

**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny Thursday. High in the mid to upper 30s. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph, becoming light and variable. Becoming partly cloudy Thursday night. Low around 20. Partly cloudy Friday. High in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

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**NU confronted with another mid-year cut**

**\$1.6 million trim proposed for university**

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The NU system was confronted Wednesday with the prospect of a fourth mid-year budget cut in six years when Gov. Bob Kerrey announced his proposal to trim \$1.6 million from NU's 1986-87 budget in the fifth special legislative session since 1984.

Kerrey announced his scheme to cut a total of \$6.5 million from the state's present budget at his weekly press conference. The plan, which would leave NU with 1 percent less state support than the Nebraska Legislature approved for it in April, is meant to solve a \$17 million budget deficit that must be wiped out before the fiscal year ends in June 1987.

In defending his higher education cuts, Kerrey returned to his oft-stated position that Nebraska's colleges and universities must narrow their scope. He said UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale is not overreacting when he says budget cuts will hurt economic development and educational quality. But the state's economy, he says, is also damaged when higher education overreaches itself.

"We have a clear problem in higher education," he said. "We've got too many things on the plate... The question isn't whether the program in place is good or bad — I assume they're all good. The question is whether you can afford it."

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**UNL students and officials react to cuts**

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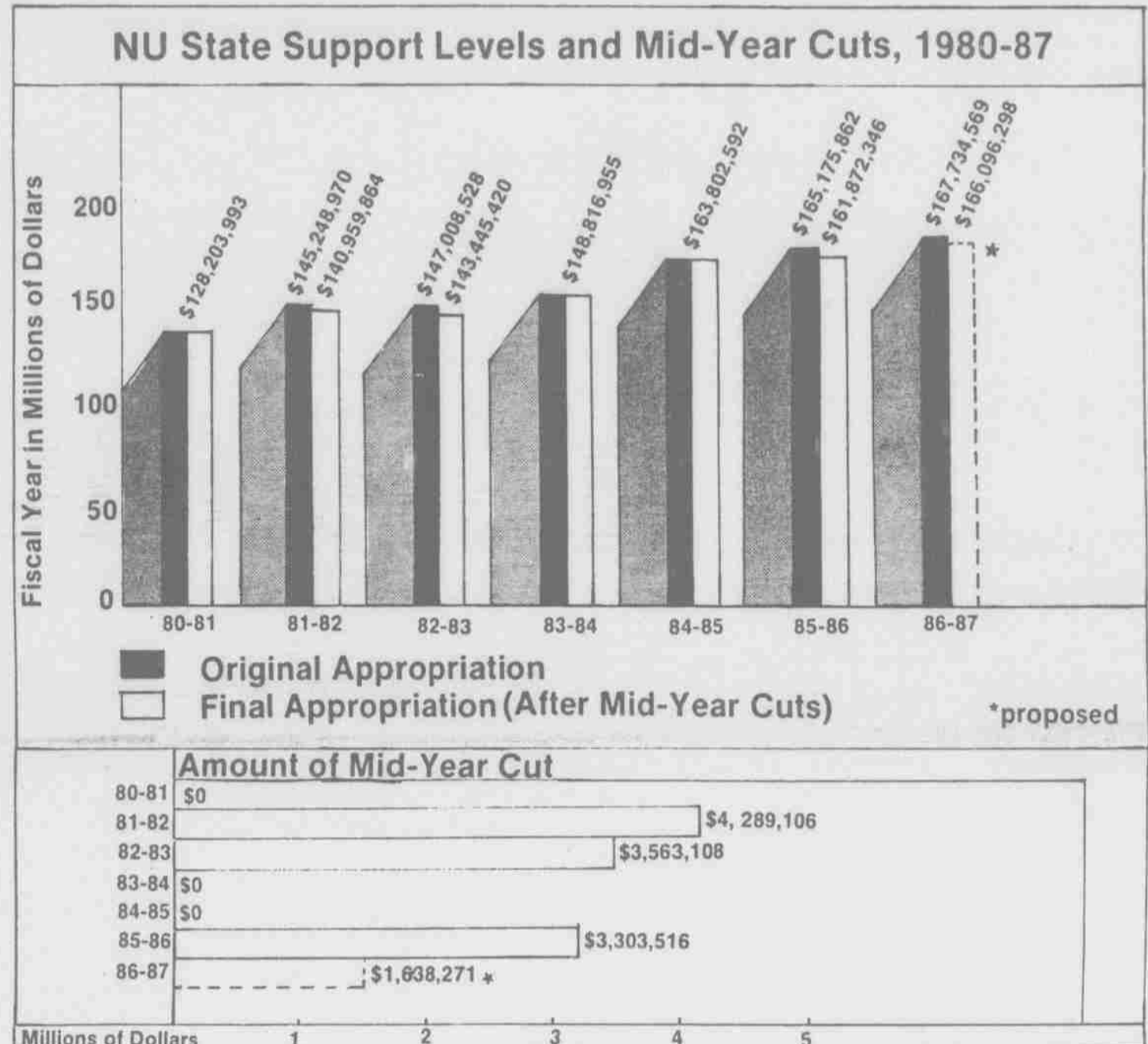
NU administrators and student leaders, as well as officials at West Nebraska General Hospital (WNGH) in Scottsbluff, reacted with dismay Wednesday to Gov. Bob Kerrey's proposal to cut \$1.6 million from NU's 1986-87 budget.

