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Spending cuts result in state employee pay raises

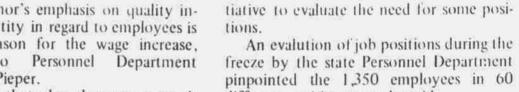
By Steve Miller

An attempt to decrease state spending will result in more money in fewer state employees' pockets.

Gov. Charles Thone at a news conference last week said that some 1,350 employees could receive wage increases starting next month.

The governor's emphasis on quality instead of quantity in regard to employees is the main reason for the wage increase, according to Personnel Department Director Jan Pieper.

Pieper said that when the governor took office he asked all state agencies to cut back wherever possible, and a hiring freeze which took effect July 1 provided the ini-



different positions as underpaid. A pay increase will come to the employees as their job titles are reclassified, Pieper said.

"Right now, up to 1,350 employees on how they fit into new job titles."

allow the increases, Pieper said.

be able to hire as many employees as they think necessary, but they will be limited to their budget which could change if reclassifications are accepted, Pieper said.

None of the employees getting wage increases work for NU, Pieper said. The university is completely separate from the Personnel Department and was not affected by the hiring freeze or wage increases.

employees in our system," Pieper said, "If the university wanted to do this, they'd have to initiate a program on their own."

The recommended plan to increase

UNL student sexually assaulted

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