

## Legislature cuts \$750,000 from NU budget request

By Gordon Johnson

In the second round of budget discussions Monday, the Legislature's Appropriations Committee tentatively cut \$750,000 from the NU budget request which would have upgraded NU employee retirement benefits.

During the budget meeting, senators discussed cutting \$250,000 which would help pay Student Union utilities. They also moved the NU ombudsmen's offices from the "cut" list back onto the tentative budget.

Last week the committee made a list of tentative bud-

get cuts and additions. Monday the committee went through the items listed as top priority cuts and additions to whittle the budget down to \$650.9 million.

The senators also tentatively agreed to appropriate \$7 million in Legislative discretionary funds for the implementation of other bills passed this session.

Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln said that the \$750,000 in employee retirement improvement money would be the smart place to cut the budget since the Legislature failed to pass LB817, which would have allowed the NU Board of Regents to raise the amount of money withheld

from employee salaries to pay for increased pensions.

The NU budget request asked for \$421,816 for UNL employees, \$123,673 for UNO, \$198,737 for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and \$5,774 for central administration employees.

Sens. Donald Dworak of Columbus and Ralph Kelly of Grand Island asked the committee to cut \$221,095 for NU and state college student union utilities.

"I don't believe the student unions are a tax-supported institution," Kelly said. "They are a private club for the students."

Kelly acknowledged that people other than students use the union, saying the unions should charge more for their services to meet rising energy costs.

The two senators were unsuccessful in an earlier attempt to get the utilities removed from the priority list. However, they were successful last week in getting the NU ombudsmen's offices funding request cut.

This week, the senators decided to go ahead with financial support for the two offices located on the UNL and UNO campuses. The \$88,588 request broke down to \$47,868 for the UNL ombudsman's office and \$40,720 for the UNO ombudsman's office.

The regents have asked the Legislature for a total appropriation of \$133.6 million for fiscal year 1980-81. Gov. Charles Thone has recommended that NU receive only \$125.9 million.

The university's appropriation would be a sizeable chunk of the entire state budget of \$657.9 million, which represents a 7.7 percent increase over last year's appropriation.

The governor's recommendations for the university is 8.5 percent over this year's level, but the regents have asked for a budget increase of 15 percent.



Photo by Jon Natvig

The low temperature and evening haze set the scene for the full moon rising Sunday evening. Hopefully, we can look forward to some spring weather if the old cliché, "In like a lion, out like a lamb," holds true for the month of March.

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## Academic malnutrition hampering UNL-Munson

By Kent Warneke

**Editor's note:** This is the second in a series of profiles on ASUN presidential candidates. The profiles appear in the order candidates' names appear on the ballot.

The signs of malnutrition already are evident on the UNL campus and starvation is just around the corner, according to one ASUN presidential candidate.

Tim I. Munson said the starvation is not in terms of physical wants or needs, but in terms of academic excellence at UNL.

"And in the past, all starving people have risen up against the oppressive regimes and that is what I'm going to work for here," Munson said.

Munson is the presidential candidate of the LSD party. His running mates are Dan Swinarski for first vice president and Paul Richardson for second vice president.

Although Munson is pursuing what he calls drastic and radical changes in a generally conservative state, he said he does not believe that he will hit a dead end.

"A recent example is the situation in Iran, where a basically conservative religious group of people was by no means conservative in the means they have attempted to achieve their goals," Munson said.

#### Personal goal

Munson said his goal is to make UNL one of the 10 most influential universities in the nation.

However, to accomplish the goal, many things will be needed to be abolished or radically changed, he said.

ASUN still will be called by the same name under Munson's proposals, but will be in effect a coalition with the faculty senate, because they are employees of the university and serve the students, Munson said.

The abolition of the NU Board of Regents also will be called for if he is elected, Munson said, and in upcoming elections, a minimum grade point average of 3.25 would be required to run for an ASUN senatorial position.

"It's time that the true leaders of the campus come from the academic ranks," Munson said. "Others don't

deserve to be in a position to determine policy."

If the regents resist efforts to dissolve their board, Munson said he plans to have many students assemble on the State Capitol steps on Jan. 1, 1981, sit there for 30 days and not allow a legislative session to occur.

#### Violence possible

If force is taken against the LSD party, Munson said, peaceful means will be used first in retaliation and then, if necessary, violence will follow.

"The greatest strides in history have not been made with pacifistic means, however," Munson said. "We believe that violence will probably have to be taken."

Munson said he also proposes to place Greek houses in the hands of the residence halls and seeks to eliminate all athletics that are not financially self-supporting.

Revenue from men's basketball and football, which are self-supporting, would be given to UNL financial aids. Munson also said that if elected, he and his executives would donate 33 percent of their salaries to financial aid.

Munson said he and his party are totally dedicated to logic, and his party accepts a unidimensionalist theory of academia, which isn't to be confused with Marxism.

#### No political prostitution

"I'm a thinker who does not behave in terms of political prostitution, and I didn't begin this campaign to please everyone but rather to improve the university," Munson said.

Munson said he is looking forward to the ASUN presidential candidates' debates this week and he said he believes people will be surprised at the outcome.

"The other candidates will see the great amount of information and knowledge I have about ASUN and the UNL budget among other things," Munson said. "And I will show that the lack of creative thinking is what has proven ASUN ineffective in the past."

Munson said he and his running mates have been physically and verbally abused since the beginning of their campaign and also have received threats on their lives.

"But I have never ceased to abandon this campaign," Munson said. "All of this is worth it, things have to start somewhere and this is not an isolated event — it is a beginning."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

ASUN presidential candidate Tim Munson.