

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with a few flurries Monday afternoon, high in the 30s. Partly cloudy Monday night and Tuesday with a few flurries. Low Monday night in teens to low 20s, high Tuesday in mid 30s to around 40.

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NU President Ronald Roskens listens to testimony on the proposed UNL recreation center at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting.

Board of Regents approves plans for recreation center

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

After much deliberation and testimony, the NU Board of Regents Saturday unanimously approved construction and financing plans for the \$16.6 million campus recreation and athletic center, which includes renovation of the UNL Coliseum and an addition of about 136,000 square feet.

Funding includes \$3.5 million from a student-fee surplus fund, \$3.5 million in private donations (about \$1.5 million has already been raised) and \$9.6 million in revenue bonds. Four dollars of each \$5 surcharge on per-game football tickets will be used to repay the bonds and the student-fee surplus fund, and \$1 will be held for athletic department general funds.

If the project is approved by the Legislature, construction will begin in April and could be finished by July

1989. Financing and construction plans will be submitted this week, said Kim Phelps, assistant to the vice chancellor of business and finance.

Phelps said the \$740,000 to \$840,000 a year needed for operation and maintenance will be supported by a \$30 to \$35 per-year student-fee increase. Faculty and staff users will pay \$120 per year.

The project was approved with an amendment sponsored by Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn that requires the \$3.5 million in private funds be pledged before the \$9.6 million in revenue bonds are issued. The amendment also asks for a study on student recreation use at UNL to be submitted to the board within 60 days.

About 100 students, some encouraged to attend the meeting by ASUN members, were at the meeting.

"This is probably the largest group we've ever had here," Hansen said. He

asked where the students were the last five years when the university absorbed about \$12 million in academic cuts.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney said they supported the campus recreation/athletic center.

Osborne said the department is willing to charge customers more as long as the stadium is kept full.

Allen Blezek, UNL Faculty Senate president, said faculty members support the campus recreation/practice facility.

"When you need something badly . . . stop finding excuses and go for it," Blezek said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jim Griesen said the project has been given new life because of the students' willingness to tax themselves and intercollegiate athletics' support.

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Regents grapple with cuts

By Dorothy Pritchard
 Staff Reporter

UNL should eliminate the colleges of architecture and dentistry to compensate for \$3.1 million budget cuts made by the Nebraska Legislature, Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island said Saturday.

Koefoot said eliminating UNL's College of Architecture's \$1.4 million budget and UNMC's College of Dentistry's \$3.5 million budget would meet the \$3.1 million cut and leave \$1.8 million for "program enhancement." Koefoot said Nebraska does not need two dental colleges and suggested the university work out an agreement with Creighton University's College of Dentistry. Regent James Moylan of Omaha objected to Koefoot's proposal.

"We can't approach it in this fashion," Moylan said.

UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale said the \$1.8 million leftover from the

program eliminations wouldn't reflect net savings. The tuition lost from eliminating the colleges would have to be subtracted, he said.

UNMC Chancellor Charles Andrews said he was surprised by the proposal because the regents said they wouldn't cut entire colleges at their last meeting.

"I've got a considerable management problem if you are telling me that the medical center is going to make up the \$3.1 million deficit," he said.

NU President Ronald Roskens said four of the last six years have been difficult — "reducing the whole operation."

"We are not talking about something that will go away," he said.

The governor and the Legislature assume that \$3.1 million will be reduced by June 30, Roskens said.

"We have to get that behind us," he said.

Roskens said when he made recommendations to compensate for the \$3.1

million in budget cuts he considered programs he thought "would least damage the core of UNL."

"We're making value judgments, and those are tough," he said. Roskens said the regents should ask themselves, "If not this, what?"

Roskens said final action on the budget cuts would be made at the regents' April meeting.

In other business, the regents approved the increase in room and board rates for the residence halls, which will pay for cable TV, computer transmission from each room and an optional meal plan.

Regents also approved the appointment of Kunle Ojikutu as director of the UNL Health Center and the appointment of Clarence Ueda as dean of the College of Pharmacy at UNMC.

The regents also approved renovation of UNO's Arts and Sciences Hall and the commissioning of Doug Tyler to design artwork for the UNO Science Building.

Sports center threatened

Devaney, Bryant object to Rosken's planned cut of state athletic funds

By Eric Paulak
 Staff Reporter

Athletic Director Bob Devaney and other athletic-department officials Friday presented their cases against a proposal to cut \$390,000 from the athletic department budget.

