

Exon gives final approval to NU appropriations bill

By Rex Henderson

Governor J. James Exon Tuesday signed the appropriations bill that gives NU a little less than one-half of its 1978-79 operating budget.

Exon approved the entire bill, vetoing none of it. LB954 allocates \$107.8 million to the NU system, only \$124,000 more than the recommendation Exon submitted to the Nebraska Legislature in February.

But the allocation is far short of the regents' \$114.2 million request.

The only substantial difference between Exon's recommendation and the appropriations bill is that Exon asked for a lump-sum amount for NU while the Legislature broke it into separate allocations for each campus.

UNL will receive \$58.7 million, UNO will receive \$14.9 million, the NU Medical Center will receive \$17.7 million and the NU central administration will receive \$4.9 million.

The NU Board of Regents was allocated a \$650,000 discretionary fund. Edward

Schwartzkopf, regents' chairman has said that the money would be used for instruction.

UNL's allocation includes \$17.7 million for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Despite the \$6.2 million cut from the regents' request, faculty salary increases still will be the first priority next year, according to William Swanson, NU vice president for governmental relations.

Swanson said a "hard look" at the budget will be necessary to determine whether the regents' goal of 9 percent

salary increases for faculty and 7 percent for other employees can be met.

"I don't know what will happen," Swanson said.

"We thought we had a reasonable request when it went in (to the Appropriations Committee), he said. "But we recognize the constraints they (the legislators) are working under.

"Their decision is based on the revenue predictions."

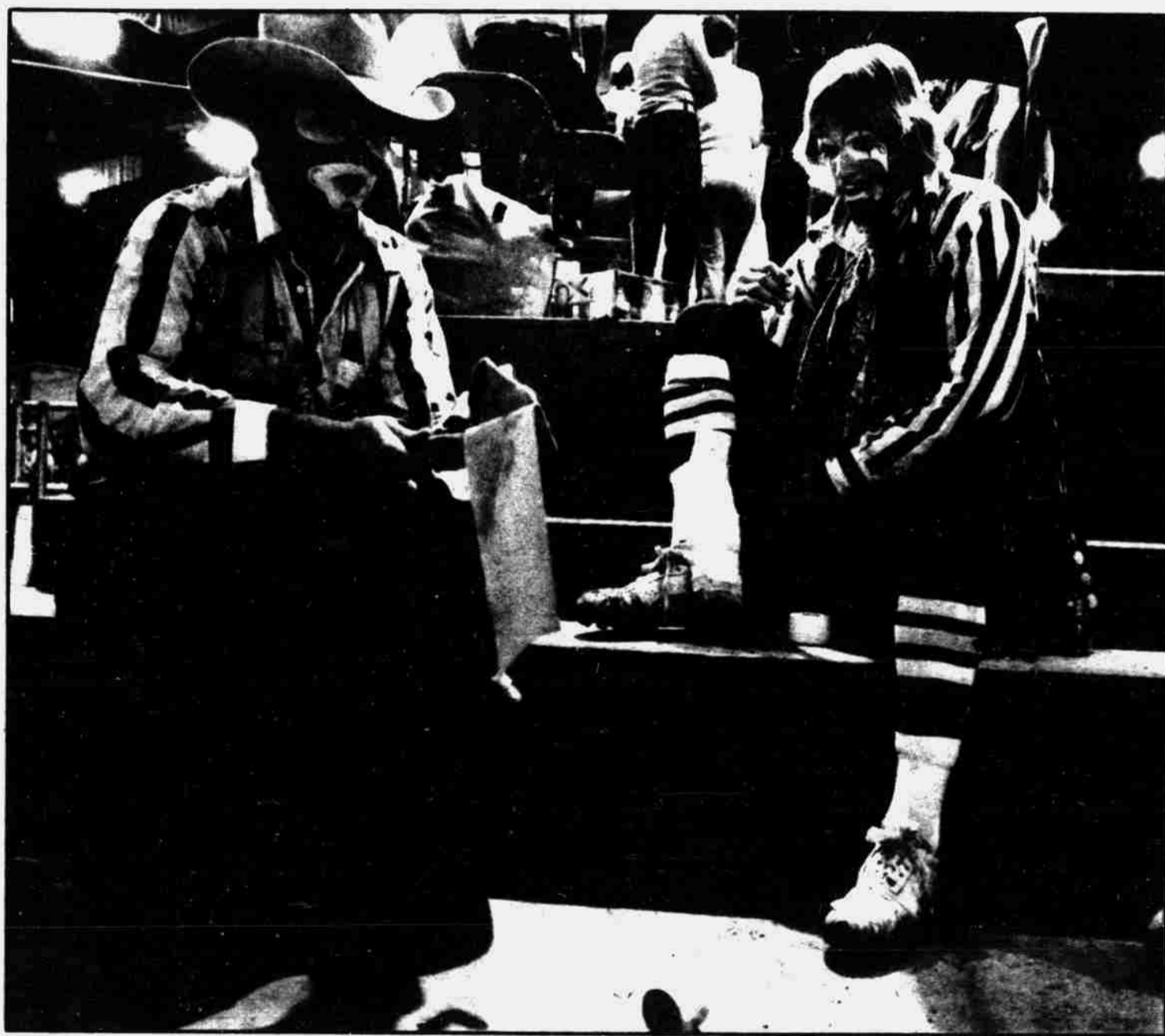
In accordance with a Nebraska Supreme Court decision handed down last summer, the regents have control over all cash

