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Weather: A chance for thunderstorms remains this morning, otherwise partly cloudy with a high of 67 (19C). Cooler tonight with a low of 37 (8C). Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday with a high of 73 (23C).

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'March to the Capitol' scheduled

Talk of 30 percent tuition hike prompts rally

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

This year's proposed \$1.6 million NU budget increase — the smallest in recent years — and talk of an even higher tuition increase which could be as much as 30 percent, have prompted ASUN officials to schedule a "march to the Capitol," Monday.

ASUN President Gerard Keating said Monday the rally is scheduled for 1 p.m. on the north steps of the state Capitol. Participants in the rally, he said, will meet on the south steps of the Nebraska Union and march to the Capitol.

Keating said the rally was called because the university's final budget decision will not be made until after UNL students are dismissed from spring semester classes May 10.

He said students will be rallying for an increased university budget appropriation which could result in a lower tuition increase. After the rally, students will go inside and talk with their respective senators.

Sen. Don Wesley of Lincoln said, the rally should be "helpful" in generating university support, but only if a large number of students participate.

"If people don't speak out it shows they're not concerned," he said. "It says they don't mind a cut-university budget, and it says they don't mind a tuition increase."

Wesley met Monday with Keating and UNL's Government Liaison Committee chairman Kelly Kuchta to discuss the rally.

Kuchta said the rally is just one

"plan of action" GLC is considering. Another idea, which he called "a bit radical," would ask students to pay only 90 percent of their tuition statement which they would receive in the fall. Another idea is to hold another

rally outside Regents Hall, he said.

Lincoln Regent Don Fricke said he doesn't think the rally would have much of an impact on legislators' decisions. "I'm not optimistic about its impact,"

Fricke said. "...Where are you going to get the money from?" he asked.

A 10 percent tuition increase already has been approved by the regents, but the Appropriations Committee's budget proposal prompted them to consider an additional increase.

The regents had asked for an increase of 12.6 percent or \$166.4 million for fiscal year 1985-86, 11 percent higher than the committee's proposal.

Keating said he hopes to get support from students from all three campuses. He said he has received verbal support from UNO student regent Mike DeBolt who plans to attend the rally. Suzanne Scott, student regent for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, could not be reached by Keating, but Keating said he feels "confident" she also will support the rally.

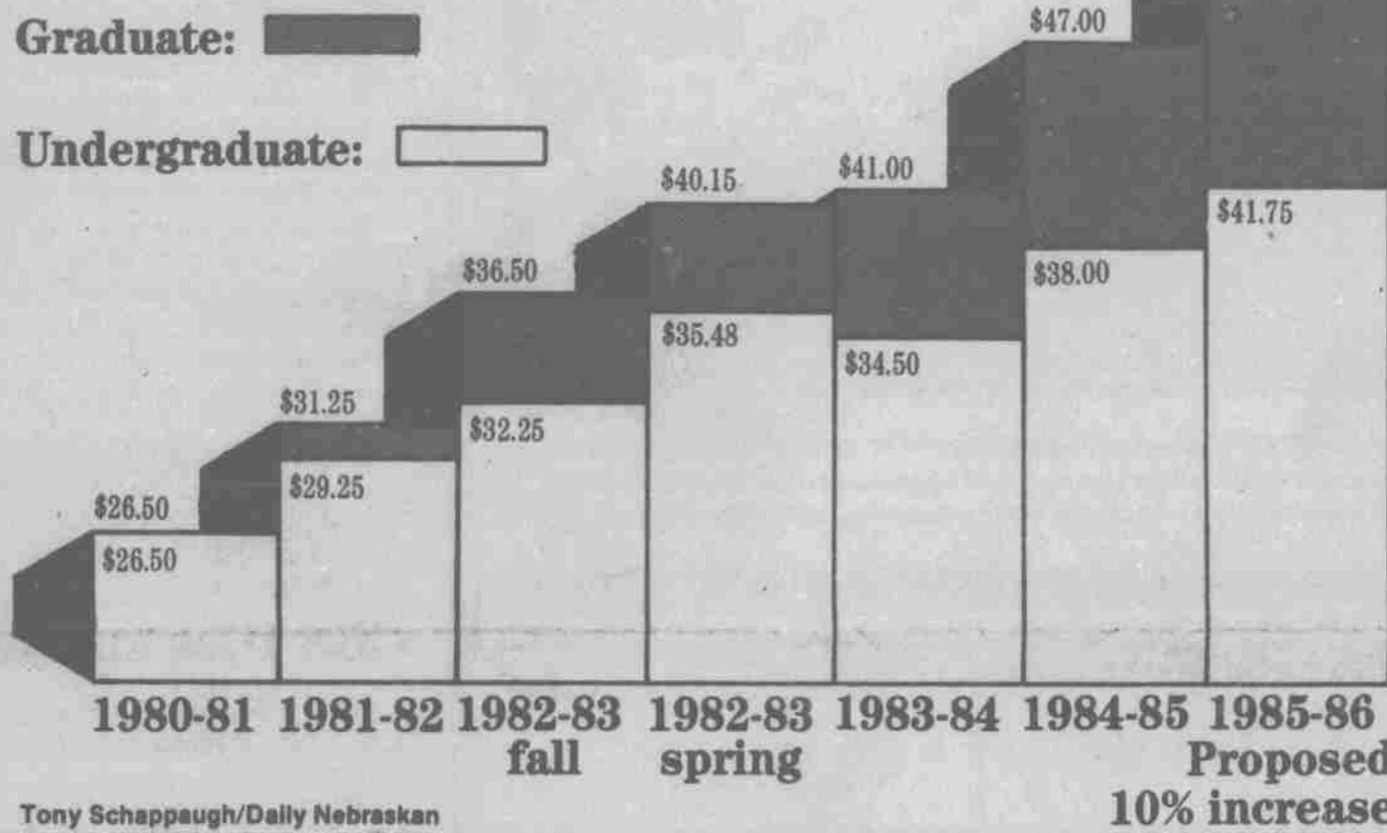
Together, the three campuses represent over 40,000 students and Keating said all of them need to be concerned about the direction tuition is going — up. Tuition has doubled in the last 10 years.

