Passage of budget lump sum allocation 'unlikely'

By Tam Lee

The governor's wishes on how state funds should be allocated to NU probably will not be granted by the Nebraska Legislature, according to Appropriations Committee chairman Jerome Warner of Waverly.

Gov. J. James Exon, in keeping with a request by the NU Board of Regents, recommended in his annual state of the state and budget address Friday that NU receive \$107,729,233 in lump sum. If Exon gets his way, it will be up to the re-gents to distribute the money among programs on the three campuses.

Warner said the Appropriations Committee probably will recommend that a specific amount be allocated to each cam-pus, the central administration and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The NU administration should be given a free hand in distributing the money to individual programs within each campus, he said, because the tight budget would make such flexibility necessary.

Warner said it is "very unlikely" that NU will get a lump sum appropriation because state senators traditionally have allocated money to NU by campus or by program.

"Senators feel more comfortable when they know where the money is going, Warner said.

Appropriations Committee member William Hasebrook of West Point also disagrees with Exon's method of funding the university.

"I want to be sure we get the money down where it's supposed to go-to teaching," Hasebrook said. "If the university gets all its money in a lump sum, some programs get shorted."

Exon said in his speech that his recommendation for funding NU "is in keeping with the recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision."

But Warner said the court ruling last summer did not affect the Legislature's right to allocate state funds however it sees fit. The court said the Legislature does not have the power to tell the university what to do with self-generated funds, such as tuition. The court ruled that regents have that responsibility.

Warner said Exon had "political reasons" for delegating responsibility to the regents for distributing state money.

"If the university complains that funds were not properly allocated, the governor can point to the regents and say they misallocated the funds," he said.

Exon's \$107.7 million recommendation for NU is far short of the administration's request of \$114.2 million. But Exon's budget probably is close to the amount the Committee Appropriations recommend.

Committee vice chairman Douglas Bereuter of Utica speculated last week that NU would be allocated between \$107 million and \$109 million.

Included in Exon's budget is a 6.5 per-

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cent increase in state employees' salaries. This recommendation does not provide enough money to fund NU's number one priority, a 9 percent increase in faculty salaries and 7 percent increase for other NU employees.

Roskens and the campus chancellors will have to decide whether to cut spending in other areas to raise salaries, according to William Erskine, executive vice president of the NU administration. He said it is too early to make that decision, however, since the Legislature has not approved the final budget yet.

Erskine added that the governor's budget did not provide for inflation on necessary university purchases.

Ed Schwartzkopf, regents' chairman, said the budget dia ... provide enough money in capital improvements to pay for improvements mandated by the state, such as making buildings accessible to the handi-

capped. Exon recommends \$8,439,000 in maintain current capital construction to maintain current operations, but authorized no new construction.

Schwartzkopf said increasing faculty salaries still is the top priority, and every effort would be made to improve them.



Photo by Mark Billingsh These two Russell Stover customers may be reading the chocolate swirls to discover the mysterious filling.

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matter of reading the swirls

By Mary Fastenau

You may not be able to read the messages in your lover's eyes as you receive Valentine candy, but you can read the candy.

No longer do you need to stick your finger through the chocolate covering or break a piece in half and glue it back together to discover the internal mystery.

Now you can know what that chocolate is covering.

Sarah Donohoe, 17, says it is possible to tell what kind of Russell Stover candy you are biting before you take the fatal chomp.

Donohoe, a Lincoln East senior who is a part-time employee at the Russell Stover store at Gateway, said that every employee must be able to distin-

guish between candies. The first step to reading candy is to learn the language of swirls. Donohoe said the swiris on top of the chocolates are for a special reason.

There are six basic letters in the swirl alphabet. The first is a triangle with lightly indented ends. There also is a string marking and a circle marking.

The bar marking is more complicated and looks like a rectangle missing one long side. The cup marking also is a rectangle, but has the ends caved in.

Ths sixth letter is called the rough marking . This is where candy creators are creative and invent a set of indescribable swirls.

Markings, shapes and coverings combine to tell what is inside.

For example, a vanilla cream is round in both milk and dark chocolate with a triangle marking on top. An orange cream only comes in dark chocolate with a round shape and a circle swirl on top.

There is no pattern to assigning swirls, but if you have a fear of biting into an almond cluster instead of a chocolate caramel, Russell Stover has a chart which explains the system.

right for the number of times p refer to her UNL appearance. Too bad, because by now she probably would have made more money than she originally re-ceived for coming here.

No one talks about mandatory student fees without talking about campus speakers without talking about Jane Fonda. Too bad.

Both the Young Americans for Freedom who oppose mandatory student fees and forces such as ASUN and UPC who support these fees often cite her name.

The speakers recruited by the Talks and Topics Committee this year may or may not have presented a balance of conserva-tive and liberel viewpoints. But either way only a few cents of the \$66.50 you paid in student fees supported the speaker program.

And the rest of your money? Well 5 percent of it supported student organizations. The other 95 percent went into a mysterious booby pile initialed Fund B. But, once again, back to Jane Fonda.

The speakers are funded by only a small part of your student fees. The rest of that 5 percent takes care of campus organiza-tions like ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the Union Program Council.

NU Board of Regents will examine the task force's recommendations Saturday. The Regents have as much jurisdiction over the task force report as they do con-cerning your student fees-the final word.

The task force does not specially refer to the speaker issue, but it suggests the continuation of money to ASUN, UPC and the Daily Nebraskan.



The UPC allocation contains the Talks and Topics Committee budget. The task force recommendation would not alter

the speaker program. The Regents legally can alter student fee spending to support campus speakers. Lawsuits have ruled the regents may use student fee money to support a speaker program but these lawsuits leave the regents some discretion.

In a memorandum to ASUN, Student Legal Services Director Robert Lange notes court decisions "did not hold or even imply that the Regents had to use the stulent fees for the support of such activities." Continued on page 14



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Report stresses student press ethics

By Todd Hegert

The NU Board of Regents should have closer contact with student newspapers at UNL and UNO but no power to censor what they publish, according to a report to be submitted to the regents.

The report, compiled by a university-wide commission headed by Neal Copple, director of the UNL School of Journalism, will be presented to the regents at the Feb. 18 meeting.

The report supports the policy of a student press free of censorship, which was established by the regents in 1918. How-ever, it suggests tighter ethical codes be es-tablished by the publications board, which acts as publisher for campus newspapers like the Daily Nebraskan.

The report was requested after several gents criticized the Daily Nebraskan and

the Gateway, UNO's student newspaper. Copple said no specific criticisms were made about material published in the Daily Nebraskan when the report was requested. The Copple Commission, he said, was

given three goals when its members were appointed by NU President Ronald appointed Roskens:

-To clarify the role of the publications board as publisher of student newspapers -To review the financial status of stu-

dent newspapers -To review ethical codes used by student newspapers

Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf said the report request grew primarily out of his dissatisfaction with First Down, a football

program produced by the advertising department of the Daily Nebraskan.

The report contains proposals for com-bining the efforts of the Daily Nebrastan advertising staff and the UNL Athletic Department to produce a single football program.

The report suggests that the Daily Nebraskan staff sell ads to replace a ma-tionally syndicated insert currently used in athletic department programs. The Daily Nebraskan and the Athletic Department would split the profits according to the proposals. Schwartzkopf said he does not agree

with these proposals, but he resents the fact that First Down is published by the Daily Nebraskan and is not offered as a The service to students.

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