funds, federal revenue for the university and revolving funds.

The regents' original budget request included a \$1.50 per credit hour tuition increase.

In the intent bill accompanying the appropriations bill the Legislature called on the regents to "effectively reallocate existing resources" before raising tuition.

The intent bill also included a clause asking the faculty to concentrate on teaching and to reduce the dependency at NU on graduate teaching assistants in undergraduate classes.



Gordy Fair and Miles Hare (left to right) are rodeo clowns who participated in the University of Nebraska Intercollegiate Rodeo. See story on Page 7

UNL education cost to increase, officials

By Rod Murphy

Next fall, UNL students will spend more money for their university education than ever before, according to UNL administrators.

If present figures remain in effect, Nebraska students again will be part of the national trend of rising education costs.

The average unmarried Nebraska resident student should plan on spending about \$3,100 next year, or \$300 more than currently is spent, according to Ron Fritz, assistant director of financial aids.

Tuition and fees will cost about \$800; room and board \$1,335; books \$200; health insurance \$80 and personal expenses and transportation the remainder, Fritz said.

Room and board for students living away from home is the single most expensive cost they will bear.

For the fall semester, dormitory rooms will cost \$1,335 for a double and \$1,685 for a single. This is about a \$70 increase over the current rate, according to UNL housing office officials.

A double room during 1977-78 cost \$1,265. A single rented for \$1,615. In the 1976-77 school year, double rooms rented for \$1,225 and singles for \$1,575, housing personnel said.

Tuition and fees also represent high student costs. Although the NU Board of Regents have not acted on the issue, UNL officials expect tuition to go up about \$1 to \$1.50 a credit hour.

UNL resident students now pay \$21 a credit hour, and carry an average credit load of about 15 hours. In the past, tuition has been increasing annually about \$1 a credit hour.

Student fees now are \$66.50. The regents have not yet decided whether to increase that amount.

Time strips pride from building, forces tenant eviction

By Mary Fastenau

It was paradise to some. It soon will be a parking lot.

Eldorado is painted across a gray, weathered sign in once-black, capital letters. There is an E on the silver screen door as if the building once was proud of its name.

It appears that the small red brick apartment building at 1219 K St. has lost all its pride.

The sidewalk is cracked and there are few signs of spring on the front lawn.

The Eldorado soon will be gone. But first, the tenants in its six apartments must find new places to live.

Thelma Kingston and Helen Bixby, both in their seventies, are two of the Eldorado's residents.

Their eviction notice arrived April 1, informing them they must move before May 31. The women said they knew that the building was to be destroyed before they received the notice.

They are not looking for sympathy—only a place to live.

Kingston said the women have looked for a new apartment but are spoiled because they have a seven-room apartment at the Eldorado.

Bixby said they had not had any luck in their apartment hunting and that she was ready to pitch a tent.

The Eldorado seems to be a place for meeting people. As the women sat talking, an upstairs neighbor came to visit bringing a large silver tabby cat.

Gary Spalti asked if the women had found a new apartment. He also has been having difficulties locating a new place to live.

Spalti said he will miss the Eldorado and its occupants.

"We are all almost like family," he explained. "We all have to get along very well, and we do."

Kingston and Bixby said they are the

"old people" in the building now.

"It is nice to have young people around," Kingston said. "They have been really good to us."

Kingston said she and Bixby are afraid they will not be able to find another apart-

ment they can afford. Both said they also are worried about what will happen to their cats—Lummie, a silver tabby, and Sheba, a black long-hair—if they cannot take them with them.

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Thelma Kingston is a resident of the Eldorado apartment building destined for destruction this summer. Reminiscent of Joni Mitchell's song, the owners of the Eldorado are "paving paradise to put in a parking lot."

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