NU President Ronald Rosken's proposed cut would, in effect, take state funds of \$165,000 from athletic programs and \$225,000 from the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The move could prove costly for the university in a "very sports-minded state," Devaney told the Athletic Budget Review Committee. A projected athletic department surplus of \$9,551 is figured into the current athletic-department budget, Devaney said. Any cut in the budget, he said, would result in a deficit for the year or cuts of some programs.

This year, the athletic department was budgeted \$165,000 in state funds, and the sports center \$225,000. Except for those allocations, Devaney said, the athletic department is self-sufficient.

With the proposed cut, the department would be totally self-sufficient. Devaney said the department can't do that.

The athletic department's budget is more than \$10 million, of which \$390,000 goes to support the sports center.

Gerald Lott, sports-center superintendent, said the sports center is a state building, and as such should be supported by the state.

Some of the committee members suggested how to generate more income.

Rene Gellatly, an administrative assistant in the department of animal science, suggested using the sports center for student recreation and paying for it with student fees.

Devaney said it is not feasible to include recreation programs there because it was not built for that purpose and it is too difficult to schedule student recreation around the varsity athletic teams' practices.

In 1972, when the idea of a sports center was presented to the Legislature, Devaney said, the director of the campus recreation turned down an offer to be a part of it because he wanted a separate recreation center.

Assistant Athletic Director Don Bryant said the athletic department is the biggest public-relations agent the university has, and the sports center is part of that.

"In the eyes of the fans, it (the sports center) is a university building," Bryant said, "but not in the eyes of the Legislature."

Ninety-five percent of the athletic department's income comes from football and men's basketball, Devaney said. Their income supports the rest of the varsity athletics, as well as bringing millions of dollars into Lincoln and the state, he said.

The budget-review committee will meet Wednesday and Thursday in closed session to decide where to cut the \$1.5 million midyear reduction the Legislature made in the NU budget.

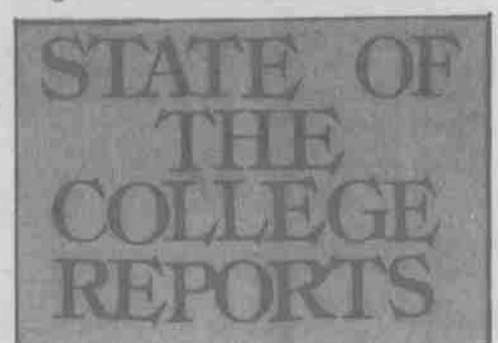
Journalism school avoids cuts

Enrollment boom increases demands on faculty

By Natalie Weinstein
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Although the College of Journalism's budget has not been cut in recent years, an enrollment boom of 150 percent in the last five years has greatly increased demands on the college's faculty and facilities.

Currently 950 undergraduates and 85 graduate students are enrolled.



Within the same five years, only one faculty position has been added, bringing the college total to 18 full-time and 20 part-time faculty members. This has resulted in heavier teaching loads, bigger classes and heavier advising schedules, said R. Neal Copple, dean of the College of Journalism.

The student-adviser ratio is 1:60 — about twice as high as other Big 8

schools, he said.

Weekly student-contact hours, or the amount of time a professor spends in the classroom, is about 16 hours for the College of Journalism compared to a campus average of about 9.6 hours a week, Copple said. This has more than "stretched" the faculty.

"We're the 'journalism bargain,' and I'm not sure if I like to be called that," he said.

Alfred A. Pagel, Gannett professional lecturer in the news-editorial department, said, "We need more faculty, a new computer system, broadcasting and photography equipment and nationally prominent people in here."

The computer system used by students is about seven years old and showing its age, according to Patti Miklos, a junior advertising and history major. "It's pretty outdated," Miklos said.

Rick Alloway, broadcasting instructor and KRNU station manager, said the broadcasting department has to rely somewhat on "hand-me-downs."

"Broadcasting technology has taken off geometrically in the last 10 years," he said. The equipment budget, on the other hand, has not. Many TV and radio stations donate used equipment.

"We live off it. We encourage it," Alloway said. "But it's donated because it's not the best. If it was in great condition, it wouldn't need to be replaced."

But, within the last month, there is a bright spot in the broadcasting department's operation. KRNU, UNL's non-commercial broadcasting lab station, increased from 10 to 100 watts and switched to stereo.

Larry Walklin, broadcasting department chairman and journalism professor, said his department doesn't have enough money. "But with grants, gifts and good people we've been able to overcome many deficiencies."

"If they keep on doing it, we're fine," said Walklin. "It would be better, though, if we had a more realistic base to deal with."

Michael Goff, assistant professor of advertising, said his department doesn't have enough manpower, but the faculty is trying to maintain quality and improve where it can.

The advertising department has two or three positions open, which should be filled by the beginning of fall semester, Copple said. Beginning Jan.

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