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Regents budget cuts to cancel classes

By Diana Johnson
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As many as 70 second semester class sections could close because of budget cuts passed by the NU Board of Regents on Saturday.

The regents approved a \$3.3 million mid-year budget cut mandated by the Legislature.

NU Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn said approval of the budget reductions could inhibit students' ability to get classes needed for their majors. That could also delay their graduation date.

Hansen said 100 class sections might be closed at UNO.

Sections in high-demand areas that may be affected by the budget cut include criminal justice, computer science and the College of Business Ad-

ministration classes.

Students who preregistered for classes will be notified of closed sections by mail during winter break, said Joe Rowson, NU public information director.

Priority will be given to graduating seniors, he said.

Real work in July

Hansen said he wanted to remind regents that the reduction is "only a stop-gap mid-year approach."

The real work will begin in July, when regents begin planning the 1986-87 budget, Hansen said. Budget reductions will be made on a more permanent basis," then, he said.

However, NU Vice President for Administration Alan Seagren said, "Let's not kid ourselves. For every dollar taken from the university budget, there

is going to be some impact over several years.

The bulk of reductions will come from personnel reductions amounting to about \$1.5 million.

Cuts at all three campuses include \$742,867 in equipment and \$170,697 in building repairs and maintenance. UNO will lose \$35,503 in library acquisitions.

Other cuts affecting all three campuses include \$562,454 in operation expenses and \$250,000 in utilities savings, which might call for colder classroom temperatures, and more than \$41,000 in veterinary medicine and optometry contracts with other states.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff was the only regent who voted against the budget reductions proposal.

Simmons said he thinks the regents

made a mistake by approving the proposed reductions.

Seagren said he thinks the proposed reduction could be handled differently. "It is poor policy to leave things in the arbitrary, unrealistic fashion that the Legislature left us in," Seagren said.

Seagren said he knows finding places to make cuts "was not easy."

Possible areas for reduction in next year's budget include closing the School for Technical Agriculture at Curtis, cuts in county extension agencies, and additional faculty cuts, regents said.

In other matters, regents approved a \$121,499 bid from Deb's Construction of Iowa City, Iowa, for the demolition of the existing structures on the site of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

In other business concerning the Lied Center, the NU Foundation an-

nounced Saturday it has received a \$1 million gift from the Woods Charitable Fund Inc. of Lincoln and Chicago.

New computer system

Regents also approved the purchase of an IBM computer system for UNL that will not exceed a total of \$1.25 million.

Regents authorized the university administration to develop a proposed agreement with Kansas State University for veterinary medical education.

The proposal will let UNL veterinary students attend school at Kansas State but pay in-state Nebraska tuition.

The regents also extended the contracts for UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney and Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne. Devaney's contract was approved for one year and Osborne's was extended for five years.

55, older suggest cuts

DN poll: 56% disagree
with legislative decision

By Todd von Kampen
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Most Nebraskans surveyed in a statewide Daily Nebraskan poll said they think the Legislature was wrong to reduce state support for NU.

Fifty-six percent of those polled said they opposed the 2 percent cut in NU's 1985-86 budget, which was passed during the Legislature's recent special session. Twenty-one percent said they supported the cut, while 16 percent had no opinion.

The Daily Nebraskan questioned 289 people across the state Nov. 19 to 21. Poll results were compiled with the help of Dave Johnson, director of UNL's Bureau of Sociological Research and Gerald Kutish, statistical consultant at UNL's Computing Resource Center.

Those people closest to college age were less likely to support the cut, while those over 55 mostly supported it. Only 10 percent of those in the 25-to-29 and 30-to-34 age groups supported the cut, while 32 percent of people 60 and older supported the Legislature's action.