UNL Faculty Senate President Allen Blezek called the 1 percent mid-year cut in NU's state support "very unfortunate and, in fact, tragic in view of the future of the University of Nebraska." ASUN President Chris Scudder took a similar tone, calling the possibility of more budget cuts "frightening" and warning they could seriously damage the university.

But Hans Brisch, chief of staff to Gov.-elect Kay Orr, said cuts in NU's budget were necessary although "I personally am very saddened by it." Brisch is on extended leave from the university after serving as executive assistant to NU President Ronald Roskens.

"If we had waited," Brisch said, "it would have postponed the decision even more and the more painful it is... We must come to terms with the budget, and raising taxes is not the answer all the time."

Meanwhile, UNMC and Scottsbluff hospital officials had to put their plans to begin a bachelor's degree nursing program at WNGH on hold. Kerrey's budget-cut plans include repealing the \$100,000 to start the nursing program that the Legislature passed over Kerrey's veto in April.



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Joan McVey, WNGH intern director and head of the planned nursing program, said taking the money away would hinder the health and welfare of western Nebraskans, who badly need the nursing program.

"I don't see how Governor Kerrey can ignore that need," she said.

Kerrey's proposed cuts make a

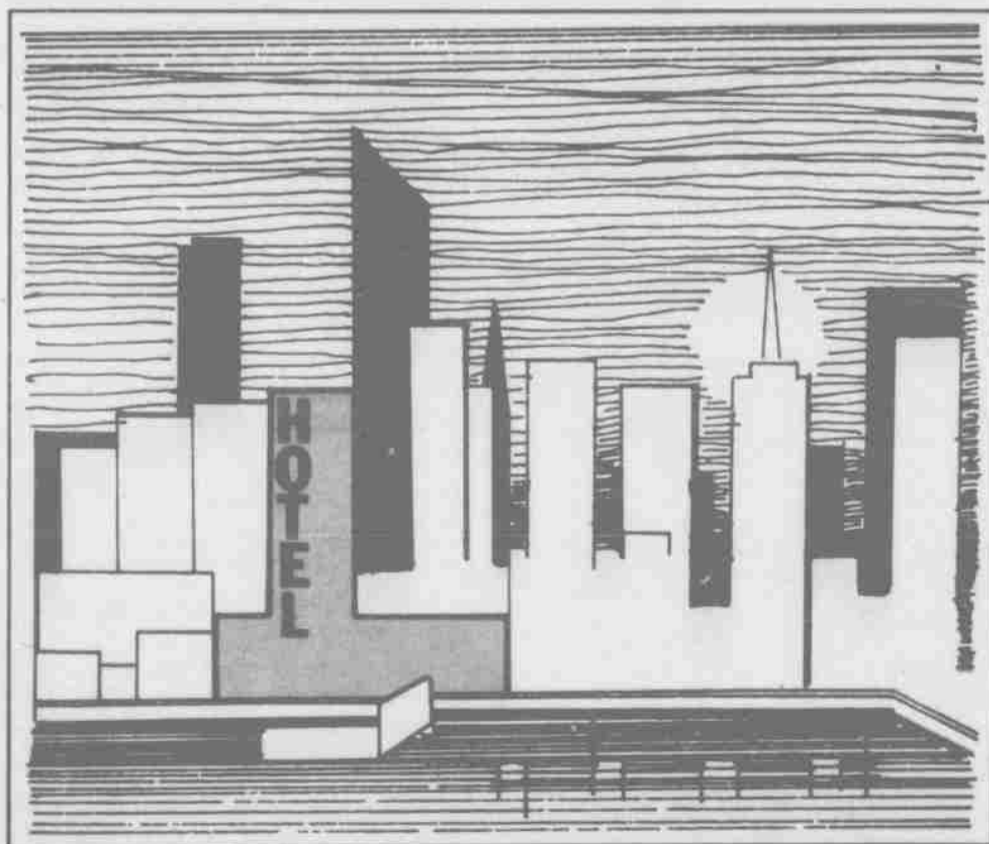
bad situation at NU worse, said Blezek and UNL Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Robert Furgason. Four mid-year budget cuts in six years, they said, would leave few alternatives to eliminating faculty positions, courses and degree programs.

