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UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale, right, answers questions on budget cuts while Lincoln State Senator Bill Harris, left, and NU Regent Don Fricke await to speak during a panel discussion in the Regency Suite Thursday.

Block 35 saved . . . for now

By Jeanne Bourne
 Night News Editor

Businesses on downtown Lincoln's Block 35 have been granted a reprieve by an agreement between Mayor Roland Luedtke and the Committee to Save Block 35, the mayor announced in a press conference Thursday.

The businesses in the block, bounded by 10th, 11th, P and Q streets, were slated for demolition to provide additional downtown parking as part of Lincoln's proposed \$100 million downtown-redevelopment project. Now the businesses will be given the choice to leave or stay.

Businesses that choose to stay will be able to remain as tenants of the city until the projected eviction date of Nov. 1, 1988.

The businesses that choose to leave now will be demolished and a parking lot will be built, the mayor said.

"We believe that possession of one-half to two-thirds of Block 35 will in all probability be relinquished to the city, and a parking lot will be built," said Randy Moody, spokesman for the Committee to Save Block 35.

Moody said he hopes future events will not require the demolition of businesses that choose to stay.

He said if any changes are made in the downtown redevelopment plans, the "viable" buildings may be saved.

According to a press release, if the Lincoln City Council determines that the block is needed for redevelopment plans before the Nov. 1, 1988 date, the remaining tenants will receive 30 days written notice of their imminent eviction.

Moody said the agreement provides as many protections as possible for those business owners who want to stay.

Cuts to be considered by regents

By Dorothy Pritchard
 Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents will discuss proposals for a \$1.5 million budget cut ordered by the Legislature at the board's next regular meeting Saturday.

NU Regent Robert Koefoot said Monday that the College of Pharmacy and Nursing, two programs targeted for budget cuts recently, would not be cut.

Cuts will be made in operations, maintenance, supplies, equipment and travel. Some vacant positions will not be filled, according to campus officials.

The itinerary for the 8 a.m. board meeting includes:

- Approval of the collective-bargaining agreement between the Board of Regents and the UNO Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

- An incentive program for staff members who suggest efficiency measures.

- Revision of the university's five-year plan.

- Reports on students who are on academic probation and on use of the computer in cancer research.

- Establishment of the Isabelle Haggard Chambers memorial fund as an endowment fund for Love Library.

The regents' monthly meeting will be in Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege St.

Cuts for programs, perks for personnel

McFarland: New bill to include children of staff, not just personnel

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

After an open forum Thursday, Lincoln Sen. Jim McFarland announced that he would introduce a bill that would let children of university support staff take classes at NU for free.

His announcement came shortly after a UNL support staff member testified at a forum in the Nebraska Union that she and other staff members felt left out of LB157, which would let children of professors, administrators and coaches take up to 15 hours of class each semester free.

"Some of us (staff members) would like to see our children go to school here," said Viann Schroeder, director of Publications and Campus Postal Services. "But we might not make that available to them and look somewhere else if we're not included (in the bill), even though we've served the institution for a number of years."

Schroeder testified before a panel of two senators, two NU Regents and UNL

Chancellor Martin Massengale. The forum was sponsored by the University Association for Administrative Development (UAAD).

Schroeder said staff members who felt left out of LB157 were administrative, managerial and professional staff.

McFarland said the main issue of the bill is the unknown financial impact it Employee Concerns Committee, said after the hearing that McFarland's bill leaving out university staff is an example of how staff is sometimes forgotten.

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Massengale said after the hearing that McFarland's ideas are worthy of consideration.

"I think it would be important to the morale and feeling of our faculty and staff . . . if they could get some fringe benefits," Massengale said.

Spreading cuts weakens NU; drop programs, panel says

By Shawn Schuldies
 Staff Reporter

In light of more NU budget cuts, five panel members representing state government and the university system agreed Thursday in favor of cutting entire university programs rather than making across-the-board cuts.

Lincoln Senators Bill Harris and Jim McFarland, UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale, NU Regent Don Fricke, and UNL Student Regent Chris Scudder said at an open forum in the Nebraska Union that further cuts in the university would hurt the overall quality of NU.

The five spoke at the forum sponsored by the University Association for Administrative Development. About 75 UAAD members attended the forum.

Fricke said NU must accept the change and start planning for the future.

Harris said he was tired of looking negatively at the university's situation. Continuous cuts send a negative

message.

"You send a message out that you are going in the wrong direction," Harris said.

McFarland said the issue should not be how the budget will be cut but whether it will be cut.

"I'm troubled that people are resigned to cuts. The university should have enough public support. There shouldn't be a defeatist attitude."

Harris said students could help the university's situation by visiting state senators from their home districts and talking about their concerns.

Massengale and Fricke said a budget review committee would be set up this year to study how the cuts should be made. They said no decisions have been made. Last year the UNL nursing program, the NU Medical Center's Pharmacy College and the NU School of Technical Agriculture were among the programs considered for elimination. The NU Board of Regents, after hearing strong statewide support for the programs, voted against the cuts.

Fowl obsession confessed at Boardwalk meeting



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The Friday feature that focuses on the offbeat or unexplained on campus.

By Mark Davis
 Senior Editor

In the predawn hours of Monday morning, two quick-stepping students dressed in long coats and 10-gallon hats policed the campus. They carried a blue paisley bag filled with fabricated ducks and strategically placed six families of

the ducks and an odd family of chickens on UNL's campus.

Since then the campus has been shrouded in mystery. Where did the ducks come from, and why did they migrate?

On Wednesday evening it was learned that the people responsible for the sudden appearance of the ducks and chickens would be available for comment at the Boardwalk Lounge at 20th and O streets. A duck-bearing stranger pointed at the conspirators: A man and a woman dressed in black, wearing hats and dark glasses, sat at a table in the corner near the door with their backs to the wall.

The two requested anonymity but used the aliases "Walter Potts" and "Kettle Anne Smitty." The story began to unfold.

"We are easily obsessed people," Potts said. Potts and Smitty had been acquiring the ducks and chickens for the past five months.

"Instead of vandalizing UNL, we thought we'd do something to make people stop and think," Smitty said.

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