

Despite large freshman lectures, budget cuts, law dean optimistic

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"Without research assistants, students are not able to work closely with faculty members, gain research skills that will be helpful to learn, and learn something on a specific area," Potuto said.

Nevertheless, Thorson said he has "positive feelings about the college, and it's a good place to work. There's a lot of support for what we want to do. Everything is positive except for state support."

Because of the cuts, freshmen are subjected to combined lecture sections of up to 150 students.

"Law schools try to stimulate discussion in class," Potuto said. "After all we are training future lawyers; in larger classes it's a lot harder to do."

The 23-member full-time faculty outgrew the city campus location and moved to East Campus in 1975. At the old location in the city campus former law building Perlman said it was impossible to continue a first-class program.

A first-class program, Perlman said, includes faculty members who are actively involved in scholarship and care about good teaching, and a curriculum that is balanced between theoretical and practical instruction. The new College of Law building has space for clinical programs, for continuing legal education programs and for conduct-

ing real court situations, he said. The Nebraska State Supreme Court holds session in the building once a year. U.S. District Court Judge Warren Urbom conducts court at his discretion.

Although its location distances it from the activity and community of city campus, Perlman said the Law College offers diverse interdisciplinary programs.

"We have the first and most active joint-degree program in law and psychology in the country," he said. The program is nationally recognized and ranks with programs at Stanford and the University of Virginia.

Perlman said that the psychology and law faculty interact; psychology professors teach law courses, and law professors teach in the psychology department.

Other joint-degree programs are offered with the Teachers College, business college, and the College of Agriculture. The architecture college, dentistry college and College of Journalism are being considered for joint programs.

"This permits our students and others to take advantage of courses offered throughout the university for law credit," Perlman said. In the case of psychology and law "It permits students to simultaneously get a doctorate in psychology and a professional law degree and allows it to happen in a shorter period

of time."

Perlman said there is a misconception that students always become lawyers. A wide range of opportunities accompany a law degree, he said. Sixty percent of the graduates enter private practice, and some enter business management, government, teaching and journalism, he said. Most graduates take a bar exam, he said, and last spring all who took the Nebraska bar exam passed it.

Perlman said that graduates compete well in the Nebraska job market and out of the state. About 60 percent stay in Nebraska and 90 percent are placed within six months of graduation.

"We've seen a cycle in which graduates of this law school will be working in firms in Dallas, Texas and Phoenix, Ariz.," Perlman said. "Those firms are now coming up to interview on a regular basis."

Several students said that overall, they are pleased with the college but find it hard to understand the state's motives in cutting the budget.

"It's difficult to appreciate the position the state's taking," Cruise said. "I don't see how we're going to benefit by reducing the part of the budget concerned with education. They should increase it. I'm willing to pay my part of the tax burden to support education. People are really being short-sighted."

Commission focuses on election costs

By Shawn Schuldies
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The electoral commission permitted a compromise between the AIM and Unite parties on run-off election expenses and decided to send information to the deans of three colleges about invalid voting for student advisory positions in a Sunday afternoon meeting.

AIM will not have to claim a \$285 bus banner and buttons left-over from the general elections in its account of run-off expenses. Unite will not have to claim T-shirts and left-over buttons of approximately the same value. Both parties would have gone over the \$100 limit for the run-off election if they had to claim the items as expenses. AIM members agreed to let the Unite T-

shirts be exempt if they could keep the bus banner.

Dan Hofmeister, current first vice-president of ASUN, said it would be difficult to enforce a ruling against the buttons.

"The party members can't get a hold of every supporter and prevent them from wearing the buttons," Hofmeister said.

Old posters in private rooms in the residence halls, fraternities and sororities also will be exempt because the party members can't control whether or not the people keep them up. Posters in public places will have to be accounted for.

The commission also decided to forward information advising the deans of agriculture, journalism and home economics of violations in advisory board

elections.

Students are supposed to vote for advisory board members only in their majors but many voted in all departments of their colleges, said Marlene Beyke, ASUN executive director. Several ideas for preventing such illegal voting in the future came up in the meeting, including having each school hold separate elections for the advisory board positions and putting the instructions in bold lettering on the ballot and on signs in the booths reminding students to vote for candidates in their departments only.

The commission will certify the advisors as election winners on the basis of only the valid ballots. The commission also will review a complaint against Unite campaign spending Tuesday afternoon.

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