"It's a little like having water in a

sponge," Furgason said. "The first time you squeeze it, something can come out... but by the third time, you really have to wring it. We're down to the fourth or fifth time, and I can tell you there's not much left to squeeze."

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**Hotel variety awaits bowl-bound Nebraskans**



Kurt Eberhardt/Daily Nebraskan

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**Editor's note: The following is the third of a four-part series providing information on transportation, lodging, night life and the history of New Orleans for those traveling to the Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl.**

Hotels and motels ranging from the ordinary to the extravagant are available for those making the trip to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl.

Thirty-one of New Orleans' 85 hotels are located in the historic French Quarter. Located in one of the oldest parts of New Orleans, many of these European-style hotels were built in the 19th century.

With names like A Creole House, Le Richelieu, Rochambeau Hotel and Chateau Lemoyne, it's a sure bet New Orleans accommodations are as diverse as its history, cuisine and architecture.

The French Quarter is the entertainment center and nightlife hub in New Orleans.

Eleven of the French Quarter hotels are located within a block of Bourbon Street, the center of the city's famous nightclub-jazz and Dixieland-music scene.

The Louisiana Superdome is within 15 to 20 blocks of most French Quarter hotels. CBD bus shuttle service is available from the western edge of the French Quarter to the Superdome.

If Bourbon Street isn't your style, similar hotels are located in the uptown region of New Orleans, mostly along St. Charles and Prytanis avenues. Prices vary for these hotels, generally from \$20 to \$85 a night.

For those people whose priority is being close to the Superdome, mostly chain-owned hotels in the New Orleans central business district are within walking distance of the sports complex. These are generally the least expensive hotels in New Orleans, ranging from \$20 to \$45.

One way to guarantee a hotel reservation is to buy a package deal through Lincoln travel agencies.

Lincoln Tour and Travel is offering a TWA charter flight to the game, including a room at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Towers. The hotel is eight blocks from the French Quarter. The charter leaves Dec. 29 and returns Jan. 2. The package price of \$669 includes airfare, transportation, game tickets and various meals and buffets.

Travel Unlimited offers both a charter plane and charter coach package. The deal includes reservations at the Royal Orleans Hotel in the French Quarter. The trip, including transportation, parties, game tickets, meals, costs \$599. The motor coach trip includes a sightseeing tour of New Orleans and costs \$489 per person. People on the motor coach tour will stay at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel and Towers.

Van C. Duling Travel Inc. has a plane charter that heads for New Orleans on Dec. 29 and returns Jan. 2. The tour will stay at the New Orleans Hilton, and the package price, including game tickets, a buffet lunch, transportation and an escort, costs \$669.