

# Lack of money hurts research, professors say

By Gene Gentrup  
Staff Reporter

Some faculty members teach more than their regular share of classes because of recent budget cuts, and the problem affects the effectiveness of UNL's research and faculty, four regents professors say.

Joseph Macek, John Woollam, Dermot Coyne and James Rawley, chosen Saturday as new regents professors at the NU Board of Regents meeting, said that because faculty members have had to increase their workloads, they have been spending less time on research.

"Everybody gets affected in the long run," said Macek, a physicist specializing in atomic theory. "Salaries are low. People leave. There's not enough to teach and research goes down."

Opinions on which research programs will feel the brunt of the budget pinch vary from department to department.

Macek said he likes his 50-50 balance of research and teaching. But research will be the most affected area by the budget cuts, he said.

Woollam, who studies electronic materials engineering, said his department's research program is having few problems dealing with the cutbacks.

His research is funded almost entirely by the federal government and private business.

"As long as we're productive and doing the work they want us to do, we'll keep them happy," Woollam said.

It is important to maintain this support to sustain the program's success, he said.

"Graduate students get good training, it promotes the program and attracts good grad students," Woollam said.

Budget cuts also are hurting research in the history department, said Rawley, a UNL history professor.

Rawley said cutbacks in travel has hindered "potential research" in the department.

"Historians need to go where the material is," he said. Two faculty members left the department last semester, he said.

Coyne, an internationally respected scholar in the vegetable breeding and genetics field, said state and federal allocations have declined to the point where he has money only for personnel and little money for supplies and travel.

Coyne said half of his overseas research grant for work in the Dominican Republic can be used in Nebraska, which helps, but "decreases my efforts."

But some professors will be affected little by the cutbacks, Woollam said. Those professors, including Woollam, are doing work for companies who pay for the research, he said.

Woollam, who works for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said his work includes research to improve satellite communication frequencies and to develop an electrical conductor to make air travel less costly.

## Police Report

A 24-year-old UNL student wanted by the Lincoln Police department was arrested in Neihardt Residence Center at about 7:45 p.m.

Lincoln police say the man is a suspect in several incidents that occurred between Feb. 5 and 17.

The incidents included intimidation, nuisance phone calls, assault, disturbing the peace, trespassing and property damage, police said.

Other weekend reports include:

### Thursday

**12:04 a.m.** — Coat reported stolen from Abel Hall.

**9:28 a.m.** — Injury reported at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Person slipped on ice and injured leg. Person was treated by first aid personnel at the scene and released.

**3:16 p.m.** — Illness reported at the Nebraska Center of Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

**6:35 p.m.** — Injury reported at the Coliseum. Person injured knee playing basketball and was taken to a hospital

by ambulance.

**8:55 p.m.** — Purse reported stolen from Love Library.

### Friday

**8:50 a.m.** — Cash reported stolen from Xerox fund in Hamilton Hall.

**11:25 a.m.** — Illness reported at Home Economics building on East Campus.

**1:14 p.m.** — Telephone reported stolen from unlocked room in Harper Hall.

**2:33 p.m.** — Car caught on fire in Parking Area 22 at 10th and Avery streets. Flames were confined to the engine compartment and fireman extinguished the blaze.

**7:56 p.m.** — Fire extinguisher reported stolen from the third floor of the Temple Building.

**11:11 p.m.** — Hit-and-run reported in the fire lane on the west side of Abel Hall.

**11:19 p.m.** — Vandalism reported in Selleck Quadrangle. Wood trim reportedly torn from around a door.

**11:37 p.m.** — Watch and wallet reported stolen from room in Harper Hall.

**11:48 p.m.** — Car's tail-light reported broken in Parking Area 3 north of Harper Hall.

### Saturday

**12:54 a.m.** — Fight reported on the north side of Harper Hall. Participants dispersed before police arrived.

**1:42 a.m.** — Medical emergency reported at campus police department. Dispatcher complained of severe chest pains and was taken to a hospital.

**2:10 a.m.** — Hit-and-run accident reported in the driveway on the east side of Sandoz Hall.

**8:32 a.m.** — Car window reported broken in Parking Area 23 at 16th and W streets.

**2:43 p.m.** — Oklahoma license plate reportedly stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 3 north of Harper Hall.

**7:41 p.m.** — More than \$200 cash reported stolen from a residence in Neihardt Residence Center.

## RHA identifies possible aid cuts

By Linda Hartmann  
Staff Reporter

The proposed 1987 federal budget for education may cut more than \$3 billion in education programs.

