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Weather: No relief in sight humidity-wise as unseasonably mild conditions will continue throughout the week. Mostly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high of 82 (28C). Partly cloudy and cool tonight with a low of 66 (19C). Partly cloudy for Wednesday and Thursday with highs in the middle 80s (28C) and lows in the upper 60s (20C).
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Chaplin brought to life at film festival...Page 5

Pharmacy, nursing programs remain open

By Gene Gentrup
News Editor

The NU Board of Regents decided Saturday against closing the Lincoln nursing program and the College of Pharmacy.

The board adopted a plan by Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island to raise University of Nebraska Medical Center tuition an average of 36.2 percent and to make internal reallocations of \$500,000 to keep the programs alive.

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Under the plan, tuition in the College of Pharmacy would increase from \$1,509 to \$2,409 or 59.6 percent; for dentistry students, tuition would increase from \$3,126 to \$3,981 or 27.5 percent; for medicine students, tuition would increase from \$3,621 to \$4,808 or 32.8 percent; and in the nursing college, tuition would increase from \$1,082 to \$1,358 or 25 percent.

The tuition increase would generate

about \$950,000 in funds for the medical center. The increase would take effect in 1986.

UNMC Chancellor Charles Andrews had recommended phasing-out the two programs to deal with the medical center's \$2.1 million shortfall for fiscal year 1985-86.

Andrews, whose proposal met strong statewide opposition in recent weeks, was commended by Regent Koefoot as "the right man for the right time at this University."

Koefoot said the past two months "has been hell" for the university and during this period Andrews has shown his honesty and his "personal and professional integrity."

Andrews said he accepts the Regent's decisions but still defends his original proposal.

"The citizens of Nebraska have spoken through their elected Board of Regents, and, although I feel my recommendation was in the best interests of the Medical Center, I accept the Board of Regents' decision to the contrary and shall proceed to carry out its instructions with dedication and vigor," Andrews said.

Pharmacy and nursing officials said they are prepared to make realloca-

tions in their program and are finding alternatives to do so.

College of Pharmacy Dean Arthur Nelson, said a private fund-raising

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effort currently underway should offset two-thirds of the proposed \$900-a-year tuition hike that Koefoot's proposal prescribes for the 250 students in his school. Nelson said \$110,000 of an estimated need for \$140,000 has been raised.

The College of Pharmacy will reduce expenditures next year by joining with the College of Medicine to offer joint courses in basic sciences including pharmacology and microbiology, NU officials said.

The reallocations at the College of Nursing that will permit the continuation of the Lincoln program, NU officials said, will divert funds from a pro-

posed doctoral program.

Though the pharmacy college and Lincoln nursing program were not eliminated, board members remain cautious as to the future of the two programs.

"It (Koefoot's plan) is not a solution, it's a postponement," Simmons said of NU's financial problems, which expe-

rienced a mere .8 percent increase in state appropriations this year, the lowest increase among NU's Big Eight and peer institutions.

"The cruel hard fact remains that the current shortfall of funds at the Medical Center will not disappear," Koefoot said.

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Nursing dean pleased with regents' decision

By Deb Pederson
Senior Reporter

The Dean of the NU College of Nursing, Rosalee Yeaworth, said Monday that she was "very pleased" with the Board of Regents decision Saturday to retain the Lincoln nursing division.

"It's not complete elation," Yeaworth said. "The alternative was hard to swallow."

The alternative included increasing tuition 25 percent from \$1,082 to \$1,358 for the 1986-1987 academic year, giving the \$130,000 generated from the elimination of the asso-

ciate degree program to the Medical Center and cutting an additional ten faculty positions on top of the seven positions already scheduled for elimination, Yeaworth said.

Scheduled for elimination are empty-line positions that won't be filled. Yeaworth said she hoped the turnover rate at the college would be enough to provide the ten additional position cuts so that contracts wouldn't have to be cancelled.

When asked about the college's future, Yeaworth said she didn't think the Lincoln nursing program would be a vertical cut in the future.

