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The chamber of the Nebraska Legislature may be this busy again by Thursday if Gov. Charles Thone announces a special legislative session in a press conference this morning.

Governor may call legislative session

By Kim Hachiya and Steve Miller

Gov. Charles Thone is to announce today at a 10 a.m. press conference his decision whether or not to call a special session of the Nebraska Legislature, his assistant said.

Jack Hart said, "I really don't know one way or another. He will make his opinion known at that time." Thone was unavailable for comment Monday afternoon.

Diane Snapp, an assistant to Hart, said her office had not been advised whether the session would occur.

"According to the front page of the paper (the Monday *Lincoln Journal*) we are, but we haven't heard one way or another. We have been advised to say his decision will be made known at that time," Snapp said.

Thone promised the Legislature at the end of last session that he would not raise taxes to cover expenses budgeted for by last session's legislature, and that he would call a special session if and when appropriations exceeded revenues.

Tax revenues are expected to be at least \$30 million short of the \$733 million budget appropriated last session. About \$12 million of the projected shortage comes from federal budget cuts. Thone said in May that he would not call a special session if shortages came from federal budget cuts alone, but only if state generated revenues fall short of the budget goal.

Could begin Thursday

Sources at the Capitol said if the session is called it could begin as early as Thursday or Friday.

Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler said Monday it was rumored that Thone would announce that he will call a special session of the legislature.

Fowler said he hoped Thone would have a definite plan of action if he is planning to call a special session.

"Hopefully he will announce whether he has a plan tomorrow too," Fowler said. "I certainly hope he doesn't convene us without a plan."

He said Thone has rejected the idea of raising taxes and expects some sort of budget cutting.

"I hope he has a specific plan before he does any cutting," Fowler said.

"There are always things that can be delayed or deferred but then again we're working on a very tight budget. I'm not sure if there is much to cut without getting hurt."

DeCamp predicts session

Sen. John DeCamp, Neligh, said he had heard that the governor would announce that the session will be called.

When asked if any amount of the budget could be cut easily DeCamp said, "It's not going to be easy. What is one person's idea of easy is not necessarily someone else's idea of easy."

"We're going to need 33 votes to make a decision and getting 33 people to decide to go to lunch when they are starving is not easy."

DeCamp proposed legislation in May that would have provided a 2.5 percent across the board cut in appropriations. The bill was rejected.

He said another approach would be to trim excess amounts off specific areas.

"That approach is going to have problems," DeCamp said. "When one guy has to deal with cuts and sees other guys that aren't getting cuts he's going to be asking 'why?'"

"That is why I suggested last May that everybody go the same way. I predicted then that we would be having problems and meeting in order to consider this very thing (budget cuts)."

DeCamp said raising taxes could also be a possibility.

Patrick O'Donnell, clerk of the Legislature said there have been only two special sessions called since the Legislature went to annual sessions in 1971.

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NU official said to be leaving state

By Roger Aden

Steve Sample, NU executive vice president of academic affairs reportedly is leaving Nebraska to become president of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Marty Rosen, campus editor of the university's newspaper, the *Spectrum*, said Sample's appointment will be announced Wednesday at a meeting of the University Council.

The University Council is a group consisting of prominent individuals from the Buffalo community who have an interest in the university, Rosen said. The council must answer to the state university system's board of trustees.

Rosen said the chancellor of the state university system, Clifton Wharton, must approve the choice before the board of trustees approves the appointment. Rosen said Wharton has endorsed the selection of Sample.

One withdrew

Rosen said it was rumored that the list of candidates was narrowed to two, when one of the candidates withdrew his name from consideration because the salary was not enough (\$64,000 a year).

Sample refused to comment on the matter, but Jim Raglin, NU director of Public Affairs, said Sample is a candidate for the post being vacated in January by Robert Ketter.

Rosen said it has not been mentioned if Sample will take the post in January or for the 1982-83 academic year.

Ketter is returning to teaching after serving 10 years as president, Rosen said. She said the university traditionally has been a liberal arts school and some people felt Ketter was allowing that tradition to go downhill.

In addition, Rosen said the state university system in New York is having serious financial problems because of budget cutbacks, and Ketter has been accused of not being effective in dealing with New York Gov. Hugh Carey on the issue.

Incomplete buildings

Working with Carey on budget cutbacks will be one of Sample's main concerns, Rosen said. She said 10 new buildings were scheduled to be constructed on the campus by the late 1970s, but funding cuts have delayed scheduled completion of all 10 buildings until 1990.

Rosen said Sample will be judged by the students on his ability to find space for the 39 student groups that will be displaced from the student union when it becomes a dental facility.

Sample has applied for several university president positions in past years and has been a finalist for two of those positions — at the University of Oklahoma and at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

In addition, Sample was a candidate for the president's post at Colorado State University and Auburn University, before withdrawing his name from consideration.

Rosen said the Buffalo university is one of 27 schools in the state university system and has 27,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

Rec center gains from football, cards

By Ward W. Triplett III

The proposed UNL Recreation Center is getting an added boost from the efforts of a fraternity and a residence hall floor.

Schramm 4 is sponsoring a non-stop card-a-thon. Dan Berlin, student assistant and organizer, said he hopes it will generate at least \$500 to donate to the proposed center.

"We have a guy on our floor who is on the Rec Board, and he said that lack of student support would kill the rec center," Berlin said.

"We thought it would be a good idea to donate the money we got from this year's card-a-thon back into something students could later use. It also should show that students are still behind the center."

It is the second card-a-thon the floor has sponsored in

as many years. Last year, more than 40 players alternated shifts for 108 hours, and earned nearly \$300 for the Nebraska Center for Youths and Children. This year, at least 30 of the floor's 61 men are playing Spades, Hearts, Pitch and other games in a tent next to the Smith Hall tennis courts. The first four started at 6 p.m. Sunday night, and if things go according to plan, the last four should call finish at 6 p.m. Friday.

"That would be a university record, according to the residence hall and recreation people I've talked to," Berlin said.

"It might even be a Big Eight record as well. I plan to get on a Watts line and call the other seven schools to verify that."

Earlier this month, Sigma Alpha Epsilon donated the proceeds from its flag football tournament to the Recreation Center idea as well. That amount was \$350.

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