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## Cuts in university's budget may result in fewer student services, classes

By Alice Hrnicek

UNL colleges, forced in December to cut their 1981-82 budgets by 2 percent, face a budget for next year that will cause many of them to offer fewer classes and services.

The 2 percent cut in the base budget — the budget on which next year's increase is based — was approved by the special session of the Nebraska Legislature last fall, said Alan Seagren, vice president for administration. The Legislature actually cut 3 percent from the budget but 1 percent was made up by tuition from a larger than expected enrollment, Seagren said.

Although the Legislature's Appropriations Committee recommends a 6.1 percent increase for NU, the extra money will represent only 4.1 percent more than the original 1981-82 appropriation because the base budget was reduced.

Much of that increase will be used for a 5 percent average increase for faculty salaries, Virginia Corgan, acting assistant to the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs said. But the increase will not provide competitive salary adjustments, she said.

Corgan said the university may consider eliminating entire programs to cope with future budget losses. In recent years, scaling down programs has hurt their quality, she said.

Gary Schwendiman, dean of the College of Business Administration, said the college may close up to 50 class sections next year and hire fewer graduate assistants. CBA, which had an enrollment of 2,749 this semester, already offers courses on priority system based on seniority, he said.

The College of Engineering and Technology was able to fill only half of 14 vacant faculty positions this year, Dean Stanley Liberty said. The college needs \$150,000 more to make positions competitive, he said, but existing money from the unfilled jobs may have to be used to increase other salaries.

Liberty predicted that students would be denied 1,800 class space requests, 300 more than this semester.

Roy Keller, chairman of the Computer Science Department, said that this spring about 300 students were denied access to his department's classes. He expects that number to be even larger in the fall.

This semester, one out of four people who applied for computer science courses was turned away, Keller said.

The department may, for the first time, institute an admissions policy to classes based on grades and major, he said.

With the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, teaching, research and extension will be pinched, said Roy Arnold, dean and director of the Agriculture Experiment Station. The IANR now has 53 vacant positions that are to remain unfilled next year, Arnold said.

Research into conservation tillage, water quality, water conservation and energy use in agriculture will be reduced because of the smaller staff, he said.

At least 12 of the experiment station's 29 vacant positions will be permanently eliminated, Arnold said.

The UNL Veterinary Diagnostic Library, which has

frozen several positions, is not able to keep up with requests for study of disease and death among animals, Arnold said.

Ted Hartung, College of Agriculture dean, said four departments have stopped providing field trips that allow students to see farm production facilities. The move affects 600 students, he said.

Hartung said he expects to reduce the number of lab sections and to lose graduate assistant positions. More than 10 class sections will not have enough space to meet all the requests, he said.

### Specialists lost

Leo Lucas, dean and director of Cooperative Extension Services, part of IANR, said three extension specialists will be lost, adding to the six positions now vacant.

Two county extension offices will be closed, he said. Deuel and Garden counties and Logan, McPherson and Lincoln counties are discussing merging their offices, Lucas said. The state has 85 extension offices.

IANR research in the Sandhills region of the state will be delayed, said Vince Dreeszen, director of the Conservation and Survey Division. The two-year-old Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center has started the first water and soil research in the area, Dreeszen said.

Without the research, he said, decisions about water use within the area will be made without adequate information.

Teachers College Dean Robert Egbert said his college will be unable to expand its Vocational and Special Education programs because of lack of funds. Expansion was included in the university's five-year-plan, he said.

Also in Teacher's College, five positions of combined faculty and clerical help will be eliminated, he said.

In the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, beginning language class sizes will be increased from 25 to 30 students, said Chairman David Gitlitz.

The most effective class size is 12 to 15 students because of the need for intensive interchange among class members, Gitlitz said. Six class sections will be eliminated, he said.

### Section dropped

Modern Languages 100, a survey course, will be increased to serve about 100 students per section so that one section can be dropped, he said. Currently, each of the five sections of the course has about 50 students enrolled.

