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## NU fights inflation and proposed budget

By Gene Gentrup  
Daily Nebraskan Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska system's full budget request must be granted if the university is to keep up with the rate of inflation," Regent John Payne of Kearney said Saturday.

Payne said Gov. Bob Kerrey's proposed budget of \$170.2 million, a 5 percent increase from last year, will not meet the university's needs and will hamper its growth.

The NU Board of Regents has asked for \$184.6 million in state general-fund money, a \$12.7 million increase from last year.

Payne said that considering the rate of inflation, Kerrey's proposal would be 15 percent less than what the university received in 1978.

"We can certainly defend every part of this budget, especially the salaries we are trying to obtain for faculties," he said.

Kerrey proposed salary increases of only 4 percent, half of

which would be financed by money the three campuses would have to reallocate themselves.

The university has asked for funding for salary increases of 10.7 percent at UNL, 9 percent at both UNO and the NU Medical Center and 11.5 percent for managerial, clerical, professional and service staff.

Alan Seagren, NU vice president of administration, told the regents that Kerrey's recommended 5 percent salary increase for university employees would be a \$4.3 million "shortfall." The difference would have to be made up with additional reallocation of funds on each campus.

Salaries, computing, and library acquisitions were the three priorities the regents had set for the 1985-86 year budget. Kerrey recommended only \$1.5 million of the requested \$4 million for computer equipment and recommended \$339,000 for library acquisitions, \$10,000 more than what the university had asked for.

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## Finals week end signals residence hall closings

Packing up and leaving for home may be the last thing on students' minds during finals week.

But Friday, when finals are over, students will shift their attention to residence hall, library and Nebraska and East union closings.

All students living in residence halls must leave by 8 a.m. Saturday, said Pat Glasier, coordinator for residence hall administration. If students need to spend Friday night in the halls, they must consult their student assistant and the front desk help in their building.

University food services will serve their last meal at lunch on Friday. Glasier advises residents to look for signs in residence halls indicating eating hours for finals week.

Residence halls will reopen at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9, 1985.

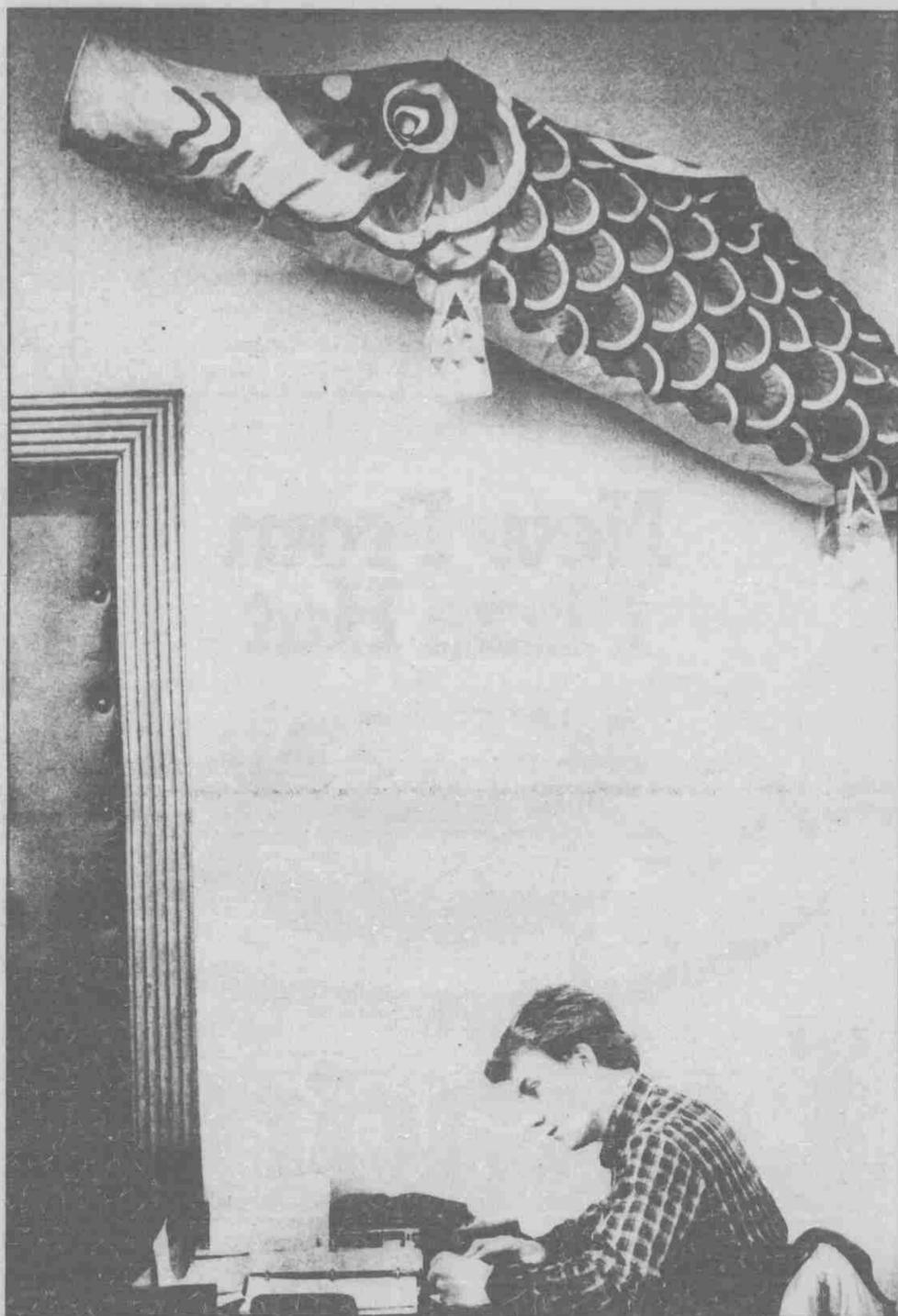
Nebraska and East unions will change their hours for finals week before closing their doors Sunday.

