

Thursday

Weather:

Mostly cloudy today with occasional flurries. Possible accumulation of one to two inches of snow and a high of 25. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Flurries continuing tonight with a low of 15. Friday continued cold and a high of 22.

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Roskens speaks to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee during a hearing Wednesday.

Roskens: NU excellence 'real issue'

By Kent Endacott
Senior Reporter

NU president Ronald Roskens asked the Legislative Appropriations Committee Wednesday to increase NU's funding to help it become an "effective partner in the state's economic recovery."

Roskens said further reductions in state support for the university would be devastating.

"It's at the point where you (state legislators) need to decide if you want a first-rate university," Roskens said. "It's no longer an issue of increased efficiency or program reductions. The real issue that we must face is whether we want to retain an excellent university."

"If we decide we want to maintain an excellent university, then we must find a course for financing it," he said.

Roskens introduced the NU Board of Regent's 1986-87 budget request of \$172 million, up from the NU budget proposal introduced by Gov. Bob Kerrey in November.

Rosken's budget calls for a 6.2 percent increase in UNL faculty salary in addition to the 3 percent across-the-board salary increase called for by Kerrey.

"We're now struggling to maintain

our faculty," Roskens said. "The increased salary proposal is necessary to maintain our faculty salary level at a median among our peer institutions."

The Appropriations Committee proposal for the 1986-87 NU budget is \$158.5 million.

UNL football coach Tom Osborne told the committee that budget reductions have caused many high school seniors to pick other schools because they don't believe UNL offers a quality education.

"It may be a little unusual for the committee to hear from a football coach," Osborne said. "But I get into the high schools across the country, and what I've been hearing is that they think it's impossible to get a good education in Nebraska."

"It's frustrating to hear a kid say he's going to go to Iowa University, Iowa State University or the University of Kansas for academic reasons," he said. "I could understand if they wanted to attend an Ivy League school to get a higher quality education, but these are the schools we're supposed to be equal with."

Osborne also said classes are seriously overcrowded at UNL because of budget cuts.

"Freshmen have been having a harder and harder time getting the classes

they sign up for. It's to the point where some freshmen are having to miss practice. This may not seem like anything too serious, except when everybody tells you that you have to beat Oklahoma."

Dr. Lowell Saterlee, UNL food processing center director, said other institutions are actively recruiting top faculty members at UNL.

"Three of the professors at the food processing center have been approached by other offers," he said. "They have resisted, hoping that the economy in Nebraska will turn around."

"But they're starting to show a real concern for the approach the state is taking towards higher education," he said.

Debate on voting rights resumes

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Supporters of a plan to give a vote to student regents hope to attach it to a constitutional amendment that would give the governor power to appoint regular regents.

ASUN President Gerard Keating said Wednesday that Neligh Sen. John DeCamp plans to offer an amendment to LR32CA that would give one of the three student regents one full vote on a rotating basis. Senators will debate the amendment, which won first-round approval last year, this morning as the first item of business.

DeCamp and Ord Sen. Carson Rogers are co-sponsors of LR306CA, which would give student regents one combined vote. The amendment reached the first stage of debate before Attorney General Robert Spire ruled last week that it violated both the U.S. and Nebraska constitutions.

Spire said the amendment violated the federal "equal protection" clause by giving student regents less than full voting power and raised the number of regents over the maximum allowed by the Nebraska Constitution.

DeCamp's amendment, Keating said, raises the maximum number of regents from eight to nine and gives one student regent the same voting powers as a regular regent. A further amendment in the works, he said, would give UNL's student regent the vote for the first year, followed by the student regent at UNO and then at the NU Medical Center. The Legislature would have the power to decide which campus gets the vote if DeCamp's first amendment passes.

Keating said student leaders prefer the original student regent amendment because they oppose giving the governor the power to appoint regents. But if LR32CA fails, he said, student leaders will try to get DeCamp's amendment attached to LR306CA.

Party party announces its goals: Union Square bar, ASUN liquor store

Party party members are setting goals that they think match students' priorities — partying.

Keeping in step with their platform presidential candidates, Tim Burke, and vice-presidential candidates, Steve Henning and Tim Brogan have been celebrating their ASUN candidacy at the bars.

Tim Burke, a senior advertising major, said most ASUN parties promise a lot of little things. But Party will focus on only one goal — to legalize alcohol on campus.

The party's platform focuses on getting alcohol on campus through two main provisions, Burke said.

If elected, Party proposes con-

verting Union Square restaurant into a bar, with profits going to scholarships for UNL students, he said.

The party also would establish a wholesale liquor store in the ASUN office, staffed by the ASUN senators. Burke said profits would be used to support Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and to increase faculty salaries.

Henning, a senior business major, said bringing alcohol to campus is an especially important topic now with all the public attention on drunk driving. Sending people to the bars is unsafe when students could drink right here on campus,

he said.

Burke said party members would lobby the legislature to reach their goal.

Henning said because the party is mostly seniors, accomplishing its goal is urgent.

If elected, Henning said the party would abolish ASUN. The money saved from Fund A student fees, currently going to ASUN, would go to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, he said.

Burke, who has run for ASUN Office twice before, said Party has as realistic a goal as any of the other parties. The party has a new focus, but a very honest approach, he said.