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UNL tuition hike tops Big Eight

But NU tab still ranks third lowest

By Jonathan Taylor Senior Editor

NL's 15 percent tuition hike for the 1985-86 school year tops all Big Eight universities, according to a Daily Nebraskan survey.

However, Nebraska still has the third-lowest cost per credit hour of the eight schools.

Undergraduate resident students will be paying \$43.75 per credit hour this year compared to the \$38 fee last year. This means that the average undergraduate student living on campus taking 12 credit hours at UNL will pay \$65 more this year.

For the average graduate student (taking about nine credit hours), tuition will cost about \$60 more this year. The average non-resident undergraduate (taking 12 credit hours) will pay \$192 extra this year while average graduate non-resident students must pay \$160 more.

"An increase is fine if the additional money is going toward the benefit of students, but it's not going that way, it's going into the general fund," said Gerard Keating, president of the Association of Students for the University of Nebraska.

Keating said some of the money from the tuition increase put into the university's general fund will be used for programs and research that do not directly include students.

In the Big Eight, only Oklahoma and Oklahoma State universities have lower tuition than Nebraska.

Neither Oklahoma school has had a 10 percent increase for the last three years said Glen Jones, assistant registar of Oklahoma State. Oklahoma University's last tuition increase was two years ago at 10 percent.

Robert Clark, director of student accounts said the big differences between tuition costs may be attributed to the amount of miscellaneous fees which can be added on such as laboratory

hour, had a 10 percent increase of admissions and advising said year.

Cost per credit hour* Percent increase Oklahoma \$20.95 Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

this year, raising tuition to enrollment is the same or slightly approximately \$55.58 per credit more than last year. hour. Because Colorado charges taking nine to 17 hours, the cost also charge flat fees to those who ment. qualify as full-time students at those schools.

At Missouri University, where tuition has increased every year for the last six or seven years, enrollment has dropped slightly, said Gary Zwonitzer, associate director of business services at Missouri University. Zwonitzer blamed the decrease on fewer students graduating from high school, not on the tuition hikes.

At UNL, tuition increases and other budget cuts do not appear to have altered the number of Colorado University, the school people attending the university. with the highest cost per credit Alan Cerveny, assistant director cent tuition increase for next

"We are not seeing a rush of a flat fee of \$667 to students students who are suddenly unable to come to school because per credit hour is an approxi- of the increase," said Don Arimate sum. Iowa State, Kansas poli, UNL director of scholar-State and Missouri University ships and financial aids depart-

He said the financial aid office received more aid applications, but that was before the tuition hike. Otherwise, the scholarships and financial aids department is having the same number of phone calls and visits regarding financial assistance as it usually does.

Instead of more students asking for aid, students are asking that a little more be tacked on to the loan they already applied for,

Aripoli said. Students should plan for higher school expenses next year because the NU Board of Regents already have approved a 5 per-

Steve Oetken, a UNL graduate student, mulls over financial aid forms outside the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid in the Administration Building.

Big Eight Tuition Rates 1985-86



Rates are the average cost per credit hour for undergraduate residents taking 12 hours. Heidi Ore/Daily Nebraskan

Loans, scholarships ease college crunch

By Stephanie Zink Staff Reporter

Although some students are just registering for the fall semester, now is the time to apply for financial aid for the spring semester.

About 15,000 UNL students received some form of financial aid last year. About the same number will receive aid this year, said Don Aripoli, director of the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Students can apply for three types of financial aid - grants, loans and scholarships, Aripoli said. Some aid currently available are:

Pell Grants. These are given to specific areas of study. students on the basis of need. About these grants.

National Direct Student Loan (NDSL). About 2,500 students receive least part-time status are two of the said. Others are based on merit. requirements.

regain loans that students have defaulted on.

For example, some loan defaulters' office, 113 Administration Building. income tax refunds are being held until the loans are repaid.

PACE Grants. These are given to students of exceptional need. The money comes from student and employee contributions.

College Work-Study Program. Most requirements are the same for this and NDSL. About 1,500 students participate in this form of aid.

Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL). This is the most common form of aid with about 9,000 students receiving some form of loan with a total of about \$20 million to \$25 million.

In all, about \$45 million is made available to UNL students each year. Several other types of aid are available, including many scholarships in

The university also sponsors a scho-5,000 students at UNL currently receive larship hunt through the financial aids office. Students simply need to submit their name to the office.

About 60 to 70 percent of the schothis form of aid. Financial need with at larships are based on need, Aripoli

About 800 scholarships are available Student loans made the headlines through the hunt, he said. All applicathis summer when the federal govern-tions for financial aid for the spring ment has started taking action to semester are due Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. For specific deadlines and application information, contact the financial aid

Aripoli said that not everyone who is eligible for aid gets money but the The Daily Nebraskan will feature a sooner eligible students apply for aid, mini-series about student loans in the greater chance the student will receive it.

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