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Regents OK initial budget draft of \$317.8 million for 1985-86

The NU Board of Regents Saturday approved the initial draft of a \$317.8 million NU budget for the 1985-86 school year. To fund the budget, the board will request \$21 million from the Legislature and 10 percent higher student tuition and fees.

Included in the budget plans were \$300,000 for preventive maintenance, \$1.6 million for academic and administrative computing and a 10 percent increase in the budget request for library acquisition.

The \$317.8 million only accounts for the state-aided part of the budget. When all money sources were accounted for, the total NU budget was estimated at more than \$500 million, officials said.

The regents also discussed faculty salaries and land acquisition for the proposed Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

NU President Ronald Roskens proposed an increase of 10.7 percent for UNL faculty salaries. This will

follow the university's goal to bring faculty salaries up to those of comparable schools, Roskens said.

Among salary decisions made by the regents was an increase in Roskens' salary from \$78,795 to \$87,000. It was noted at the meeting that this is his first salary increase in two years.

In other business, the regents decided to seek eight parcels of land in the block south and east of Kimball Recital Hall for the Lied Arts Center.

The project would be in the block bordered by 11th and 12th streets and Q and R streets.

NU attorney Richard Wood said property owners affected by construction of the \$20 million Lied Arts Center will receive relocation assistance. About 20 residents and businesses need to be relocated, he said. The relocation should be completed no later than next June 1, Wood said. More land may be necessary for things like parking, but the regents reserved that discussion for another meeting.

Douglas indicted Monday

Attorney General Paul Douglas was arraigned Monday morning before Lancaster County's Grand Jury on charges of one count of perjury and one count of obstruction of government activities.

The perjury charge, a felony, resulted from Douglas' Feb. 25 testimony before the Legislature's special committee on Commonwealth Savings Co.

The obstruction charge, a misdemeanor, stems from a sworn statement Douglas gave to David Domina, special assistant attorney general, on Feb. 30. At that time, Douglas claimed he and S. E. Copple, former president of Commonwealth, had not discussed a letter from the FBI dated March 10, 1983. The indictment holds that the two men did discuss the letter.

If Douglas is found guilty of perjury, he faces minimum \$25,000 fine and a one- to 20-year prison sentence. If he is found guilty of obstruction, he faces a fine of up to \$1,000 and a maximum one-year prison sentence.

According to a United Press International report, Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln said Monday's indictment does not mean Douglas is guilty, but it will

erode the attorney general's public standing even further.

Beutler, one of 27 lawmakers who voted to impeach Douglas at the end of the 1984 Legislative session, said he was surprised at how quickly the county grand jury carried out the indictment. The grand jury was called especially to investigate the Commonwealth collapse. He said he believed the grand jury had information about Commonwealth the Legislature did not have.

Kirk Naylor, special prosecutor, said the grand jury did have additional information. But, he said, he could not discuss it.

The hearing is scheduled for June 29. At that time the defense will attack the grand jury's indictment.

The trial will probably begin in September, Naylor said.

Douglas currently is free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Douglas may face further charges from the Federal Grand Jury and has already endured a March 15 legislative impeachment. The State Supreme Court later found Douglas innocent of the Legislature's charges.

Flag corps hopefuls twirl through try outs; seven chosen for camp

By George Davis

During the summer, many UNL athletes work hard preparing for the next year. Included in this group are the future members of the UNL Flag Corp.

Each year 26 women are selected to be members of the UNL's Flag Corps. During the year the corps marches with the Cornhusker Marching Band and performs new routines at all home football games. The women in the corps also perform with the band in pep rallies, parades and bowl games.

While upperclassmen try-outs for the 1984-85 corps were in April, 15 incoming freshmen tried out Saturday. During a six-hour audition at the Men's Physical Education building, the women learned flag, dance and marching maneuvers. They also prepared a routine for judges Carol Domina, Nancy Settles and Anne Nehe. Domina was a corps member for three years and this fall will replace Caryn Geiger as the corps' director. Domina is a 1984 graduate of UNL with a B.A. in Recreation.

Besides 23 upperclassmen, Domina said the judges also will invite about 12 freshmen to August band camp. The 12 freshmen will be selected at this audition and at one to be held in Kearney on June 23, she said. Of the women invited to band camp, 26 make up the new corps.

During the auditions, Domina said, the judges look for coordination, poise, and enthusiasm.

Of the 15 girls auditioning on Saturday, seven will go to band camp. Among those selected were freshmen Judy Konnath and Penny Heldt of Elkhorn and Geri Reeves of Lincoln Northeast High School.

The three said they decided to tryout because they thought it would be fun and exciting. They also said they would like to go to a bowl game with the band and the football team.

All three said previous dance and flag corps experience had been helpful during the audition. They said their high school flag corps tryouts were more competitive than UNL's first-round tryouts Saturday.

Still to come, however, are the final cuts at band camp.

Domina said she was cut at band camp as a freshman. After being cut, she said, she worked very hard and made the corps the following three years.

Freshman Penny Heldt, another who will go to the band camp, said she plans to work out this summer and take a jazz dancing class.

"It takes a lot of strength and coordination to handle the flags in windy conditions," she said. "I hope working hard this summer will help me do well at the band camp."



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Penny Heldt concentrates on her flag as she tries out for UNL's flag corps Saturday in the Men's P.E. Building.

University schedule conflicts prompt sororities to change rush dates

By Sallie Jo Simmons

Holiday plans this fall may be interrupted for those wanting to go through sorority rush. Rushees will stay at UNL during the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, to attend an open house and three sessions of sorority parties, Jayne Wade Anderson, Director of Greek Affairs and Co-ops, said.

Sorority rush was changed for the benefit of the rushee, she said. "One of our philosophies is to make rush a worthwhile, pleasant experience for the girls," Anderson said. The sororities have reserved blocks of time, free of distractions, so the rushees can consider joining the greek system.

Anderson said she made the decision to change sorority rush from the week before school to Labor Day weekend because of conflicts with band and flag corps tryouts, general registration and parking and football ticket lines.

Usually, Anderson said, the Panhellenic Council decides its own issues, while she acts only as an adviser. The change was considered by the council last year without approval, she said.

"We're spoiled at Nebraska," she said. "UNL has a very good sorority rush program and people don't want to alter it. However, it doesn't hurt to try something new," she said.

In addition to the change in time, a new slide show will be shown to help explain the greek system to rushees.

Anderson said delaying rush by one week will have no effect on dirty rushing, the practice of certain sororities to use unacceptable tactics to influence rushees to join their house.

"There's a trust and an understanding of the value of the system," she said. The women in sororities willingly support the system as a whole, not as one house against another house. Constant discussion also resolves many sorority problems, she said.

According to Sherry Carothers, Rush Chairman for Alpha Omicron Pi, dirty rushing is not a problem at UNL. After meeting with the other sorority rush chairmen, "everyone felt confident when we got together. There's a positive attitude about rush this fall," she said.

According to Anne Cech, Overall Alumnae Rush Adviser, "Rush is tiring, but it's fun." Even though the women will be the only ones on campus, "we won't have the 'zoo' this year." She said girl-watching fraternity men won't be sitting in front of their houses to distract the rushees this year. Cech said she didn't think having rush on Labor Day would hurt participation.

Anderson said she tells every rush participant "there is a place in the system for you."