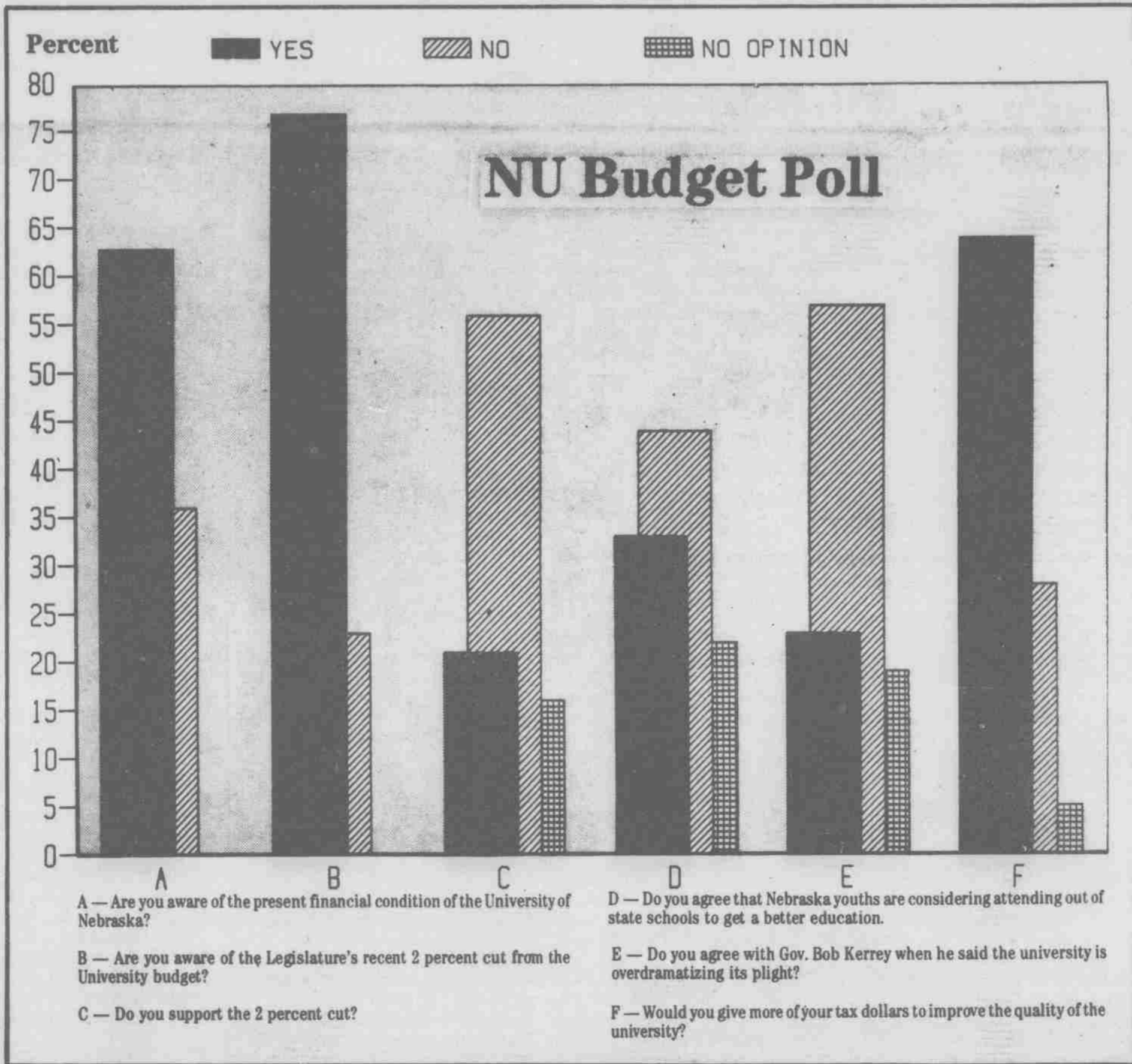
People from Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District, which includes UNO and UNMC, opposed the cuts by a 68 percent margin. Nineteen percent supported the cuts.

Fifty-seven percent of those polled in the 1st District, which includes UNL, opposed the cuts, while 43 percent of 3rd District residents opposed them.

Opposition to the budget cuts also was stronger among people who attended NU, had relatives attending NU or planned to send their children to NU. Sixty-seven percent of present or former NU students opposed the cuts, while 54 percent of non-alumni also opposed them. Sixty-two percent of those polled with relatives at the university did not support the cuts, as opposed to 49 percent of those with no family members at NU.

The poll found that 64 percent of the people polled would consent to a tax increase if they money were earmarked to improve NU's quality. Twenty-eight percent opposed a tax increase.

The poll results showed that support for a tax increase to improve NU's quality ran between 64 and 79 percent among those in the 20-to-34 age bracket. But support was weakest in the 45-to-49 age bracket.



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Those polled were asked two questions designed to measure the belief that Nebraska and NU suffer from a "brain drain" of their best students to other states. The questions were: "Do you agree that Nebraska's youth are considering attending out-of-state schools to get a better education?" and "Do you agree that if Nebraska's top students attend out-of-state

schools, then NU's general educational level will decline?"

Sixty-three percent of those polled agreed that NU's educational level would suffer from an exodus of Nebraska students to other states. Thirty percent said it wouldn't.

Forty-four percent disagreed that Nebraska students are looking to out-of-state schools for a

better education, while only 33 percent agreed.

The poll found that a high percentage of Nebraskans are aware of NU's financial condition and the Legislature's decision to cut NU's budget. Sixty-three percent knew of NU's financial situation, and 77 percent had heard about the budget cut.

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