

Weather:

Mostly cloudy and windy today. North winds 15-30 mph with a 20 percent chance of showers. High of 48. Partly cloudy tonight. Low of 30. Partly cloudy for the weekend with highs in the lower 50s.

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Haig says dollar devaluation will lead to temporary boom

By Kent Endacott
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The United States is moving toward economic prosperity despite the huge national deficit, former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Thursday.

Haig, who spoke at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, said a decrease in the value of the dollar is moving the nation's economy towards a "mini boom." The prosperity will last at least five quarters, he said.

"The dollar has fallen to where it is only 15 percent more expensive than it should be," he said. "That's good news."

However, Haig said, the rising protectionist sentiment in the nation could force an economic downturn. Farmers would be affected the most by protectionist legislation, he said.

"If you look at the domestic market it's been a lackluster year. The reason has been the balance of trade," Haig said. "The protectionists would only make it worse."

"Farmers have suffered terribly," he said. Haig blamed the current budget deficit,

the largest in U.S. history, on the Reagan Administration's "simplistic supply-side economic philosophy."

"Reagan's deregulation and tax reforms have resulted in a major hit on revenues," Haig said. "He must be dragged to the altar of alternative revenues."

He said the Reagan administration "lacks the courage to stand up to fiscal responsibility."

"The budget must be cut," Haig said, "even if that means cutting the defense budget."

However, the balanced budget amendment Reagan supports is "impractical," he said.

On another matter, Haig praised Reagan's handling of the Achille Lauro hijacking.

"Thank God Reagan had the courage to take action against the hijackers," he said. "If the U.S. would have failed to act, the cost would have been severe."

However, Haig said, Reagan should not have criticized the governments of Italy and Egypt publicly.

"Public criticism of a friendly government such as Italy is a mistake," he said.

Wesley to introduce amendment \$5 million in NU cuts passed in first round

By Tammy Kaup
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The bill that would cut 3 percent of the university budget for 1985-86 passed the first round of debate 36-3 in the Legislature on Thursday.

The bill, LB1, would cut a total of \$18.9 million from the state budget, including \$5 million from the NU budget.

"This isn't a concession whatsoever on the university or others," State Sen. Don Wesley of Lincoln told the Associated Press in response to the sparse opposition to the committee's budget-trimming package.

"Whether it's good strategy or not, I don't know, but we're attempting to be accommodating," he said. "We'll fight next week when we come back fresh."

In the AP story, Wesley said opponents of the committee's recommendation agreed to wait until second-round debate to present amendments to reduce cuts in portions of the budget package.

Wesley said he will introduce an amendment next week to reduce the university's budget cut to 1.5 percent from the panel's suggested 3 percent reduction.

The university's budget would be cut by \$4.9 million under the committee's plan.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha argued that "if you... see the amount it's going to take to offer somewhat of a decent education, and you don't offer that, why are you going to believe you're going to get better for less? You can't do that."

Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton said the university's budget cuts might eliminate programs which he said help the state, such as the NU school of technical agriculture at Curtis.

"We may well lose those things we have worked so hard to build up," he said.

"Students who are coming out of these campuses... are those who are going to help us work our way out of the problems (facing agriculture)," Johnson said.

Sen. Tom Vickers of Farnam also showed concern about university cuts.

"I'm very concerned about the attitude of the president of the university as far as budget cuts are concerned," he said.

Vickers said that as a state senator there's one thing he won't tolerate "and that is to forget what the purpose of education is all about."

"I'd like to tell the president of the university and (NU) Board of Regents that they ought to look at themselves before they look at cutting back on services to the students."

Devaney doesn't anticipate cuts Budget cuts could mean fewer coaches, recruits

By Deb Pederson
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Editor's note: This is the third story in a five-part series that tries to examine how proposed budget cuts would affect some of UNL's programs. The Legislature has proposed 3 percent, or about \$5 million, cut in state support for the university.

University budget cuts proposed by Gov. Bob Kerrey and the Legislature could hurt the quality of women's athletics at UNL, several women's athletics coaches said.

The Cutting Edge

Some programs cannot operate competitively on less money and academic cuts would hurt recruiting, the coaches said.

Basketball coach Kelly Hill said it was "almost impossible in our situation to trim more out of an already lean budget."

If faced with a budget cut, women's athletics would have to trim funds from all programs or eliminate a team or a coach, she said.

"It would be most detrimental to take coaches," Hill said. "It would be hard otherwise to maintain a competitive program."

She said no program is exempt from cuts and no sport is more important than another.

Cutting recruiting or coaches would be bad, but if it came to that, Hill said, it would be Athletic Director Bob Devaney's decision.

Devaney said he doesn't anticipate any cuts. But if cuts had to be made, he said, parts of men's and women's athletic programs would be affected.

Devaney declined to comment on any specific programs or areas that would be cut.

Softball coach Wayne Daigle said his current budget wasn't bareboned compared to schools he's coached at before, but budget cuts would hurt the program.

"I definitely think academic cuts will hurt down the road in recruiting," Daigle said.

Potential recruits pay attention to the academic reputation of schools, he said.

Gymnastics coach Rick Walton said cuts in academic programs would hurt recruiting because athletes look for a solid education.

"Gymnastics is not a professional sport so the academics are very important to the athletes," he said.

If the gymnastics budget was cut, Walton said, the team would adjust and still have a quality program.

"We would cut out a trip or two," Walton said. "It wouldn't hurt that much. We're going to do what everyone else is and tighten our belts and still be conference champions and make it to nationals."

Cross Country coach Jay Dirksen said a budget cut wouldn't hurt his program directly because it is "the cheapest to run," but cuts in the academic programs would hurt his recruiting. "Cross Country has one of the highest GPA's in sports," he said. Some team members are majoring in pharmacy and pre-medicine, he said.

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