

# Editorial

## UNL budget hurts school, future of state

Dear Gov. Kerrey and state legislators: Take a stroll through campus. Snow covered mounds, bare trees and withered flowers dot UNL. In spite of winter, the sleek, modern buildings mingled with the old buildings and the crowds of students give the campus an imposing yet down-home air.

These are familiar sights to all of you, but how long has it been since you walked *inside* the buildings? Two weeks, six months, one year, five years? Looking at the proposed 1985-86 NU budget, it has to be a long time. Otherwise, you would know the libraries need books and equipment, you would see the hoards of students waiting in line for an hour on outdated computers and business students groveling outside professors' doors in hopes of being admitted into one of the understaffed, overcrowded classes.

These problems will not be remedied with a mere 4 percent budget increase, half of which would come from campuses' reallocation under Kerrey's recommendation. One of your colleagues, Sen. Tom Vickers of Farnam, said Tuesday that Kerrey's proposal is "realistic" in these hard economic times. But is it realistic to cut a 12.7 percent request to 4 percent when the regents' request fell \$77 million short of even keeping up with inflation? Is it realistic for Kerrey to push for economic growth while squelching one important source of that growth?

For years, professors have been promised pay increases. Last year they saw slight increases, but not enough. Now you are telling them, in the midst of a five-year plan you suggested, to wait a while longer. When there is a house to pay off, family to feed and kids to educate, it is hard to be patient. Private industry and other schools look enticing to good professors in financial binds.

Losing quality professors once concerned you. In April 1982, an election year, you said in a Lincoln Star article that a mediocre university was one of your major concerns. NU administrators should be "more concerned about providing excellence in education, keeping Nebraska competitive with other institutions and keeping education accessible to Nebraskans." Haunting words, when your budget would accelerate NU's fall to mediocrity and help make tuition beyond reach of students living in this struggling state.

A mediocre university does not create a strong economy. In Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan, Regent Kermit Hansen said the budget proposal, if passed, would mean cuts in laboratory equipment and research trips, employment freezes and loss of programs.

The cuts probably will not be decided until the budget passes. But Big Red fans can rest assured that programs will be academic and not athletic.

Manufacturers do not want a football team, they want a university they can turn to for research, educated employees and support. If you force the university to cut research, you will have only yourselves to blame when the next manufacturer decides to build its new plant in another, better equipped state.

Gov. Kerrey, you new budget proposal leaves the state in the same bind. Postponing the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, however, is a commendable idea. Why should the legislature appropriate \$7 million for a new project that is a luxury item when programs and salaries are being cut?

We hope you and the state senators reconsider your proposed budget and come up with a more generous plan that will better accommodate the needs of the university, the state and the students in the long run.

Nebraska's future does not lie with the young, it lies with your decisions.

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**Lawmakers help accused Nazi**  
Committee director displays anti-Semitic views

Some distinguished members of Congress were persuaded to intervene to stop the deportation of a former Nazi concentration camp official who lied about his past to gain admission to the United States after World War II.

**Anderson and Spear**

The members are keeping some curious company. The accused war criminal's most vehement defender is Dr. Max Rubel, an Estonian immigrant and a director of the Captive Nations Committee. A letter he wrote to Secretary of State George Shultz fairly reeks of anti-Semitism, accusing the Justice Department investigators of doing the bidding of "Jewish Zionists" and collaborating with the Soviet KGB when they go hunting ex-Nazis hiding in this country.

The lawmakers recruited by Rubel and other Eastern European emigre activists wrote letters to Shultz (more moderate in tone) or otherwise showed sympathy for the accused war criminal. They include Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.; Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.; Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.; Rep. Don Ritter, R-Pa., and, before he left the Senate, Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy, R-Ill.

D'Amato, apparently fearing the wrath of New York's Jewish voters if he runs for re-election in 1986, later repudiated his original letter protesting the deportation. An aide to D'Amato asked our associate Lucette Lagnado not to report either the senators' initial support or his subsequent repudiation.

The center of the furor is Karl Linna, a 65-year-old, Estonian-born resident of Long Island, N.Y. Evidence gathered by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations revealed that Linna had been an official in a concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Estonia, and had ordered and participated in mass executions of Jews and other prisoners.

Linna was stripped of his U.S. citizenship by a federal court for failing to mention his dark past on his immigration papers. He now faces deportation to the Soviet Union, of which Estonia is a de facto constituent republic.

Linna bases his appeal on the technical grounds that the U.S. government doesn't officially recognize the 1940 Soviet takeover of Estonia. Though he would be willing to be deported to his homeland, he says, the government can't send him back to a country that doesn't exist in U.S. eyes. State Department lawyers rejected this argument.

Rubel's letter to Shultz perpetuates some of the more outrageous "historical" blatherings of deep-dyed anti-Semites. He described the Soviet Union in World War II as "exclusively ruled by Marxist Zionist Jews as the ruling class." In fact, Jewish Soviet leaders were systematically exterminated by Stalin in the purges of the 1930s.

Rubel also distorts the desperate heroism of the few Baltic Jews who managed to escape the Nazi death squads and join local partisan groups behind the lines. He describes them as "leaders of extermination battalions, killing innocent people and burning their abodes."

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**Letters**

**'Pro-choice' student emphasizes quality**

As a 21-year-old member of the "liberal sect" who is pro-choice, I'm tired of being portrayed as a little Hitler who would kill someone as casually as I might swat a mosquito.

The truth is, I do not have a "lack of respect for life in general" as Todd Knobel (Daily Nebraskan, Jan. 14) so insultingly put it. I have as much respect for life as Knobel does. The difference is, while Knobel is concerned about the presence of a life, I'm concerned about the quality of a life. To me, this is a more humane way of thinking — not only for the parents of an unwanted child, but for the child as well.

If we force a family or a single mother to accept an unwanted child, it is only reasonable to expect life to be unhappy for all concerned. A study of Swedish children born to women who were refused abortions found that these unwanted children, as they grew up, were more likely to be picked up for drunkenness, antisocial or criminal behavior, receive less education and need more psychiatric care. (My information comes from the book "Stalking the Wild Taboo," by Garrett Hardin, pages 34 and 35.)

Adoption is given by some as the answer to this dilemma. Unfortunately, this idea has other problems. For one thing, I don't know how anyone could expect a woman who is forced to carry an unwanted baby to full term to care about proper pre-natal care. This puts the baby at risk to be born with any one of a list of problems, which range from low birth weight to neurological and physical disorders. While some would argue that giving birth to a handicapped child is better than abortion, the baby could have been handicapped because a woman was forced to carry a child she didn't want to have in the first place. (By the way, one could argue that forcing a woman to carry a child to full term is similar to slavery — which Knobel boldly came out against.)

Adoption also might cause problems for the biological parents. For example, if I were not willing to take on the burden of raising a severely handicapped child, I don't know if I'd be able to shift that burden onto someone else no matter how much that person wanted to adopt the child.

I'd like to close by responding to a question I've seen on signs at pro-life demonstrations: "Where would you be if your mother had had an abortion?" To be honest, I don't know. I would not, however, be in a home where I wasn't loved and wanted.

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