At an open forum of the Residence Hall Association, members of the Nebraska State Student Association told RHA senators that the U.S. Department of Education estimates the budget reduction would prevent about 1 million students from qualifying for financial aid if the budget is adopted.

The programs cuts would:

- Reduce the Pell Grant program by \$400 million and increase family contribution to students' education, generally disqualifying students whose families' gross adjusted incomes are

more than \$23,400.

- Eliminate Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and the College Work Study Program. The proposal would substitute a combined grant/work program with \$600 million less funding.

- Eliminate money for the State Student Incentive Grant and National Direct Student Loan programs.

- Eliminate the in-school subsidy payment of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

In other matters, RHA Sen. Russ Johnson presented statistics on the use of Abel Hall pool. Senators will use the statistics when they talk to students about the possibility of closing the pool.

Douglas Zatechka, director of the Office of University Housing, is considering closing the pool during the school year pending student input.

The pool costs \$41,000 a year to operate and needs about \$30,000 of repairs.

Closing the pool would give residence hall students a \$5 reduction in housing rates or the addition of another service.

The Abel pool is open more hours than the Coliseum and Mabel Lee Hall pools and is the only campus pool open on weekends. About 16 people use the pool each day, or around 181 people a week, according to statistics.

Johnson also announced that RHA elections will be April 9. Applications for executive positions are due April 2.

## Letters

Brief letters are preferred, and longer letters may be edited. Writer's address and phone number are needed for verification.

### UNL should reconsider decision to close Men's P.E.

What is UNL Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance John Goebel thinking of?

He recently proposed that the Men's Physical Education Building be torn down. The reason: saving \$12,000 a year in janitorial costs. First of all, for those of us who frequent the building, it is obvious that nowhere near \$12,000 a year is spent on janitorial costs. But that is not the point.

The main problem with Goebel's proposal is that UNL already is sadly lacking recreation facilities. The demolition of Men's P.E. Building only will compound the problem that already exists.

More than 26,000 students have used the Men's P.E. Building for recreation in the last two years. This figure is composed entirely of student in attendance during open recreation and does

not include students who use the building for intramurals.

UNL currently is last in the Big Eight in hours of recreational facilities available per student per day. The amazing thing is that Men's P.E. is the most accessible building on campus in terms of hours available to students; tearing it down simply will make an already lousy recreation facility situation that much worse.

Where does Goebel propose those of us who would like to enjoy the use of recreation facilities in the afternoon hours go? To the Coliseum? Sorry, but the women's volleyball team uses the entire gym almost every afternoon. To Mabel Lee Hall? Sorry, not available to students until 5 p.m. Men's P.E. is the only gymnasium open in the afternoon and is vitally important to those students who want some form of recrea-

tion during the afternoon.

The negative impact on intramurals at UNL also must be considered. This semester there are some 330 intramural basketball teams trying to use six courts, three in the Coliseum and three in the Men's P.E. Building. Already games are scheduled until 11:30 each night. If the Men's P.E. Building is torn down, where are the intramural games going to be played or are we going to decide that intramurals are not necessary at this university?

Please re-evaluate your proposal balancing the \$12,000 a year costs with the negative impact on UNL recreational facilities and intramural programs.

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### Regent Robinson should reconsider recent remarks

It was interesting to read Regent Margaret Robinson's comments concerning the granting of credit to a UNO student for her participation in the Great Peace March.

Robinson said she didn't know details of the situation, hadn't read any of the material that would explain it to her and hadn't spoken with anyone who could help her understand it, but she didn't think UNO should give out credit for "that sort of thing."

During the legislative hearings on whether student regents should be able to collectively cast one vote on the NU Board of Regents, Robinson was the only person to testify against the idea. She said she feared students wouldn't be able to put in the time needed to read and understand the material

regents receive on issues.

If we were a little more rude, we might point out that Robinson probably shouldn't have said anything about the UNO student's practicum until she knew something about it. If we were a little more cynical, we might say Robinson shouldn't be able to vote until she has found the time to read her material. But we won't.

We will say that Robinson might want to reconsider her comments to the legislative committee regarding the student regent vote. After all, she seems to think that it's OK to have an opinion on a subject she hasn't had a chance to read about.

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### U.S. policy will change

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The irony is that, at the age of 75, everyone seems to know this part of Ronald Reagan but Reagan himself. Faced with a challenge to authority, he still allows his reflexive conservatism to get the better of him. In

following his instincts rather than his head, he does his country a disservice. It may be his knee-jerk reaction. But it's us who get kicked.

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