

**WEATHER:** Monday, cool with highs in the 60s. Lows Monday night in the 50s to 60. A good chance of thunderstorms. Tuesday, variable cloudiness and warmer with still a chance for thundershowers. Highs in the 70s.

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## Millions proposed for NU research

By Amy Edwards  
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A proposal for a \$60 million research package may give the University of Nebraska the chance to reach a goal of expanding its research budget.

Gov. Kay Orr announced Thursday a plan that would appropriate \$60 million within the next five years for research at the three NU campuses.

Orr said she would request a plan outlining how the money will be spent each year for the next five years. She has set a Nov. 1 deadline for that accountability study.

Joe Rowson, NU public affairs director, said the details of the plans won't be finished until Orr sets the guidelines.

The money will come from existing tax funds and will be used for research in computer science technology and other sciences, Orr said. The money will be used to hire new faculty members, increase salaries of current faculty members, support graduate-assistant

programs and buy research equipment.

The Peter Kiewit Foundation will add a \$7.5 million grant to the governor's finance for a link with Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., for joint research with UNL's College of Engineering and Technology.

Donations of \$10 million from private sources are expected to accompany the package for university research programs.

The money for the research will be divided between UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Orr said.

Orr's proposal came shortly after meeting with U S West executives who are planning to establish a research project in one of 14 Western states it services.

Each of these states has submitted a proposal to the corporation to try to entice it into its business community. The presentations will be finished Sept. 9 and the decision about the location of the research project will be given after

mid-September, said Robin Baca, manager of corporate information at U S West.

The U S West presentation last Wednesday was used to unveil Orr's proposal, Orr said. U S West visited Nebraska as a possible site for a new research facility.

The proposed research package would enhance Nebraska's opportunity to attract U S West, Orr said.

She said she did not suggest that U S West should support funding for university research, but that U S West wants to know Nebraska's attitude toward education. If U S West decides to locate in Nebraska, corporate officials will be allowed to help make some decisions on how to use the research funding.

The proposal will include a research fund increase of \$4 million a year for the next five years and \$20 million year after that. The university now receives \$17 million in state general funds for research.

Baca said the future of the company is based on its ability to compete.

U S West operates in 14 Western states and will expand a research facility in one of them. Baca said the research program would bring jobs to 1,500 people in technical engineering and other related sciences.

Baca said a list of five categories was given to each of the 14 states vying for the U S West facility. The criteria included technical access, transportation, businesses and employment, quality of life and education.

U S West particularly is interested in minority education and the number of scientific and technical engineers who remain in each state after graduation, Baca said.

Stan Liberty, dean of the College of engineering and technology, said university officials proposed to U S West the forging of a partnership with U S West, Dartmouth College, and UNL.

Liberty said the diversity of the private college, the public university and

the corporation would create "a strong coupling to address a whole series of technical research."

The merging of these resources eventually could put the United States back into competition with countries like Japan that have more competitive fields of technology, he said.

Liberty said minority students and women should be part of UNL's program. Dartmouth College provides a link to many colleges with high percentages of minority students, he said.

Prairie View A & M, in Prairie View, Texas, is one of these colleges. Each year, Prairie View graduates 100 engineering students. Eighty percent of those graduates are minority students and 50 percent are women.

NU's proposal includes an arrangement for Prairie View graduates to work for U S West and to attend graduate school at UNL and Dartmouth.

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## Officials say midyear cuts to affect services, not education

By Eric Paulak  
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In the aftermath of \$510,000 in midyear budget cuts, University of Nebraska officials say the quality of education won't be affected, but many Nebraskans will notice a decline in services provided by university programs.

Because of budget cuts passed by the Nebraska Legislature, the College of Dentistry's Community Dentistry program and the Division of Continuing Studies field studies programs each lost two faculty positions.

The Division of Continuing Studies was the most affected by the cutbacks. Because of \$100,000 that was trimmed off, one faculty position was cut and one position left open by a retirement was eliminated.

To compensate for the lost positions, Mark Dresselhaus, director of business operations for the Division of Continuing Studies, said instructors are no longer sent out-state to teach classes

to businesses. They now teach the classes by video tape and live video hook-ups.

The new video classes, called Cornnet, are set up by ETV and the college that offers the course. Dresselhaus said the new system will let UNL

### Division of Continuing Studies, College of Dentistry and athletic department hit hardest.

teach more out-state classes to larger audiences for less money.

Some people may like the video classes, Dresselhaus said, but without the videotapes, the courses could not be offered.

Because the cutbacks in the field studies were not enough, Dresselhaus said, funds to the Flights and Study tour coordinator, run through

International Educational Services, were eliminated.

