents.

Overall reaction to the proposal has been negative. NU officials contacted Thursday voiced little support for a differentiated tuition scale.

The Executive Graduate Council of the NU Graduate College is strongly opposed to split tuition rates, Sample said. The council, composed of representatives from all three campuses, forwarded their opinion to Roskens,

according to Sample.

At UNL, Chancellor Roy Young said that since graduate assistantships do not pay enough money to be competitive with other universities, raising graduate tuition would be unacceptable.

The assistantships, which pay graduate students filling research or teaching positions, are "all at a lower level than what they should be," Young said. He added that an increase of \$700 to \$1,000 would be necessary to make NU competitive with other universities for graduate assistantships.

"We are looking toward exemption of tuition for graduate teaching and research assistants," Young said, but added that will not be done until the level of assistantships is increased.

Until that time, according to Young, an increase in graduate tuition would deter students from enrolling in NU's Graduate College.

A committee appointed by Young to study the feasibility of higher graduate tuition at UNL concluded that higher graduate tuition is not acceptable.

"An appreciable increase for graduate students would put NU out of competition with other universities," Russell Nelson, acting associate dean for UNL Graduate Studies, said.

Nelson defined "appreciable" as an increase of 20 percent or more.

Nelson, who helped the committee prepare their data, said the report reviewed graduate tuition levels at other Big 8 and Big 10 universities. At the schools having differentiated tuition levels, graduate tuition varied from as

low as 4 percent to as high as 71 percent over undergraduate tuition, according to the report.

In the Big 8, the University of Oklahoma and Iowa and Oklahoma State Universities have differentiated graduate tuition.

At UNO, provost Herbert Garfinkel said the proposal has been greeted with very little enthusiasm.

To say that all graduate courses cost more than undergraduate classes is wrong, according to Garfinkel.

If the principle of charging tuition on the basis of what the actual course costs is to be applied to all NU courses, some tuition charges would have to be lowered, Garfinkel said.

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