

Administration

Roskens expects steady enrollment

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Despite increases in tuition and cuts in federal student aid, NU President Ronald Roskens said he thinks neither has made NU too expensive for most students in Nebraska.

Although the pool of students is shrinking, he said, the university probably would continue to attract at least as large a percentage of students as in the past.

Roskens said his top task this year will be to create a new statewide consensus about the role and scope of the university.

"A classic confrontation" about the future shape of the university has raged for years, Roskens said. Lean economic times in the state recently have pushed the almost continual argument to a high pitch, he said.

Some Nebraskans think the university should be comprehensive. They oppose any budget cut that threatens to eliminate programs, he said.

Others think the university should be more narrow, with peaks of excellence. Among them is Gov. Bob Kerrey. Kerrey spoke out several times this year in favor of cutting the scope of the university.

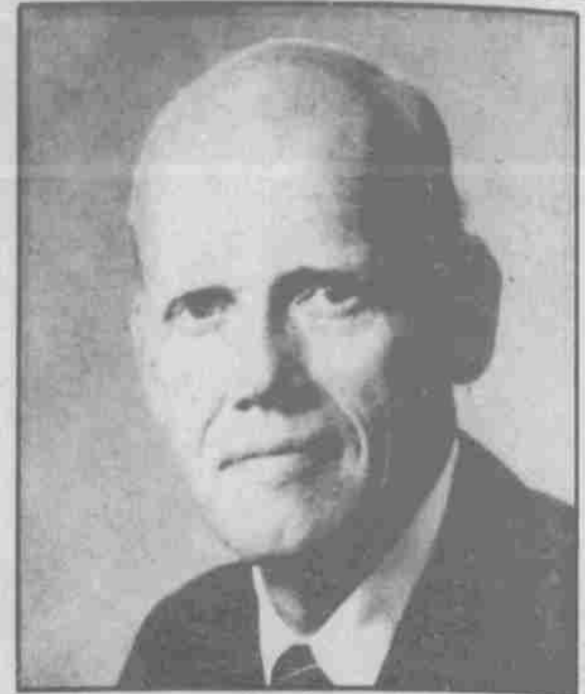
The NU administration also favors a narrow scope for the university, Roskens said. He cited the administration's proposal this summer to eliminate the College of Pharmacy and the College of Nursing program in Lincoln. The proposal was made in response to the 0.8 percent increase in state funds the Legislature approved for the university this year.

Roskens said the administration concluded that NU must cut its scope based on two assumptions: First, it assumed that tax rates in Nebraska

will remain the same. Second, that the university's share of the tax pool also will remain the same — at about 20 percent.

Unless the state's income grows enough to bring in more tax money at present rates, the university's budget cannot increase. That prospect is unlikely, Roskens said, so the university has to constrict its offerings.

In response to strong public support for the College of Pharmacy and the Lincoln nursing program, the NU Board of Regents this summer turned down the administration's request to close the programs. Instead, the regents raised tuition 36.2 percent for NU Medical Center students and directed the Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy to make internal money-saving reallocations.



Roskens

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Chancellor optimistic despite budget

By Gene Gentrup
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Improving the quality of UNL's faculty will be among the top priorities this year for UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

Massengale, beginning his ninth year as head of NU's Lincoln campus, said the quest for improving the university lies in improving the quality of faculty and faculty morale.

"The administration has the responsibility for creating an environment to enable our faculty to do their work and express their creativity," Massengale said. "We (administrators) nurture creativity. We've got to do this by raising faculty salaries."

The Legislature approved a 3 percent salary increase for all NU faculty but only a 1.6 percent increase in the university's overall budget.

Because of this \$2.2 million shortfall, Massengale said budget reallocations will be necessary. They include cuts in the Sheldon Art Gallery, Bob Devaney Sports Center, Morrill Hall, and other university programs.

Other priorities on Massengale's agenda include reports from a special committee reviewing UNL's general liberal education program, a look at university/industry relations, long-range planning, accreditation and university constituents relations.

Although Gov. Bob Kerrey said the university must cut its scope, Massengale said NU won't have to eliminate programs if it cuts positions or sub-programs in different areas.

"Over the last four or five years we have reduced 41 faculty positions," Massengale said. "That's more positions than exist in the College of Journalism, the College of Law and the College

of Architecture." Despite decreasing state support in recent years, Massengale said, he remains optimistic about UNL's future.

"I feel good about the long-range future of the institution," he said. "We're a much higher quality institution than in 1976 (his first year as chancellor), especially in instruction and research."

The Chancellor's Commission on General Liberal Education will report to Massengale throughout the semester and make recommendations to him about UNL's liberal arts program. The final report is expected in January 1986.

Campus construction projects already in progress will continue, despite a decision by the NU Board of Regents to halt any new projects in the next two years. Instead, Massengale said, UNL will focus its efforts on renovation projects.



Massengale

John Yost

Supporting the faculty and the students is John K. Yost's responsibility as the associate to UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

Most of Yost's duties are related to the university's academic aspects. Yost serves as a liaison with the vice chancellors and the deans, works with the NU Foundation and develops five-year academic program reviews.

Before becoming an administrator, Yost taught history at UNL. He served as vice chairman of the history department and received the Distinguished Teaching Award five years ago.

Yost still teaches through independent reading courses.

Yost came to UNL from the University of Arizona in 1967.



Yost

John Goebel

John Goebel, UNL Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, oversees the physical plant; the comptroller, who collects tuition and distributes financial aid and payroll checks; the grounds department; telecommunications; University Bookstore; the food stores for the residence halls; campus police; operations analysis; personnel evaluations and business in general.

Because of the university's limited budget, some areas, such as energy conservation, are focused on, he said.

"I've never encountered another group so dedicated," Goebel said. "They are truly an outstanding asset to the university."

Goebel became vice chancellor four years ago, after teaching in the UNL College of Business Administration.



Goebel

Roy Arnold

Vice-Chancellor of Agriculture and Natural Resources Roy Arnold coordinates the activities of the College of Agriculture, the Agriculture Research Division, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Conservation Survey Division and the International Program Division.

He also provides information to the state Legislature and to state and federal agencies that work with the university on projects, Arnold said.

Arnold, who received his bachelor's degree from UNL, taught in the department of food science and technology for 13 years. He was department chairman for 6½ years and then became the dean and director of the Agriculture Experiment Station. He became vice chancellor in March 1982.



Arnold

Robert Furgason

Student retention is a major concern for Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Furgason, since 30 percent of UNL students drop out in their first two years of college.

Furgason said improving the classroom atmosphere and the physical environment are two areas targeted to keep students at UNL.

In addition to overseeing the curriculum and faculty positions, Furgason also oversees allocations of resources, equipment funds and the operating budget. All college deans report to his office, he said.

In addition to student retention and improving buildings such as Bessey Hall, Furgason said he would work on increasing computer access for students.



Furgason

Earl Freise

Contract negotiations add some spice to Earl Freise's job as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies.

Freise said his office handles all UNL research proposals and negotiates the terms for research contracts.

The office helps faculty members patent their inventions and find money for the 500 projects proposed every year, Freise said. The projects range from tracing groundwater movement to tracking viruses in rats.

Freise became assistant vice chancellor in January 1982. Before coming to UNL, he was in charge of the Office of Research and Program Development at the University of North Dakota.



Freise

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