More students to be eligible for grants under new plan

By Liz Austin

The types of financial aid available for UNL students will remain the same for the 1979-80 school year but some may increase, the acting financial aid director said.

Ron Fritz said current recipients may receive larger awards in areas of federal assistance as a result of President Carter's signing of the Middle Income Student Assistance Act on Nov. 1.

The legislation will increase the average Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, and more students will be eligible for grants, Fritz said. Under the act, students from families earning a yearly income between \$15,000 and \$25,000 and many independent students now will be eligible.

This year there were 2400 students receiving basic grants totaling \$2 million. As a result of the act this is expected to increase next year to 4000 students receiving grants totaling about \$3 million, Fritz said.

"The number of eligible students doubles while the dollar amount doesn't, because the additional students will be on the lower end of the award scale," Fritz

In other words, more students with higher incomes will be eligible, but only for small awards, he explained.

But Fritz stressed that these were only projections because "so much depends on

whether students receiving grants reapply." In addition, the act will increase funds available for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and Work-Study.

The act also removes the \$25,000 income-eligible ceiling on the Guaranteed Student Loan program making all students' income eligible for federally insured loans.

Banks and private lenders loan the money to students for a federally insured loan and the federal government pays the seven percent interest while the student is attending school.

To apply for financial aid for the summer and 1979-80 school year, with the exception of federally insured student loans and scholarships, students must file a financial aid form by Feb. 1.

The FAF and applications for FISLs and scholarships are available at the Financial Aid office.

The majority of students receive more than one type of financial aid, Fritz said. UNL financial aid deals in a "package concept," he said.

If a student is determined to have a need of \$3100 and is eligible for a \$800 basic grant, UNL may then award the student work-study with an earning limit of \$1100 and National Direct Student Loan worth \$1200, Fritz explained.

Fritz added that any employment on campus is considered a form of financial aid. He advised any student on financial aid applying for campus employment to check with the financial aid officer first.

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He also suggested that if an addition is built some

of the tickets be sold on a per game basis.

Wagner, however, agreed with Prokop's proposal. "I can't understand how anybody in good conscience can authorize an expenditure of \$575 a seat...when we can build a new stadium for \$75 a seat," he said, suggesting the board study the matter further.

Simmons described the whole issue as "a problem

where there isn't any good satisfactory answer."

Regent Robert Raun of Minden expressed the opposite

"The idea of moving the stadium off campus leaves me kind of cold," he said, saying there is "a kind of atmosphere," in having the game on campus, near the residence halls, student union and downtown Lincoln.

In a related matter, UNL Head Football Coach Tom Osborne received a new title and a salary increase Saturday.

Assume title

Osborne will assume the title of Assistant Director of Athletics, and will be the highest-paid coach in the Big Eight, receiving an \$8,000 increase in salary from \$36,040 to \$44,000 a year with a five-year contract.

Despite Marienau's request that the regents put off a decision on residence hall rates until next month, the board approved an \$80 increase, from \$1,335 to \$1,415 a year.

Marienau said because the request came during the last two weeks of last semester, the Residence Hall Association and the ASUN Senate were unable to discuss it.

Housing director Doug Zatechka told the board a decision was needed immediately to print contracts on time.

He said part of the halls overcrowding this year was be-

cause printing was delayed. The housing office did not know how fast contracts would come in and when to cut off upperclass (junior and senior) contracts to make room for lowerclassmen

who must be housed, he said. Housing contracts will go up \$90 to \$1,425 next year if the regents pass a new rate schedule for university ser-

vice employees next month. Last year the regents raised room and board rates \$70,

from \$1,265 to \$1,335.

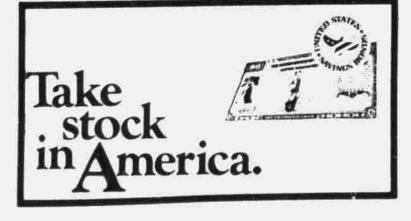
In other business:

-the regents heard a report from NU General Counsel Richard Wood that no legal barriers exist for putting student activity money into the ASUN credit union, but took no action,

-raised room rates at University Hospital and the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute,

-approved naming the Poultry Science Building

-took a position supporting building a regional veterinary medicine school in Lincoln.





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