

# UNL, UNO campuses to close between semesters

By Michelle Carr

The NU Board of Regents voted Friday to close the UNL and UNO campuses during the 1979 semester break, created a committee to study unauthorized UNL football ticket sales by students and faculty, and established capital construction priorities for 1980-81.

The regents approved the campus closings as a measure to conserve energy and cut down on utility costs.

The plan could save the university \$10,000 a day, according to William Erskine, executive vice president for administration.

In the past, non-professional university employees got four days off during the vacation - Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. With the new plan, employees will not work from Dec. 22 to Jan. 6. Two spring holidays will be transferred to December and employees will be required to take vacation for the other four days.

Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber suggested the board look into the unauthorized use of UNL football tickets by students and faculty who cannot sell them to others, under university policy.

Prokop said that in one issue of the Daily Nebraskan, he noticed 12 ads to sell and buy football tickets, even though the policy states that the tickets are for student use only. Prokop said he called one student who wanted to buy tickets and the student replied that he already had bought 150 tickets.

**PROKOP CALLED FOR** a stronger enforcement of the policy, stating that currently students are given only a brief reprimand after tickets are confiscated.

Prokop said he is concerned with ticket sales "especially when people of the state are interested in going to the games."

The board appointed Bud Cuca, UNL student regent, Prokop, Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, and UNL athletic director Bob Devaney to a committee to suggest possible enforcement practices.

The committee will study a photograph identification system to prevent ticket abuse, Cuca said.

The regents also approved capital construction priorities, including the renovation of Bessey Hall, which was moved from the eleventh priority to the fifth.

**REGENT KERMIT WAGNER** of Schuyler questioned the status of the Bessey Hall renovation, saying that using other buildings more efficiently during the day and night could eliminate the need to renovate Bessey Hall.

"Instead of spending money (for renovation) we should utilize classroom space to a higher density," Wagner said.

However, Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, said Bessey Hall is being renovated to house classes that require laboratories and cannot be in other buildings.

The regents also revised the other priorities on the proposed priority list. UNO land acquisition was moved from fourth priority to 13th. Prokop said he could see no reason for UNO to acquire land at this time.

University-wide energy conservation is the first priority. The regents will request \$4,267,000 from state funds in 1980 for the projects cost.

The second priority is remodeling the UNL Agricultural Engineering building on East Campus.

**IN OTHER BUDGET ACTION**, the regents approved a recommendation to require the administration to submit three different budget proposals to the board.

Regent James Moylan of Omaha recommended that the administration submit a budget figured at a 15 percent

increase in state aid, a 10 percent increase and a 7 percent increase in case the Legislature does not grant the requested 15 percent raise.

Wagner said preparing three budgets would require more work on the part of the administrators. Moylan replied, "It will take less work than it will next spring", referring to the revisions in budget that must be done if the Legislature refuses to fund a part of the budget.

Schwartzkopf said the regents need to be firm in their budget requests.

Schwartzkopf said if the regents were not prepared to fight for the requests, the Legislature will set a 7 percent increase as the maximum.

Schwartzkopf said he could not see how the university could operate on only a 7 percent increase.

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