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## Proposed grad tuition increase spurs discussion

By Patti Gallagher

Increasing graduate student tuition by 25 percent might result in the college "taking ourselves out of the running for graduates," according to the UNL dean for graduate studies.

Henry Holtzclaw said Tuesday that NU President Ronald Roskens' proposal to increase tuition for graduate students could have a negative effect on attracting grad students to NU.

Roskens proposed a tuition differential of 25 percent between graduates and undergraduates credit hour rates. The differential would be implemented over a four-year period. He presented the proposal in a letter to the NU Board of Regents at their last meeting.

The letter proposed that the increase would begin in the fall of 1981 and would charge graduate students an additional \$2 per credit hour.

It also requested a recommendation from the regents at their Oct. 17 meeting.

According to Jim Raglin, NU director of public affairs, Roskens' proposal is an answer in "seeking some alternate sources to support the university."

Raglin said it is "not necessarily uncommon for comparable universities to charge graduates more than undergraduates."

Roskens has indicated that the additional money from increased tuitions would go back into graduate and research programs, Raglin said.

"The bulk, if not all, would be put back into the program," he said. He added that

if approved by the regents in October, the higher tuition rate would be effective next fall.

Holtzclaw said that those in favor of increasing graduate tuition argue that it costs more to educate graduates, primarily because of smaller class size.

Although that is true, he said he is concerned that higher tuition will mean less graduates.

Holtzclaw said the Executive Graduate Council has requested Roskens' office to delay any action on the proposal until the November regents meeting. He said the council, a system-wide 35-member group, asked for a delay to further study the proposal.

The request was received by NU Vice President for Academic Affairs Steven

Sample. Sample said Tuesday that he had not yet discussed the request with Roskens, but planned to some time this week.

Differentiated tuition rates is not a new idea at NU, Holtzclaw said. Roskens initiated an investigation into possible differential charges for graduates in 1977, he said.

At that time, the proposal was tabled because of concern over tuition remission programs for graduate assistants at UNL and summer remissions at UNO and the NU Medical Center, Holtzclaw said.

At that time Roskens did, however, state his intent to reconsider the proposal in the future, he said.

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## Residency eligibility eased if new requirements pass

By Jim Faddis

New residency requirements that will make it easier for a student to qualify for resident tuition will be voted on by the NU Board of Regents at its Oct. 17 meeting, according to NU attorney Richard Wood.

The proposed residency requirements will "be an easing of the old rigid requirements," Wood said.

The requirements are being changed because the 1980 Nebraska Legislature passed a law which gives the regents the authority to establish residency requirements.

Previously, residency requirements were mandated by state law.

Currently, undergraduate non-resident tuition is \$72 a credit hour compared to \$26.50 for residents.

Some of the newly proposed ways a student can qualify for resident tuition are:

-If the student is considered a dependent for federal income tax purposes of a parent or guardian who is a Nebraska resident.

-If the student has established a home in Nebraska and is either a graduate of a Nebraska high school or has attended NU or a Nebraska state college as a resident before.

In proving that he has a home in Nebraska, the student must show that he occupies a residence in Nebraska as well as three of the following: a current Nebraska driver's license, be registered to vote in Nebraska, a Nebraska car registration, a checking or savings account with a

Nebraska bank, or a job in Nebraska that withholds state income taxes.

-If the student is a dependent or spouse of a staff member of NU, a Nebraska state college or a Nebraska technical community college. Previously, technical community colleges were not included.

Other proposed ways a student can qualify are:

-If the student has lived in Nebraska for a year and can show proof that he plans to remain in Nebraska. Proof can include a Nebraska driver's license, car or voter registration in Nebraska, a checking or savings account with a Nebraska firm or a job in Nebraska that withholds state income taxes.

-If the student is a minor and his parents or guardian have established a home in Nebraska. Parents must provide the same proof as students for residency.

-If the student is married to a Nebraska resident.

-If the student, a spouse or dependent is a member of a branch of the service and is on permanent duty in Nebraska.

-If the student parents move out of state after the student already has been accepted as a resident, the student will retain residency.

Wood said the regents also have the authority to shorten the time a student must live in Nebraska before becoming a resident from one year to six months.

The regents, however, have decided the financial impact of the tuition loss from changing the one year requirement, would be too great at this time, Wood said.

