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IANR prepares to pare budget

By Ad Hudler
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All Nebraskans — not just students — will feel the sting of UNL's budget ax if the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has to follow through with its proposed cuts for the following year, administrators say.

The cuts, part of a university-wide budget reduction plan proposed earlier this month by UNL's vice chancellors, could eliminate some classes, faculty positions, research on the state's ag problems and outreach programs, such as the extension service that serves rural Nebraska.

Administrators have two alternatives to handling the budget squeeze of \$880,000. The first would be to eliminate NU's School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, a two-year technical training school. Such a move is unlikely, however, since the Legislature's Education Committee voted earlier this week to retain a bill that says the school must stay open. If the school is closed, the veterinary technician department — the state's only such accredited program — would be moved to Lincoln or into a surrounding college.

The second choice includes cuts from several departments, including some from Curtis, assuming the school

would merge some programs with surrounding community colleges: personnel, research, the cooperative extension service, the conservation and survey division, veterinary student contracts and administrative assistance.

"It's a matter of making some choices among a whole array of similarly undesirable alternatives," said Roy Arnold, vice chancellor of UNL's IANR. Arnold made the final decisions about the proposed ag college cuts.

In making the decision, Arnold said he used several criteria, including:

- Quality of the program
- Importance of the program to the state's economic development
- Ability to generate income
- Student demand
- Importance to other instructional programs.

The decision to put Curtis on the chopping block was more a quantitative than a qualitative decision, Arnold said. About 240 students attend Curtis.

RESEARCH

(\$257,300): The cuts would eliminate some research positions and programs, said T.E. Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture. Research programs vital to the state, kept.

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UNL professor dies

John Robinson, a longtime distinguished English professor at UNL, died Tuesday at the age of 51.

The cause of death has not been released.

Robinson, who came to the university in 1961, was particularly interested in early drama and wrote many articles on theatrical literature that were praised in England and the United States. He co-authored a bibliography on "English Theatrical Literature 1559-1900," which was awarded the first Besterman Medal by the English Library Association. At the time of his death, Robinson was re-editing the bibliography and finishing a book on late medieval drama.



Courtesy of Lincoln Journal-Star
Robinson

Both colleagues and students praised Robinson and his accomplishments.

"His death is a loss to the university and the department," said Robert Knoll, a regents professor in the English department. "He was one of our distinguished scholars of national and international reputation who will be hard to replace."

Knoll, who met Robinson in England in 1961 and brought him to UNL, said Robinson was happy at UNL and felt he had "found a home."

Assistant English department chairman Norman Hostetler said Robinson had a "very substantial career" and he is sorry Robinson didn't get a chance to finish his work.

Joe Sampson, an English and theat-

rical arts major who was taking his first Shakespeare class with Robinson, said Robinson's English background "made Shakespeare come alive."

"He was just a terribly interesting man to listen to," Sampson said.

Robinson served as chairman of the English department from 1972 to 1981 and was College of Arts and Sciences dean from 1969 to 1972.

Active in campus affairs, Robinson served as vice president of the UNL Chapter of the American Association of University Professors in 1974 and president in 1975. He was the special representative of the chancellor on racial issues from 1970 to 1971 and served as chairman of the Committee on Needs of Foreign Students in 1971.

Born in London, Robinson earned his bachelors and masters degrees at Oxford University and his doctorate at Scotland's Glasgow University.

Aside from the Besterman Medal, Robinson received many other awards and honors. While at Oxford he received the Plumtree Essay Prize and was a Huntington Library Fellow in 1972. He was a member of the editorial advisory boards for "Nineteenth Century Theatre Research," and "The London Stage 1800-1900."

Robinson also was a consultant to the University of Nebraska Press, Oxford University Press, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Harvard Theatre Collection and the International Theatre Bibliography.

He is survived by his wife, Ella, and four children, Margaret, David, Catherine and John Jr.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Roper and Sons Mortuary.



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Lied forum panelists, from left, Lusk, Warner, Yost and Rowson.

Lied a 'one-time expenditure'

Funding won't hurt NU, senator says

By Kent Endacott
Senior Reporter

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriation Committee, said Wednesday that state funding approved for the Lied Center for Performing Arts will not hurt NU when senators consider its budget this spring.

In May 1984 the Legislature approved a \$5 million appropriation for the construction of the arts center, to be completed by 1987.

"It's looked upon as a one-time expenditure by most senators," Warner said. "The fact that it is a one-time expenditure is very significant. It will have an impact on the level of appropriations at the uni-

versity or any other state agency."

At a Lied Center forum in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union on Wednesday, Warner said the Center project is well-received by the Legislature because the state will not be responsible for operating costs.

Vice Chancellor John Yost, UNL Public Information Director Joe Rowson and Music Professor Larry Lusk, who is a member of a faculty planning committee for Lied, also participated in the forum.

Under terms of the agreement, the \$20 million Lied Center will be funded through a \$10 million gift from the estate of former Omaha businessman Ernst Lied, a \$5 million appropriation from the Legislature, and money raised by the NU

Foundation.

The NU Foundation has promised the Legislature to raise an additional \$5 million to establish an endowment for maintenance of the Center.

Edward Hirsch, NU Foundation executive vice president and corporate secretary, said \$24.6 million of the targeted \$25 million already has been raised. He said the foundation expects to have the needed \$25 million in the next two months.

Yost said the Lied Center will work closely with departments at UNL and that it will "enrich the education of every student."

He said other performing arts centers in university cities comparable in size to Lincoln are used about 200 times a year.

New system a priority, dean says

Libraries may automate card catalog

By Merry Hayes
Staff Reporter

The card catalog system at UNL libraries may be replaced by computers to provide better service for students and faculty, said Kent Hendrickson, dean of libraries.

Although automation of the libraries is only in the proposal stage, Hendrickson said, "chances are pretty good it will be accepted. It's just a question of when."

It will take several years of proposals and approvals before automation is a reality, he said. Currently, only the circulation system is automated.

The main problem is money. It would cost \$750,000 just to convert the card

catalog system to a machine-readable format. And an additional \$2 million in computer hardware and software would be needed for public terminals in dormitories and university offices.

Hendrickson said the system would provide several additional access points and make file searches faster. With knowledge of a few simple commands, students will be able to conduct title, subject, series and call number searches without entering the library.

"It's not a question of whether it would be nice to do the automation," said Hendrickson. "It's a necessity if we are to support graduate and faculty research. We have to get this done, and it's a priority with me."

Conversion to automation is occurring at many universities in the country, Hendrickson said. Union College in Lincoln already has converted to automation.

Since September, 85 percent of their book and audio-visual holdings have been filed on the Inlex-3000 Automated Library System, said Lawrence Onsager, Union College's library director.

Starting next week at Union College, the system will be hooked up to the residence hall's 400 computers.

Onsager said the minor bugs in the system have been worked out and Union College plans to be fully automated in the next few years.