

Thone: Regents must set budget priorities

By Gordon Johnson

Deciding how NU's budget should be spent is the job of the NU Board of Regents, not the Nebraska Legislature, Gov. Charles Thone said Monday night. Thone, an alumnus of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, spoke at a dinner Monday on subjects ranging from NU budget problems to life when he was a fraternity member. He spoke at UNL's Phi Gamma Delta house.

Thone said his staff has been going over the budget in detail but did not name specific areas where budget cuts are needed.

"I am well aware that there are some problems here," Thone said. It has recently been suggested in the Legislature that it be given authority to distribute money rather than the regents, Thone said.

However, Thone maintained that the regents should set budget priorities, not the Legislature.

If it is felt that the regents are doing a poor job, then the people should elect new regents, Thone said.

A substantial portion of the NU budget has gone to the NU medical center and UNO, in past years which takes money away from UNL, he said.

"I know some of you have been upset about tuition increases," he said. He proposed no solutions to this problem.

The questions asked of Thone also ranged to the subject of the presidential elections.

"I AM SUPPORTING Ronald Reagan. I know him," Thone said.

Thone cited Reagan's record as governor of California. "I think he was a superb governor in California," he said.

However, one area that could handicap Reagan is the ex-governor's age, he said. Reagan is 69.

There is no doubt in his mind, Thone said, that Reagan will be the Republican nominee.

The governor spoke enthusiastically about the nation's energy future.

The nation has a substantial amount of coal and has great geo-thermal possibilities, but the country must start solving the energy problem by conserving, he said.

"But conservation is one thing we can all work on," said.

And "nuclear energy is something we have to use," Thone said.

He said that all the problems with nuclear energy have not been solved, but the country has little choice but to

go ahead with nuclear energy.

"THREE MILE ISLAND is not the problem," he said. "The big problem is what to do with the nuclear waste."

Thone also recalled his days at UNL. He said he was a pledge at the fraternity in 1943, his junior year. He started college at the age of 16.

Thone was fraternity president in the 1948-49 school year, at which time he said tuition was about \$60 a semester.



Governor Charles Thone

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Some student fee money lost on UPC concert cancellation

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Although some student fee money was lost in the cancellation of a concert sponsored by the concerts committee of the University Program Council, the exact amount of student money lost cannot be determined, according to two UPC officials.

UPC lost \$2,000 by cancelling an Ozark Mountain Daredevils concert, which was scheduled for Oct. 14, according to Randy Clay, a UPC concerts committee member.

Tony Warner, program coordinator for Campus Activities and Programs, said student fee money was involved in the \$2,000 loss, but because the UPC operates on both student fee money and money generated from UPC activities, the exact amount can't be determined.

Stuart Kolnick, head of the UPC concerts committee, said the \$2,000 was part of the money used by the program council for all university programming. He said in this case, "the money was budgeted for something that didn't happen."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong said that if a student fee financed organization lost money on a "given venture," no additional student fee money would be given to replace the loss.

The cancellation of the concert was attributed to low ticket sales, according to several UPC concert committee members.

If the concert had been held as scheduled, UPC would have lost approximately \$10,000, Clay said.

The \$2,000 lost was used in advertising and promotion of the concert, Kolnick said.

Committee members said they thought there was sufficient publicity. Kolnick said the advertising was handled well.

UPC members said the concert failed to

draw a large crowd because the Ozark Mountain Daredevils appeared at Cornstalk, UNL's spring student concert, in 1978. UPC member said that since many students that are in school now may have went to that concert, they might have felt that this concert would be of the same quality.

Another reason was because the Ozark Mountain Daredevils haven't released any new material, UPC members said.

"The group didn't have any hits lately," Clay said.

Kolnick added that the group is not currently as popular as some other groups, and as a result, their concerts will not draw as large of crowds.

However, committee members added, that the Ozark Mountain Daredevils were the biggest "name group" that could be scheduled for Homecoming Week.

The UPC concerts committee, which consists of 20 to 25 members, meets once a week during the school term, and it is currently in the process of attempting to organize one or two concerts for UNL students in the coming spring semester.

The UPC committee has sponsored one other major concert this year. The Leo Kottke concert held last Friday at Nebraska Wesleyan University was sponsored in part by UPC.



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Vic Herdenkader employee for the UNL maintenance department throws the switch to heat up the UNL campus and the State Capitol building. Steam heat is used to overpower the winter winds that have taken over Lincoln.

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