

Roskens: UNL colleges face cuts without fund boost

By Mona Koppelman

Increased enrollment and decreased state funding forced NU President Ronald Roskens to paint a grim picture of the university's future.

"We (the university) have reached the point where it's no longer possible for us to respond to fiscal restraints by across-the-board cuts," he told the Legislature's appropriations committee Monday.

Roskens said the "real and unpleasant" possibility of eliminating some colleges must be faced.

In the last 10 years, the university's share of the state budget decreased 1.7 percent to 20.1 percent, Roskens said.

"That represents a reduction in excess of \$12 million," he said, adding that in the same 10-year period, enrollment increased 16.5 percent.

Roskens said the university has tried to meet its budget pressures by increasing the amount of federal grants and contract funds 77 percent in the last five years. Tuition charges were boosted 53 percent — 11 percent more than the increases in state general funds.

Roskens said the university also has born a "very significant portion of the budget reduction made during special legislative sessions the past two years."

In November 1981, \$4.3 million of the state's \$8.7 million cut in the operating budget was trimmed from the university's funding. In November 1982, \$3.6 million was cut.

Roskens listed university funding requests in order of their priority.

- An 8 percent salary increase for university faculty and staff
- a 14 percent increase in corresponding benefits, such as social security and retirement
- a 12 percent increase for medical supplies
- a 25 percent increase in health funds to cover insurance costs
- an 18 percent increase in funds for purchased utilities



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Left: As part of Business Week's business dress fashion show, which followed Molloy's speech, a model displays an outfit appropriate for the job. Right: John Molloy, syndicated columnist and author of "Dress for Success."

POWER IMAGE

Molloy explains successful dressing

By Tish Mockler

"If you don't listen to me — you've had it," said John Molloy, America's first and foremost wardrobe designer, on Tuesday night. Dressing for success is "not a choice . . . it's do or die."

As a function of Business Week, Molloy spoke to an overflowing Ballroom in the Nebraska Union in a seminar on how clothes make the man or woman.

"Clothing has a socio-economic value that attaches to a person," said Molloy. "Pavlov is right — we are preconditioned by our environment and the clothing we wear is an integral part of that environment."

Molloy advised men and women alike to wear dark colors — the darker the colors, the more authoritative the effect.

According to his research, eight of 10 men hate wearing the suits that they do, but "they do it because they have to," Molloy said.

For men, the darker the tie, the better. "Only clowns and college professors wear bow-ties," he said. Floppy ties

on women are very authoritative because they utilize the authority spot, the throat, like a tie does for men.

While women have complained that the executive look for them is an imitation of the male image, Molloy said that the look for women is simply an imitation of the "Blue, gray and dark" run America, he said. In the business world one should dress drably, conservatively and neatly. He suggested that only after two years of employment with a firm should a man venture to buy a white suit.

A skirted suit with a white blouse is ideal, because high contrast is always good. Simple pumps with closed heel and toe and a one- to two-inch heel are ideal. Comfort is not for the executive look, he stressed repeatedly. If one wants to look like a librarian one should wear comfortable shoes, he said. An attache case helps to complete the business-woman's image.

Pretty dresses and plaid skirts are for the woman who wants to live like her mother did. If a woman wants to send a

different message she has to dress in such a manner.

A woman should wear tailored, feminine clothing and avoid looking seductive to keep her job.

"You can sell anything, just not two things at the same time," Molloy said.

He stressed how little fashion designers know about the successful business look because the women's fashion industry is based in Paris where a small population of women are trained for power positions. Therefore, "they don't understand you."

For college graduates on job interviews he suggested investing in a dark plain suit for men and women. When an applicant goes in for an interview, "they're looking for reasons to kill you," for that reason one's image is essential.

Successful dressing will not get you a job if you're not qualified, but can lose a job, even if you are qualified, Molloy said. It's all a matter of presenting oneself as the kind of person that would fit into the corporation.

"If you want power you have to play their game."

Proposed waste law loses in close vote

By Kevin Hanken

One potential roadblock to the Nebraska Public Power District's plans to transport high-level nuclear waste through Lincoln to a temporary storage facility in Morris, Ill., has been eliminated.

At a Monday afternoon hearing, the Lincoln City Council voted 4-3 against a proposed ordinance that would have placed restrictions on the shipments.

NPPD officials had feared that passing such an ordinance in Lincoln would have led to similar ordinances in other communities along the established route, which would have effectively banned the shipments.

Before shipments can begin, NPPD is awaiting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval of the 65- to 70-ton shipping casks that General Electric had voluntarily recalled because of problems found in a computer simulation test. The casks have been analyzed again and the results have been forwarded to the NRC.

NPPD also is awaiting the outcome of litigation in Illinois concerning the constitutionality of shipping spent waste from one state to another. Jay Pilant, NPPD division manager for licensing and quality as-

urance, said NPPD could legally ship now, but a request by the federal courts could stop it.

Pilant said NPPD would continue to honor the voluntary safety measures it has set up. These measures set a maximum 35-mph speed limit and provide for a "chase car" equipped with radiation experts and equipment to follow the shipment train closely.

By law, NPPD is permitted two options to notify the governor or his appointed designee of the scheduled shipment dates, Pilant said. One is to send notification by certified mail seven days before shipment.

"I've always argued that the most important goal we have is on the point of notification," Councilman Eric Youngberg, who proposed the ordinance, said before the council's vote.

Youngberg said he wondered if citizens could be convinced that the seven-day advance notice to the governor was enough time to prepare Lincoln police, fire and civil defense officials on how to respond adequately to an accident. The law does not require that the governor notify these people, he added.

Councilman Joe Hampton, who voted against the ordinance, said passing it would

in effect be saying that the governor isn't qualified to carry out notification. Hampton said he has faith that the governor will notify all communities involved.

"I don't think we have any more right or basis to act on this ordinance than we do on foreign affairs," Councilman Bill Danley said. Danley also voted against the ordinance.

Danley said stopping the elimination of waste from nuclear power plants eventually would shut down the nuclear industry.

"And we all know that the proponents of this ordinance are against the nuclear industry," Danley said.

Council member Donna Frohardt, in voting against the ordinance, said passing such a resolution surely would cause NPPD and Lincoln Electric System to file lawsuits. LES owns nearly 13 percent of NPPD.

Lincoln taxpayers would be paying simultaneously to uphold and fight whatever the council passed, she said.

Councilman Mike Steinman, who favored the ordinance, said passing a local ordinance of that type might just be the impetus needed to provoke a national policy for such transportation routes.

Danley closed discussion on the ordin-

ance by going on record expressing the council's concern to Gov. Bob Kerrey about the notification of the mayor about waste shipments. The council unanimously accepted his proposal that notification plans be coordinated with the council.

Commenting on the council's decision, Youngberg said that apparently the council wasn't committed to carrying through last year's resolution that expressed concern over the notification issue.

Unfortunately, there was little communication between council members about what would be acceptable notification guidelines, Youngberg said.

Youngberg said he will continue to educate the public, work on the notification issue, and work to provide adequate training for local police and fire personnel.

"My only regret is that NPPD refused to be a part of the process by refusing to show up at many of the public forums," Youngberg said. "I see it as a disservice to the public."

NPPD's route for shipping spent nuclear waste from its Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville to Morris, Ill., via Burlington Northern Railroad passes through 17 southeastern Nebraska towns.