

# Editorial

## Faculty need leave policy

Without the benefit of sabbaticals to pursue their research and enrich their areas of expertise, professors are precluded from doing the best job they can.

At UNL, there is only one leave per faculty member an average of once every 35 years, according to the 1984-85 Executive Graduate Council annual report. Graduate Council guidelines stipulate that one leave should be awarded each year for every 15 eligible faculty members.

Although Henry Holtzclaw, former dean of the Graduate College, said the number of leaves for faculty members is more than it used to be, the Faculty Development Leave Program, instituted in 1977, still needs help.

Because of the far-reaching implications of limited research and sabbatical opportunities, the financially strapped program needs immediate improvement.

Ultimately, it is the student who suffers from the university's poor leave program. Faculty who don't have a greater number of opportunities to conduct research in their areas of expertise fall behind. They cannot update or enrich their subject knowledge as well if they had regular sabbatical and therefore relate the best information to the students in the classroom.

The amount of accomplishments faculty accumulate from research also suffers because of an inadequate leave program. Not only do professors have difficulty keeping up with the accomplishments of their peers at other institutions, the ability to "produce" and bring recognition to UNL is greatly inhibited by the university's present leave program.

Additionally, potential new faculty considering UNL will also be discouraged by the program's poor reputation.

Faculty morale, recognition and teaching ability hinge on the leave program. Those wielding the budget ax should realize that the leave program is already inadequate and further cuts should be avoided.

## Protest budget cuts

UNL student leaders will be in the Nebraska Union main lounge today at 10 a.m. to explain how faculty and students can pledge their support for the university. Members of the university community concerned about NU's future in the face of about \$5 million in budget reductions are urged to attend the meeting.

University administrators and student representatives have repeatedly stressed to state senators that a 3 percent cut will severely damage the university. Now the rest of the university community must express its feelings.

A wider variety and larger number of people at the statehouse commenting on the destructiveness of budget cuts will have a more powerful impact on senators than the same familiar faces relaying the same messages over and over.

State senators will be considering an amendment next week that could cut the proposed \$5 million reduction in half. Widespread student and faculty support for that legislation is crucial if the university is to survive. Attend the meeting today and find out how to voice your support effectively.



## UNL input is essential

### Senators only determine amount cut, not areas

The current special session of the Nebraska Legislature and subsequent potential for budget cuts has resulted in an understandable outcry from the university community. It is important, however, to look not only at the budget reduction efforts, but also at the university's response. Our state senators only determine the amount to be cut, not the areas to be affected.

With this in mind, it is interesting to review those areas targeted for reduction or elimination by NU President Ronald Roskens in his presentation to the Legislature. The UNL Counseling Center, women's intercollegiate athletics, Community Resource and Research Center, Sheldon Art Gallery and the Bureau of Business Research all were listed as vulnerable. Each of these facilities serves a substantial segment of the student population in an effort to reach toward the elusive goal of holistic education and human development. Eliminating such services challenges the very basis for higher education, which purportedly is committed to the development of the "whole person" — humanism, tolerance and a world view of interdependency and community.

### Guest opinion

#### Political ploy?

So how did President Roskens arrive at these specific suggestions? There are several possible answers. Perhaps he felt that these arbitrarily selected programs would incite an immediate and vocal response from students and

constituents. Politically this seems plausible, although not particularly astute. When the inevitable reductions occur, the university will then be forced to either stand behind these previously outlined reductions and cripple itself in the process, or to disregard the previous response, allowing the Legislature to question the legitimacy of university complaints regarding funding.

Another possibility is that time constraints forced Roskens to respond somewhat instinctively revealing his perception of what is expendable at this institution. Apparently, student support services, research and cultural activities are expendable.

Or maybe higher administration recognized the potential for the enshrined central administration to be questioned — and responded with any alternatives that came to mind.

Each of these alternatives is somewhat disconcerting. Theoretically at least, administrators, staff faculty — and yes, even lowly students — should have been working together to determine how the university could absorb a further reduction in funding. Apparently a decision was made to circumvent the latter three constituencies and incorporate only an elite few of the administrators in deciding what areas would be affected. The result, not surprisingly, speaks directly to many fundamental student services and escapes even the mention of central administration.

As a result of this action by higher administration, students are apparently expected to respond with calculated outrage at Gov. Kerrey and the Legislature. But I believe students' responsi-

bility is not only to advocate the continued funding of this university, but also to ensure accountability in the utilization of those funds. In addition, we have an obligation to view the overall issue of the state's monetary bind. I am not only a student at UNL, but also a citizen of Nebraska and I resent inflated efforts which are a simple appeal to self interest and exhort me to respond with unquestioning fervor to save NU. As Bruce Springsteen said: "Blind faith is a dangerous thing."

#### Holistic view best

Uneducated, single-issue rhetoric will have little impact on our state legislators. However, an effort to take a more holistic view of the legislature's money dilemma and realistically present the needs of the university could have a substantial impact on its decisions.

I do not mean to imply that the university system can sustain interminable budget cuts. At this point we have little choice but to lobby for minimal reductions. But perhaps an awareness of university responsibility, as well as the role of the Legislature, will aid us in an effort to increase student input into the entire allocation process.

Finally, I would encourage students to realize that the budgetary process is by no means over at the conclusion of this Legislative session. Some of the most substantial input can be achieved in the decisions that are made detailing the nature of the reductions.

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### Effectiveness in doubt

## U.N. given 'shot in the arm'

Like pilgrims to a shrine, around 80 heads of state converged in New York to commemorate the recent 40th anniversary of the United Nations.

### Guest Opinion

The arrival of such an extraordinary array of leaders has given the United Nations a much-needed shot in the arm, particularly at a time when its effectiveness is in doubt, according to a recent public opinion survey, a whopping 40 percent of the people polled in the United States, France, Britain and West Germany think the

world might be better without the United Nations. The anti-western sentiments that peaked in the middle '70s and the equating of Zionism to racism caused one to wonder if the United Nations had been reduced to a pawn of Soviet Union and its surrogates. A frustrated former U.S. delegate had suggested that the entire U.N. operation might just want to sail off into the sunset.

One of the biggest complaints against the organization has been the failure to prevent wars. The reason for this failure lies in the fact that the U.N. General Assembly resolution is non-binding.

As a result, countries flout U.S. deci-

sions when they go against them. And in the security council where resolutions are theoretically binding, the permanent members can protect their interests by veto. The United Nations has been compared to an umbrella that folds up every time it rains.

Publicized failures have completely overshadowed its modest success. The United Nations has added more than 100 new member nations through decolonization. Patient, behind the scenes effort has helped to improve human rights.

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