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Regents have no choice but to raise tuition

By Gene Gentrup
News Editor

A two-year moratorium on construction projects and a set of tuition increases were approved Saturday by the NU Board of Regents as part of guidelines for the 1986-87 budget.

"We must ask consumers, namely students, to pay an increasing cost of their education," NU President Ronald Roskens said. "I regret that we don't have a choice."

NU officials, sticking with their top priority of raising faculty salaries, approved tuition increases of 5 percent

for undergraduates, 15 percent for graduate students, 20 percent for students in professional programs other than the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Tuition increases would average 36 percent for medical center students.

The regents, who must submit their budget to Gov. Bob Kerrey by Sept. 15, are requesting \$170.4 million in general fund appropriations, 3.1 percent more than the \$165.1 million appropriated by the Legislature in fiscal year 1985-86.

Roskens said NU officials plan to wait and see the salary increase requests of other state employees before submitting its own set of requests.

"We'll use a double barrel approach," Roskens said. "Our first and continuing commitment has to be to enhance our salary circumstances, particularly for

faculty. Competitive salaries are a must."

NU tuition would increase to the average of its peer institutions with the exception of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. Those institutions are currently at or above those levels.

Under the two-year moratorium proposed by Roskens, all projects in progress will continue as planned. Only seven projects were proposed by Roskens instead of the originally scheduled 10.

"I think it is time that we faced the fact that the economic circumstances are such that we simply cannot be anticipating new facilities in the immediate period ahead," Roskens said.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk said the moratorium would dem-

onstrate the university's "commitment to holding down costs."

The projects would cost \$5.9 million for the next fiscal year. The university's previously announced proposed capital construction budget contained projects that have required \$19.2 million in 1986-87.

Next year's proposed projects include \$1.8 million in renovation for UNL's Morrill Hall, \$1.2 million in computer equipment systemwide, and \$905,000 in fire and life safety improvements throughout the NU system.

Other projects needing funding under Regents proposals include improving and equipping classrooms and laboratories at UNL, replacing utilities at UNL, renovating UNL's Nebraska Hall for Engineering, and major energy conservation projects at UNL and the Medical Center.

Vet school contract will be improved

By Gene Gentrup
News Editor

Despite a divided opinion on the future of a cooperative program funding NU and an existing school of veterinary medicine, the NU Board of Regents adopted Saturday a resolution directing NU administrators to seek improved contractual arrangements with other states for the education of Nebraska students seeking veterinary medicine degrees.

On a 5-2 vote with one abstention, the board adopted a resolution by Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk that places an emphasis on the continuation of the current practice whereby Nebraska contracts to send its students to other states for their veterinary education.

Robinson said the resolution does not eliminate the possibility of an agreement with an existing school for a cooperative program with NU, but does reflect the view of state legislators which last month passed a bill authorizing a cooperative agreement between NU and an existing school to allow students to divide their training between two states. NU President Ronald Roskens and four NU regents have visited vet school programs at Mississippi State and Kansas State univer-

sities. Legislators cut \$140,000 from the project, proposed by NU officials. The legislature authorized instead acceptance of \$100,000 in livestock industry contributions for future capital construction costs but decided against appropriating any state funds to build a veterinary college.

The contracts NU officials are seeking should ensure NU's participation in decisions on admissions, curriculum and research, according to the resolution.

Regent James Moylan of Omaha, who voted against the resolution, called it "premature." NU could still reach an agreement for a cooperative agreement with an existing school that would allow at least part of the students' instruction and clinical work to take place in Nebraska, Moylan said.

"I would support it a year from now if there were not state or private funding available at the time," Moylan said.

Voting for the resolution were Robinson and Regents Robert Koefoot of Grand Island, Robert Simons of Scottsbluff, Don Fricke of Lincoln and Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn.

Moylan and Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City voted against the resolution. Regent John Payne of Kearney abstained.



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Eight high school girls participate in cheerleading lessons outside of Mabel Lee Hall Monday as part of the Universal Dance and Cheerleading camp. Fifty-three high schools from Nebraska and Missouri are represented at the camp which ends Wednesday.