

# Regents accept Roskens' budget proposal, raise tuition

By Brenda Moskovits

While many UNL students were in their hometowns forgetting about homework and tuition, university decision-making continued.

The NU Board of Regents approved a 1979-80 budget proposal which asks the state for over \$112 million and asks students for an additional \$3 per credit hour.

NU President Ronald Roskens' budget proposal, accepted at the Regents' July meeting, includes a 4 percent increase in state financing from \$107,794,944 received this fiscal year to \$122,099,191.

If a 6.5 percent proposed tuition increase is approved by the Legislature, Nebraska students will pay \$24 a credit hour (from \$22.50) next year and out-of-state students will pay \$65 a credit hour (from \$61).

Medical student tuition would increase

by \$450 next year under the budget proposals.

### Request \$2 million

Also included in the request is \$2 million from the state's general fund to replace university cash balances used for salary increases last year.

Roskens said he requested a tuition increase "with great reluctance. We added in an inflation factor based on the best evidence we could find."

Another factor in the increase is "the national trend toward smaller credit hour loads," Roskens said.

"Many beyond the traditional college age are coming back or starting college careers," he said.

These students are taking fewer credit hours per semester, creating a lower university-wide credit hour total on which tuition is based, Roskens said.

Had no tuition increase been approved, the university would have needed a 5.3 per-

cent (compared to four percent— increase in state financing, to \$113,503,365, according to a release from Roskens' office. "We simply didn't feel we could ask for all that from the state treasury," he said.

### NU highest tuition

Last year, NU had the highest in-state tuition in the Big Eight, according to Roskens. Although unsure of what other Big Eight tuition hikes would be, Roskens said "there is no doubt we're one of the highest."

"We really have a very minimal budget request just to keep abreast of where we are," Roskens said.

The budget maintains present services, but provides for no new ones, he said.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff, voting against the proposal, said this would be the fourth year in a row the budget offered no improvements. Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber also opposed the request.

The budget also includes no specific amount for salary increases, Roskens said.

"Recognizing the economic circumstances of the state, we decided because we had given great emphasis to salary improvement in recent years, we would not place great emphasis on that this year," he said.

### Employees get increase

The proposed budget asked that university employees receive the same salary increase awarded to all other state employees.

"Our requests in recent years have been in amounts that exceed that," Roskens said. "Frankly, we are somewhat behind (in faculty salaries) in reference to like institutions."

If approved, salary increases would not be "across the board" but would take into account merit considerations," Roskens said.

Estimated increases included in the budget are:

—Over \$5.7 million to account for eight percent inflation of purchased goods, including medical supplies, utilities and postage which are expected to increase above eight percent.

—\$45,000 to operate the agricultural engineering annex for the rest of its first year.

—\$423,712 to operate the UNO Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building opening in September, 1979.

—\$270,000 for additional staff to keep pace with increased enrollment at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

—\$116,500 for taking over the last phase of academic programs transferred from student fees to general funding.

—\$215,750 to bring womens' athletic programs in compliance with Title IX regulations.

—\$165,000 to operate the new Student Information System.

—\$200,000 in additional costs for contracting Nebraska veterinary students to study at other institutions.

—\$141,310 to begin tuition waivers for graduate assistants and to begin a summer graduate assistant program at UNO.

### Construction budget approved

Also approved over the summer was a \$9.7 million capital construction budget to be submitted to the legislature for 1979-80.

Included in the request would be \$1.5 million for a water chiller to cool the east campus, \$1 million to remodel Bessey Hall, \$750,000 to convert the former UNO Library to offices, \$678,000 to remodel the old Medical Center nursing college, \$600,000 to buy properties within proposed boundaries of UNO west expansion and \$472,000 to buy the Hattie B. Monroe Pavillion at the Medical Center, according to Roskens.



**Mr. Bike**

## Welcome Students

Let us show you

**"The Worlds Finest Bicycles"**

at the Lowest Prices

We repair all makes and models

Only 5 blocks from campus

19th & 'O'

90 Days Same as Cash

477-4711

# MAURICES

GUNNY'S COMPLEX  
245 North 13th Street



THEY'RE HERE!

Vests galore. Over layers of shirts in great looking plaids and new dusty colors. Loose tunics and exotic gauze separates top our newest roll-up straight leg jeans.

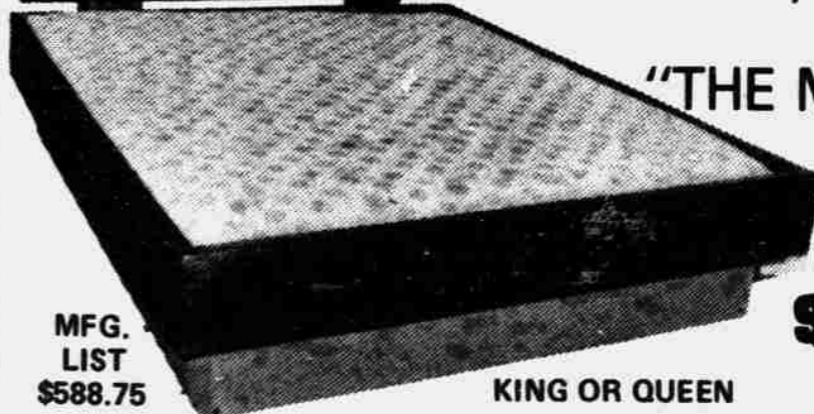
The look for Fall is Annie Hall... and we've got it big! Every detail is up to the minute from head to toe, as shown here in our bold Fall fashion statement.

Vests \$13  
Plaid Shirts \$14  
Big Tops \$16  
Jeans \$22

Fashion

doesn't cost a fortune at MAURICES!

**WATERBEDS** SAVE 30% to 50%  
by purchasing from  
our direct factory show rooms!



"THE MADISON"

NOW ONLY  
**\$199**  
COMPLETE

KING OR QUEEN

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIAL!**

ASK ABOUT OUR  
LIFETIME FRAME  
WARRANTY

2316 N. 72nd St. Omaha - 393-1199  
1018 N. Saddle Creek Omaha - 551-0444  
508 W. Third St. Grand Island - 381-2570  
106 E. 6th St. North Platte

**WATERBED  
WORLD**

**1907 'O'  
LINCOLN  
474-3171**



**ANDY'S**  
QUICK SERVICE SUPREME  
1123 R St. Next to Nebr. Book

First Days Special

Any sandwich  
and small drink **\$1.00**

(Aug. 23 thru Aug. 28 only)

One coupon per customer

- Homemade soup and zucchini bread
- Fresh baked pastry
- Delicious sandwiches

Dannon Yogurt and Danny-O soft serve FREE  
samples of Dannon Yogurt given away Monday Aug. 28th

Open 8am-3:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

Also open football Saturdays