A remedial 103 level course in grammar and structure, offered in different languages, will be ended, Gitlitz said.

The College of Architecture will cut \$20,000 in its Area of Excellence funding, Administrative Assistant Peggy Mitchell said. The money finances enrichment programs, such as research, speakers and travel to conferences, she said.

About 185 students may be denied admission to history classes when the History Department eliminates four sections of survey courses, Chairman James Rawley said. Ironically, he said, the department will begin requiring

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## CFA reinstates program council funds

By Mike Patras

The Committee for Fees Allocation reinstated most of the University Program Council's original budget requests after hearing appeals Tuesday.

The committee recommended that UPC receive \$2.52 per person per semester in 1982-83. The council currently receives \$1.97 per person per semester.

Originally, UPC requested \$117,624.55. The committee originally recommended a reduction to \$102,968.05. After UPC appealed the decision, the committee recommended that UPC receive \$107,212.55 in 1982-83.

After the appeals, CFA recommended UPC-City's original budget request of \$44,139.40. UPC-East's original request of \$16,318.65 was recommended also. UPC-Culture Center's budget was reduced \$462, making its final recommendation \$12,092.50.

CFA also reinstated funds requested for video programs on City Campus next year. UPC-City wants to show films every few weeks during the coming school year, according to Steve Arkfeld, chairman of the UPC executive board. UPC-City will be experimenting with *The Sting* in a few weeks to determine student interest, Arkfeld said. Along with contemporary films, concert tapes might be shown too, he said.

Arkfeld questioned CFA about its recommended budget for the Campus Activities and Programs office. He said UPC does not support the committee's move to reduce

the CAP office staff. He asked CFA to reconsider the program council's request to have its own secretary and bookkeeper.

CFA also heard budget appeals from the Culture Center. CFA had recommended reducing funds for the center's office expenses, an honors banquet, Black Special Events and Chicano Special Events.

"We are asking to keep just what we have," Yvette Jardine, Culture Center vice president said during testimony. "We're not trying to broaden our program."

CFA reinstated most of the Culture Center's original request, reducing only a small amount for Chicano Special Events.

Eugene Tolston, Afrikan Peoples Union president, said CFA should examine fee-users in more detail rather than with general figures. If a committee does not understand part of a budget, it should ask for more details rather than reducing the budget and asking for budget justifications during appeals, he said.

"It might have been better on our part to possibly ask for more details in some areas," CFA Chairman Jim Frohman said.

CFA also heard budget appeals from the Nebraska Unions and the Recreation Department Tuesday from 7 p.m. to midnight. Because of the length of the hearing and the large number of people who wanted to testify, CFA postponed a decision on the union and recreation department budgets until tonight.

