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Daily Nebraskan ASUN chief favors sports cuts

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dents and education, not research, extension services or sports programs. says UNL student regent Gerard Keating.

Although Keating, a senior agribusiness major from Atkinson, had never held a student government office at UNL, he said he learned the job quickly while helping the NU Board of Regents decide how to handle the budget shortage the Legislature handed NU this spring.

Financial problems do not mean NU's programs and educational quality must suffer, Keating said. Research projects and extension services are important, he said, but they should not rely totally on public funding while tuition rises and educational programs

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"The number one priority of the university is teaching; their second and UNL's first priority should be stu- third priorities are extension and research," Keating said. "And if that's been established, I think we should make the necessary cutbacks in extension and research before we sacrifice the opportunity for students to have an excellent education."

> Keating said he opposed closing the NU Medical Center's College of Pharmacy and the Lincoln division of the School of Nursing. He said he received about 100 letters and phone calls from students who supported keeping the two programs. The regents voted to retain the programs, but imposed a steep tuition hike for all medical center programs.

Keating said he supported the Legislature's decision to cut state financing in half for sports programs at NU and the state colleges. Until the state is in better financial shape, he said, private citizens should donate money to support sports they favor. People who wanted other programs cut before sports more important. are "short-sighted," Keating said.

"Sports is secondary," he said. "It's just a small part of what they're (NU) there for."

The proposed \$20 million Lied Center for the Performing Arts, however, should not be considered a waste of public and private money, Keating said. Although the state will pay \$5 million of construction costs, he said, NU will not have to pay most of the center's operating costs. Money now being raised from private sources will be put in a trust fund and the interest will be used to run the center, he said. sion services.



Keating

Although some have called the Lied Center a "showplace for the rich," Keating said, the opportunity for UNL fine arts students to develop their skills is

"I definitely think this is something the state can afford because of the massive return they'll get," he said. Other issues Keating considers important include:

NU administrators should not fall back on tuition surcharges, such as the 5.5 percent charge for 1985-86 approved on top of a scheduled 10 percent hike, to make up for lost revenues.

"Anytime there's a financial crunch," he said, "the administration goes to than make cuts" in research and exten- assistant loan officer for the Federal

A student recreation center to replace recreation rooms torn down inside the Nebraska Union would be a valuable recruiting tool. A rec center, Keating said, would not only keep students' money inside UNL but would help attract new students. Private donations should be sought to build the center, he said.

 NU should expand, rather than cut its outstate programs, including the technical agriculture school at Curtis and a proposed bachelor's degree program in nursing in Scottsbluff. Keating said people in western and central Nebraska would be served better by such programs.

To increase the students' voice on the NU Board of Regents, student regents should be allowed to vote on board resolutions. Keating said he and the other student regents do as much work as the voting regents and are as well-informed about NU issues. He said he plans to push for introduction of a bill in the Legislature that would give student regents voting privileges.

 Students should realize the power they have to influence NU policy. Unlike high school student governments, Keating said, regents and administrators want and expect students' suggestions on university problems. He said students with concerns should contact him or their ASUN senators.

Keating, 21, also is vice president of Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity and is active in UNL's College Republican the students to raise the money rather chapter. He worked in Scottsbluff as an Land Bank Association this summer.

Store will stock more books

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The textbook department will have about the same amount of titles as it does now, Oppegard said.



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and supplies more easily in the new store, he said. The additional space Oppegard said. The second floor was will allow for better presentation of chosen, he said, to keep the book merchandise and easier traffic flow shopper away from the main flow of during the back-to-school rush, he said. customer traffic. The second-floor book

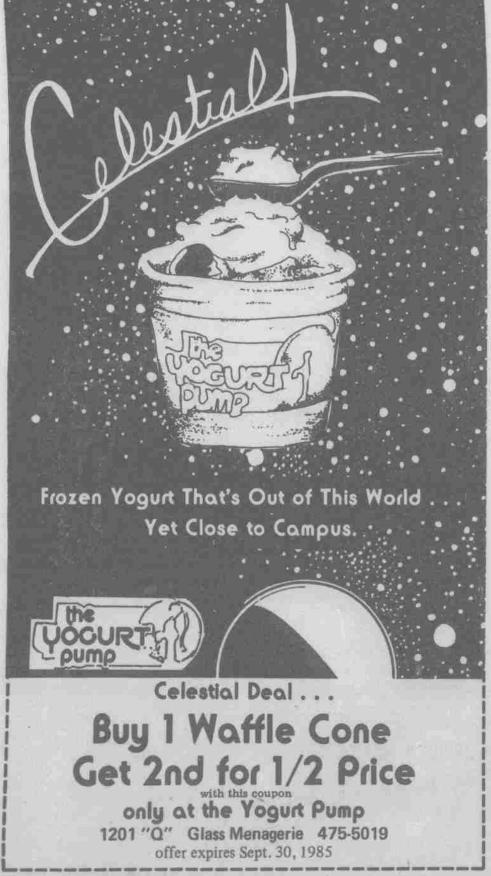
Current plans call for the new store to open sometime between Feb. 1, and April 1, 1986, Oppegard said.

The first floor of the new bookstore will be used for selling art, engineering will be used mostly for office space and and office supplies, gifts, sportswear storage, Oppegard said, but there will

Students will be able to find books general-reading and the textbook departments will be on the second floor, departments are designed so the shopper can browse through the selections in a library-like atmosphere, he said

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