Nebraska Union hours will be: Monday and Tuesday, 7 to 1 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

East Union hours will be: Monday through Thursday, 6:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., with the cafeteria open from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the cafeteria open from 6:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

University libraries will close Saturday. They will be open regular hours through Friday. These are: Monday through Thursday, 8 to 1 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students will not be able to check out books past 11 p.m.

The University Health Center will close at noon Saturday and will reopen Jan. 2, 1985.



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### Fishing for good grades...

Scott Sullivan, a junior in architecture, studies for finals beneath a Chinese kite that adorns a wall in Love Library's "link" area.

## Jury finds Douglas guilty of felony perjury

By Brad Gifford  
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Attorney General Paul Douglas on Friday was found guilty of felony perjury for statements he made before a legislative committee investigating the collapse of Commonwealth Savings Co.

The Lancaster County District Court jury took only 10 hours to determine Douglas' guilt.

Douglas was found innocent of obstructing government operations, a misdemeanor.

According to the Nebraska Constitution, the Legislature could remove Douglas from office when it convenes Jan. 9. The constitution states that no person convicted of a felony can hold a public office in the state.

The eight men and four women found Douglas guilty of all three counts which made up the perjury charge. They unanimously voted that Douglas lied to the Legislature's Special Commonwealth Committee Feb. 25 when he said that:

- He received \$32,500 from Marvin Copple, former Commonwealth vice president. Douglas received the money for private consulting work. The prosecution proved that he actually received \$40,000.

- He paid taxes on all money he received from Copple. His records showed that he paid income taxes on the \$32,500 and that he recorded \$2,500 more as a nontaxable expense. Douglas did not record the remaining

\$5,000 on his 1980 return.

- His actions as attorney general were not influenced by his relationship with Copple, a longtime friend and business associate.

The jury apparently believed Douglas, however, when he said he did not tell Copple about an FBI investigation into Commonwealth. The second charge against Douglas stated that he discussed the contents of a March 10, 1983, letter from the FBI with Copple.

Copple, the prosecution's key witness, testified that Douglas brought the letter to him and asked if the allegations in it were true. Defense Attorney William Morrow said throughout the proceedings that the misdemeanor

charge would boil down to Douglas' word against that of Copple.

Douglas said that he "forgot" about the extra payments from Copple, but the jury did not believe him. The panel instead decided that Copple's financial records, which showed payments to Douglas totaling \$40,000, were valid. Douglas' records showed that he received a tax refund in 1980. If he had paid the taxes on the disputed \$5,000, Douglas would have owed about \$2,000.

Douglas joked with reporters as he entered the courtroom, but left the room alone with tears in his eyes.

If the conviction holds up, Douglas faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in the State Peniten-

tiary, a \$25,000 fine or both.

Judge Jeffrey Chevront ordered a pre-sentence investigation before he sets a sentencing date. He ordered Douglas to report to a probation officer this week to begin the investigation. The procedure is designed to gauge Douglas' personal status so that an appropriate degree of sentence severity can be determined.

Morrow said he would immediately appeal the decision. He said he will "raise all grounds" in the appeal, including his contention all along that Douglas could not get a fair trial in Lancaster County. He added that he did not think Douglas would resign until the conviction is final, following all appeals.

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