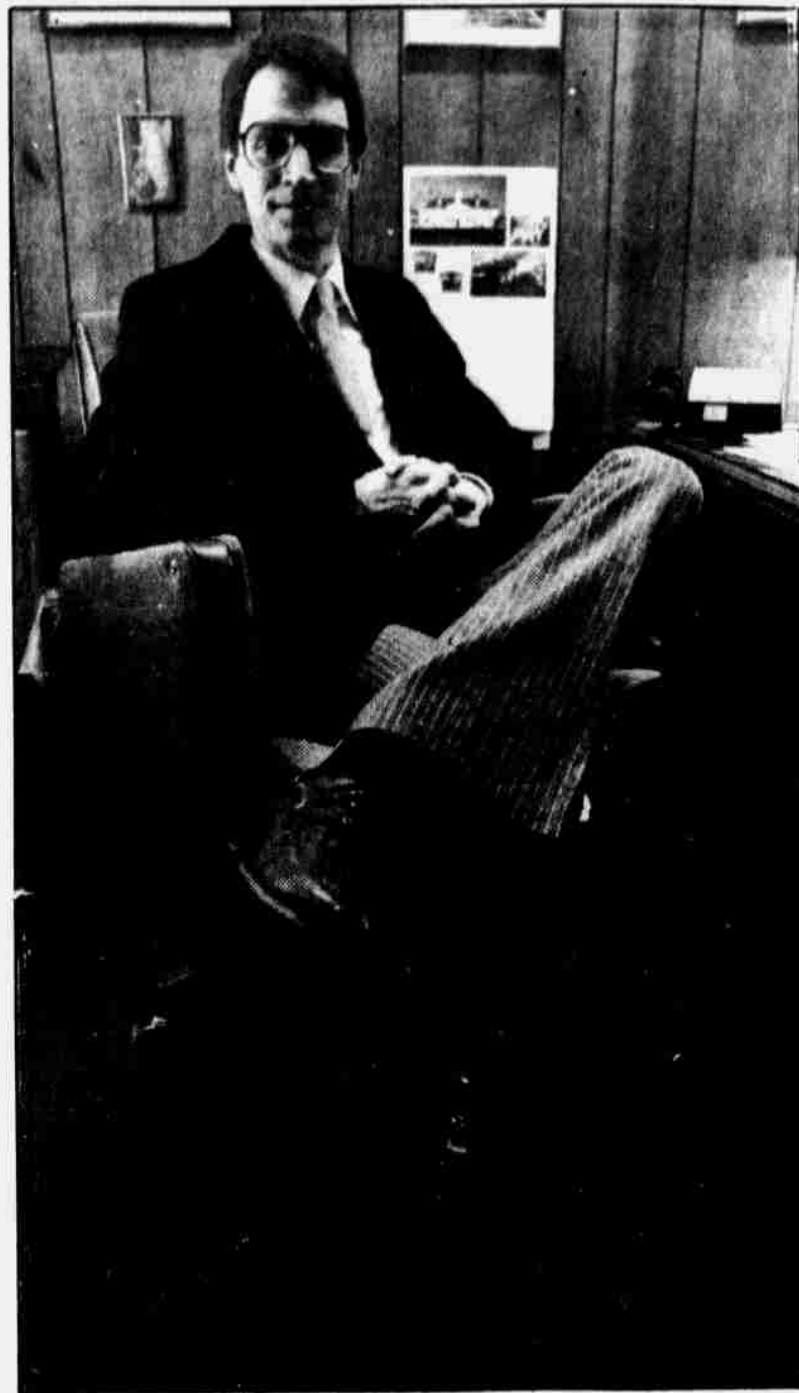


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Don Wesely

## Wesely learned fast promoting university from legislative seat

By Melinda Norris

If anyone had told Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln the odds against a 23-year-old graduate student with no family ties in politics being elected to the Nebraska Legislature, he might not have run in 1978.

Now Wesely, the third youngest senator to serve in the Legislature, is gearing-up for his 1982 re-election campaign.

As a young graduate assistant at UNL, Wesely had intended to finish his studies and go on to law school. He had planned to help poor people by giving them legal aid.

But encouragement from friends to run for the seat left by retiring Sen. Wally Barnett Jr. persuaded Wesely to try his hand at a different form of public service.

After his election to the 26th District, Wesely was told by the same friends, that although they thought he should run, they didn't expect him to win.

Wesely said the odds against him winning the seat were eight or 10 to one.

"At first, I was a typical citizen who didn't know much about the Legislature," Wesely said.

He wasn't aware of the people, problems and long hours involved with being a senator, he said.

But Wesely learned fast and pursued legislation about energy, health care and the University of Nebraska.

"The university wasn't being well supported," he said. "I haven't done as much as I wanted, although I've tried."

Wesely said he worries about the direction the university is going. The university tries its best to maintain a quality education, but because of the lack of funds it is trying to "hold steady" rather than improve, he said.

Commenting on President Reagan's plan to eliminate federal aid to graduate students, Wesely said financial aid helps many students get through college.

"Without help I wouldn't have been able to go to college," he said. "Students must be able to get financial assistance, or the government is denying people the right to an education."

"Public education is vital to our country," he said.

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