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Up, up and away goes the rising cost of NU's tuition

Somebody has to pay for inflation at NU and it looks like the students and the Nebraska taxpayers will.

NU President Ronald Roskens proposed a 6.5 tuition increase to the NU Board of Regents for NU's 1979-80 budget.

If this is approved it would raise tuition from \$22.50 for resident students to \$24 and shoot non-resident students tuition from \$61 to \$65. Medical students' tuition would increase by \$450 next year.

Roskens also told the Regents that with a tuition increase, the needed money from the State General Fund for 1979-80 is over \$112 million, an increase of four percent.

Last year the Regents increased tuition from \$21 to the current \$22.50.

It's a reasonable question to ask what students are getting for the increase to \$22.50. The answer is the privilege of paying the cost of inflation.

If the increase to \$24 passes in all probability the save privilege will remain.

The increase is just to maintain and not cut anything from the budget. This has been the trend for the last four years. Tuition goes up, state funds go up and nobody gets a thing for the increase.

NU salaries won't go up, the classrooms aren't any smaller, and life just gets more expensive.

Roskens did take the time to tell the Regents that "the salary issue at the university is still of major concern and one that we must continue to address."

Roskens qualified his statement by saying, however, that the budget request didn't include a percentage increase for salaries and wages or corresponding benefits.

He went on to say, "We believe that the university should receive the same general percentage increase for

salaries and wages approved for all other state agencies."

It's likely that the Legislature won't find that an easy proposal to swallow.

But Roskens must think that will hopefully appease NU faculty and employees.

Yet, the Regents can be credited with appropriating money for the UNO Health Physical Education and Recreation Building scheduled to open in Sept. 1979, which UNO has needed.

They can add to their credit the beginning of a tuition waiver program for graduate assistants and summer tuition waiver program for graduate assistants at UNO, if the proposed increase passes.

Two Regents who said they would vote against the increase are Regents Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff and Robert Prokop of Wilbur.

Simmons voiced a concern for the students when he said he would vote against the proposed 6.5 increase because this is the fourth year in a row the budget would be offering no improvement.

For the fourth year in a row, students and Nebraska taxpayers are probably remembering former President Gerald Ford's advice and thinking about bring out the old bullet to bite.



California taxpayers, Carter critics are summer victors

It has been a tumultuous summer for America's politicians and their sometimes adversaries, the press.

The summer of '78 will probably be remembered as the summer of the tax revolt, when Californians voted to drastically cut property taxes which sent shock waves through the nation.

The so-called revolt spawned many champions and a few new heroes, crusty old Howard Jarvis, who led the effort for the California initiative and Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., the ex-quarterback who has become a presidential contender by campaigning a 30 percent slash in federal income taxes.

President Carter also suffered a stormy summer.

For the second year in a row, he endured a scandal among his staff. Last year Bert Lance, this summer, Peter Bourne, his advisor on drug abuse.

Bourne causes scandal

Bourne, who was cut loose from the White House much faster and cleaner than Lance, wrote a prescription for one of his aides using an assumed name and was forced to leave when it became public.

But, before he left, Bourne managed to create another controversy by stating his knowledge of marijuana and cocaine use by members of the White House staff.

So rather than enjoying the aftermath of a successful European summit, Carter was forced to once again go on the defensive.

Carter's losing battle with the Congress continued as his energy plan remained bottled up, his tax reform package gutted and his relations with individual members, especially the powerful Speaker of the House Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, became strained.

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Revolt in Nebraska

The tax revolt stretched its tenacles to Nebraska, with a special legislative session devoted to the subject and a proposal on the November ballot to place a 5 percent lid on local government spending.

The Nebraska political scene has been marked by a loud squabble between gubernatorial candidates Gerald Whelan and Charles Thone over the number and formats of their debates, providing more disagreement between the two than the debates themselves have shown.

The university has not been dormant over the summer with students once again being forced to swallow a tuition increase with no appreciable changes in the product

received.

The press suffered a long series of setbacks this summer.

Police searches

In their ruling on the Stanford Daily case, the Supreme Court justices sent a chill through the nation's newsrooms when they ruled that police could conduct unannounced searches of newspaper offices to look for material newspapers may have relating to police investigations.

This ruling prompted outraged reactions from newsmen and defenders of the First Amendment as well as legislation at the federal and state levels to prevent such searches.

The Court dealt another blow to the media when it ruled that news media were not allowed any greater access to public facilities than the general public, severely limiting press investigations into state institutions such as prisons and mental hospitals.

And the press is once again threatened in the muddled case of Myron Farber and the New York Times in New Jersey.

Martyrdom marred

Initially, the case dealt with Farber, who refused to turn over his notes on stories he wrote about a New Jersey doctor accused of murder to the judge handling the case.

Farber's journalistic martyrdom was subsequently diminished by the revelation that he had begun a book about the stories and had submitted a manuscript to his publisher for approval.

The case could still result in a major decision on the confidentiality of reporters' sources but it has lost some of its clarity with the possibility of a book.

All in all, the summer established groundwork for a very interesting fall as the president tries to bolster his image, Congress passes election year legislation, politicians run for office and the courts continue to rule on cases involving the press.



letters

The Daily Nebraskan welcomes letters and guest opinions. Choice of material will be based on timeliness and originality. Letters must be accompanied by the writer's name, but may be published under a pen name if requested.

Guest opinions should be typed, triple-spaced, on nonerasable paper. They should be accompanied by the author's name, class standing and major or occupation. All material submitted is subject to editing and condensation and cannot be returned to the writer.

Depth pieces suitable for the opinion/editorial page also are welcome. A variety of types of work will be accepted, including opinion pieces on timely subjects and depth reports. Material should be brought to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union, Room 34.

Free lance work occasionally is accepted. It also should be typed, triple-spaced, on nonerasable paper.

Monstrous 'welcome back' to students

This year, the Daily Nebraskan begins publication with a welcome back issue of 56 pages. It's the largest Daily Nebraskan ever published. It represents the work of more than 50 student staff members in news-editorial and advertising.

It's not easy to put out a monstrous issue like this. Copy was set in type and sent to the printers during three days. Production and advertising people worked about two weeks to finish their end.

Reporters, photographers and editors gave up the last few days of their summer vacation to dig up stories, shoot assignments and produce the paper.

The work comes with the territory, though.

The Daily Nebraskan is the ninth largest newspaper in the state.

We publish every day of the week, except Tuesday, with a circulation of 17,000.

Our budget is \$333,844, and 90 percent of that comes from advertising revenue.

This year, we will receive \$34,800 in student fees, which makes up the other 10 percent of our budget.

We also have planned to publish three special supplements this semester.

A magazine section will appear tri-weekly on Fridays. Magazine editor Amy Lenzen intends to include depth pieces that a daily newspaper usually doesn't have the time to research.

Ad lib, our entertainment supplement,

promises to inform and give you an in-depth perspective on musicians, the arts and television listings. Entertainment editor Casey McCabe will be responsible for Ad lib, which comes out every Thursday.

Our sports department will produce First Down, the football program, which is available on home game Saturdays. It will be directed by Sports Editor Jim Kay.

We promise to continue giving you a growing newspaper whose prime goal is to serve the readers of this campus.

We are optimistic that we can continue to give you thorough news coverage of the campus, while expanding to come city areas.

And welcome back.