"If students don't lobby, the policies will be implemented," Keating said.

He said students should not be responsible for financing the entire 30 percent increase in tuition, which would balance NU's budget for next year.

"Students, I feel, will support a 10 percent increase but it is not justified for students to make up for the entire shortfall."

NU Tuition Increases 1980-85



Nebraska not immune

Bank machine thefts increase

By Kip Fry
Staff Reporter

The results of a recent Justice Department survey show an increase in the number of thefts from automatic teller machines, but local officials say they are skeptical that the trend applies to Nebraska.

The survey states that as much as \$100 million is stolen from automatic teller machines each year because people lend their bank cards and access numbers to other people.

Nebraska may be an exception to the trend. Russ Fosler, electronic banking supervisor at First National Lincoln, 13th and M streets, said most of the thefts occur on the East and West coasts.

However, Nebraska isn't immune to the problem. Alice Dittman, president of Cornhusker Bank, 11th Street and Cornhusker Highway, said a man recently complained to the bank that money was missing from his account there.

"We eventually found out that he had given his card and access number to a roommate, and his roommate had taken the money," Dittman said.

Gordon Shupe, vice president in charge of electronic banking at National Bank of Commerce, 13th and O streets, said people can avoid automatic bank teller theft by using common sense.

"No one can get into your account unless you give them the information," Shupe said.

Fosler estimated that 70 percent to

80 percent of UNL students carry automatic bank teller cards. Because students are relatively new at managing their own budget, they should understand what could happen if they are careless with their bank cards, Fosler said.

Shupe said the best way customers can avoid theft is never to lend their cards or reveal their access number to anyone — even friends.

They shouldn't let anyone look over their shoulder when they punch their access number into the bank machine, he said.

Also, they shouldn't write their access number on the back of their card, Shupe said. If they do and then lose their card, theft is easy for the person who finds the card. Instead, memorize the number as soon as you receive it and throw the written number away.

"You don't leave an endorsed check laying around," he said, "so why should you leave your card and access number laying around?"

Most banks have their own safeguards to protect their customer's accounts.

NBC mails cards and their access numbers separately, avoiding possible thefts before they even get to customers. The envelopes are not labeled with bank logos, Shupe said.

If people find a lost card and try to use it, they have only a few tries to guess the access number before the machine will keep the card, Shupe said.

"The banks try to take a lot of time



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An armed guard may be unnecessary for most credit cards, but caution is needed.

and expense to alleviate the problem, but the consumer has to be careful," Shupe said.

Even with all the potential problems, the automatic teller system is

more fool-proof than the previous paper system, Shupe said.

"With the paper system, you always had to worry about forgery, but it is becoming old hat anymore," he said.

Dittman said people who do have money stolen from these accounts will have no one to blame but themselves.

"It's not our responsibility," Dittman said.