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Tuition increase for 1979-80 approved by Board of Regents

University of Nebraska students will pay higher tuition in the 1979-80 school year, and that decision did not meet the approval of UN-L student regent, Ken Marienau.

"We were a little disappointed that alternative proposals were not considered," Marienau said.

Marienau presented a budget plan to the Board of Regents, at their subcommittee meeting July 28, suggesting more state tax support rather than the tuition increase or reducing the budget by giving faculty flat dollar amount raises rather than percentage raises. Both proposals were rejected by the regents, as they voted on proposed budget guidelines for 1979-80.

President Ronald Roskens said, "In all our deliberations we tried to resist the necessity of considering a tuition increase, however, we must

realize that inflation is a reality in our economy."

The increase would raise tuition from \$22.50 to \$24 for resident students, from \$61 to \$65 for non-residents and by \$450 per year for medical students. The increase is expected to raise an additional \$900,000 from students.

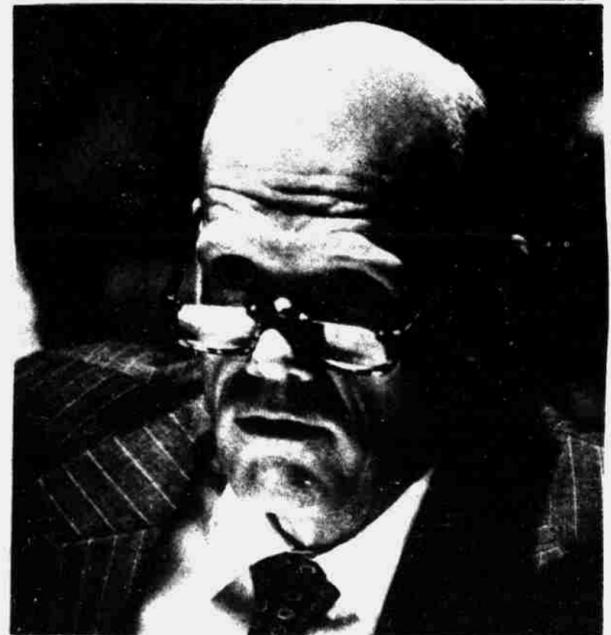
"The increased tuition will especially create hardships for out-of-state students," Marienau said.

Raskens said that students and taxpayers must share in the inflation fight.

Taxpayers will be requested to give \$112,099,191, in 1979-80, (a \$4 million increase from 1978-79) to the University, via the Legislature.

Regent chairman Ed Schwartzkopf said the legislature expects a tuition increase in the budget if asked to allocate more funds to the University.

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Student regent Ken Marienau (top) and University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens (above) presented different budget proposals to the regents.

Dorms overflow for third year

Approximately 100 men and 80 women will be assigned to temporary living quarters in residence hall lounges when school opens this fall, according to Douglas Zatechka, director of housing.

This is the third year that the number of students requesting rooms has outnumbered available space.

The number of upperclassmen returning to the halls is greater than any year since 1975, Zatechka said.

Zatechka said the final count in lounges will be determined by the number of freshman who register late and must be given living quarters and the number of students who cancel room reservations.

Freshmen and sophomores under 20 years of age are required by UN-L to live in University approved housing—residence halls or fraternities and sororities.

As of Aug. 28, 106 women and 67 men had requested more rooms than were requested last year. But Zatechka said there have also been more cancellations than in the past.

Zatechka said the housing office is making preparations to make the temporary quarters comfortable for the students. The office has ordered some additional furniture and will limit the number of students in the lounges to four. When two lounges are on a floor, such as in Abel Hall, only one lounge will be used for temporary quarters.

The target date is Oct. 1, Zatechka said, to offer permanent housing to students in the lounges.

Zatechka said the date is an estimate made on historical data of students who drop out of school or move to fraternities and sororities.

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State marijuana harvest offers high hopes

By George Wright

The marijuana harvest in Nebraska will begin soon, and Nebraska law officers will be on the watch for marijuana pickers.

"Wild marijuana is about four to four-and-a-half feet tall now," said Chief Deputy Delton E. Ziemann. "It will blossom and seed in two to three weeks and be mature. That's the time it's picked if the harvester knows what he's doing."

No special preparations are made by the sheriff's office to handle the pickers, but officers will watch fields for signs of harvesting of the illegal plant.

Ziemann said the marijuana attracts local as well as out-of-state people, usually from the east and west coasts and Denver. Nebraska's marijuana is supposedly of fairly good quality when compared to wild marijuana in the midwest, he said, but is not as potent as that which grows in Mexico.

"We've had attempts to fly the marijuana out of the state, back to California," he said. But the marijuana is usually transported in vans and pickup trucks. Some out-of-state people hire local people to do the harvesting for them, and have quite an extensive operation, he added.

The marijuana is usually sold in the state to the... Ziemann said...

it is spread out on a plastic sheet or moved to a different location to dry. Once a week or so our helicopter will survey fields to watch for harvesting,

and farmers also report harvesting activities."

Not all marijuana is left in the field to dry. Some people use heat lamps and



laundry dryers, Ziemann explained.

"We caught someone drying marijuana in a laundromat on West O Street," he said. "The marijuana was taken in pillow cases to the laundry."

Drying the marijuana is necessary so it will not mold when it is pressed and packaged. Ziemann said homemade presses, some resembling garbage compactors, are confiscated with large loads of marijuana. The dried marijuana is packaged in kilo lots (two pounds, two ounces), which are about two inches thick and four by eight inches in size.

The sheriff's department has made some large arrests, confiscating 250-300 pounds of marijuana, but marijuana packages that are still wet and contain stems can weigh 1,000 to 1,500 pounds.

The marijuana harvest is concentrated in the eastern part of the state. State Patrol Investigator R. J. Hagge said, because marijuana requires a wet climate which the Sandhills and western Nebraska do not have. Marijuana grows wild near rivers and along fences in cornfields in the state.

This summer the State Patrol will call farmers in eastern Nebraska to remind them it is marijuana harvesting time and to contact the law enforcement officials if they notice harvesting activities.

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