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UNL tuition hike tops Big Eight

But NU tab still ranks third lowest

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UNL'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.

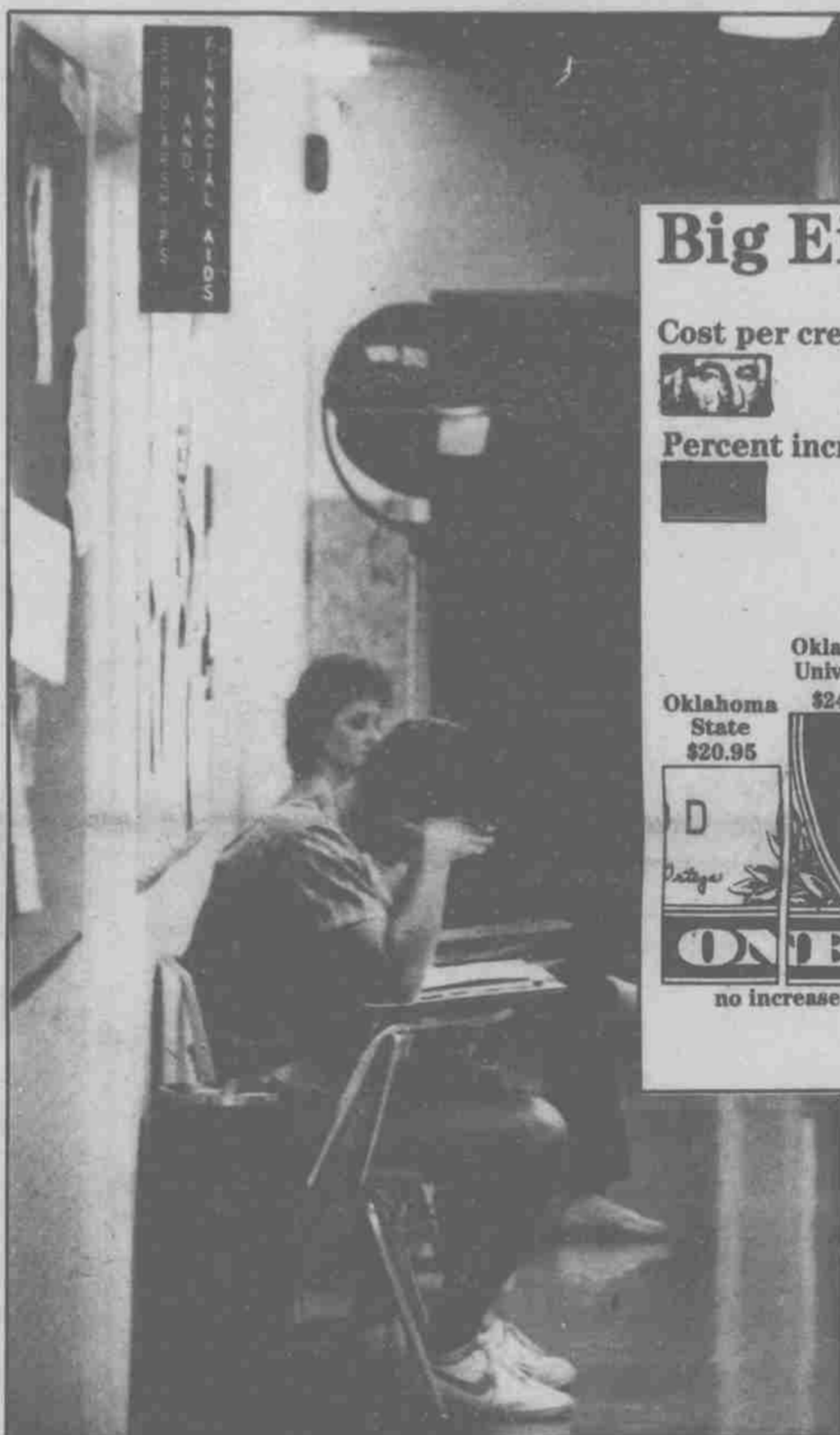
Keating said some of the money from the tuition increase put into the university's general fund will be used for programs and research that do not directly include students.

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 registrar 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 fees.

Colorado University, the school with the highest cost per credit hour, had a 10 percent increase



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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



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Loans, scholarships ease college crunch

By Stephanie Zink
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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 students on the basis of need. About 5,000 students at UNL currently receive these grants.

National Direct Student Loan (NDSL). About 2,500 students receive this form of aid. Financial need with at least part-time status are two of the requirements.

Student loans made the headlines this summer when the federal government has started taking action to regain loans that students have defaulted on.

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

The Daily Nebraskan will feature a mini-series about student loans in October.

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 specific areas of study.

The university also sponsors a scholarship hunt through the financial aids office. Students simply need to submit their name to the office.

About 60 to 70 percent of the scholarships are based on need, Aripoli said. Others are based on merit.

About 800 scholarships are available through the hunt, he said. All applications for financial aid for the spring semester are due Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. For specific deadlines and application information, contact the financial aid office, 113 Administration Building.

Aripoli said that not everyone who is eligible for aid gets money but the sooner eligible students apply for aid, the greater chance the student will receive it.