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Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

R.B. Engesser of Engesser Exotic Felines holds one of the animals which are appearing at the Gateway Mall. The Engesser group, from Trenton, Fla., travels the country to obtain contributions for their endangered species compound. The compound has 286 different species and a food bill of \$15,000 a week.

## Youngberg: Better education is UNL's key

By Mary Kempkes

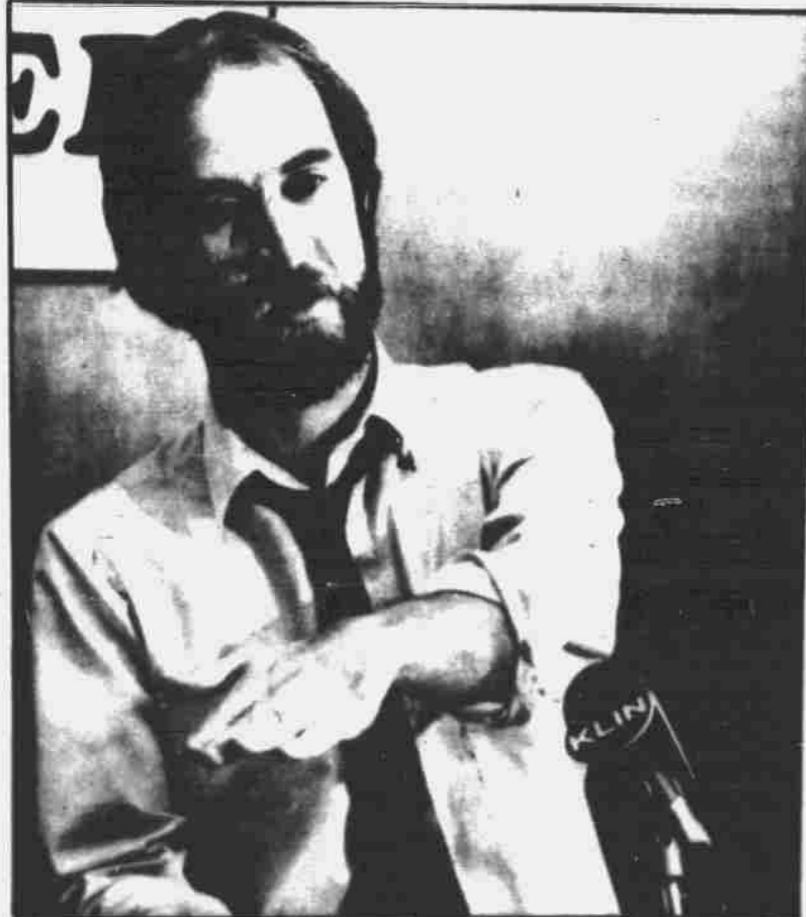


Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen  
Eric Youngberg

Better streets will not keep UNL open, a Lincoln city councilman said Thursday. Better education will.

"The university does not need the northeast radial. What it needs are books, better teachers and more supplies," Eric Youngberg told Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

"The university needs tools to educate students," he said. Youngberg talked about Lincolnites' fears that UNL "will be shipped off to Omaha."

Although better streets aren't a cure-all for UNL's problems, he said Holdrege Street should be extended for better access to city campus from the north.

Youngberg also said he advocates formation of a coalition between representatives from UNL, the Malone neighborhood, east of campus, and city officials. The coalition would further UNL community relations, he said, and help solve the traffic access problem.

"I think we need to open the lines of communication."

Youngberg also discussed street concerns with Lincoln businessmen. He said Lincoln could avoid costly street construction by improving traffic routes. He suggested campus bus routes run on X Street to cut down congestion on Holdrege and Vine Streets.

Lincoln planners should make alternative transportation more desirable for commuters, Youngberg said. He said the city should encourage construction of high-

rise housing along bus routes so population will condense along mass-transportation lines. All bicycles should be licensed and taxed, he said, and the money could be used to improve bicycle paths.

"I think you're going to begin to see that energy conservation is money in the pocket of Lincoln business," he said.

For example, Youngberg said he spends \$2 or \$3 a week on gasoline because he rides a bike to work and the money he saves is spent in Lincoln businesses.

Youngberg turned the discussion to conservation energy by utilities, and said again that excess dollars spent on utilities are pulled out of the Lincoln economy.

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