Peter Levitov, IES director, said 72 percent of the study tour coordinator's salary came from the Division of Continuing Studies. Because of the cut, he said, he either had to eliminate the position or find alternative funds. The necessary money for the next year has been found, but Levitov said he doesn't know where the money will come from after that.

The other department hit hard by the budget cuts was the College of Dentistry. According to Dean Henry Cherrick, in order to meet a \$120,000 cut, the Community Dentistry program was eliminated.

In the program, dental students practice their skills at hospitals around the state. The only place they will go to now is the State Penitentiary.

Cherrick said this is not the most ideal situation, but it will not affect the students' education.

Two faculty members also were eliminated from the dental college.

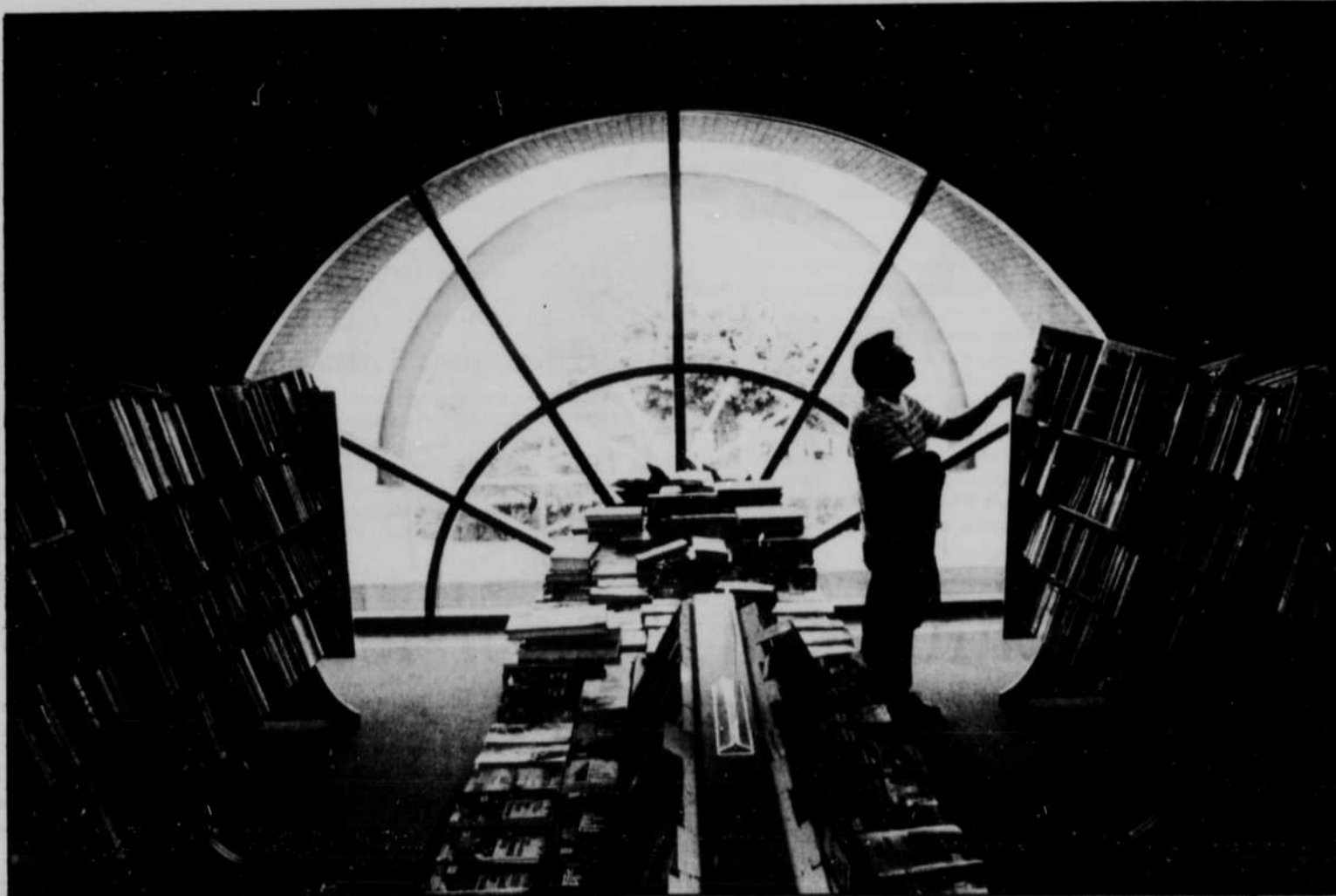
Cherrick said the dental college will not be able to cut any more programs without diminishing the quality of education because more faculty would have to be eliminated.

The largest cut, \$225,000, came from the athletic department and the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Norma Knobel, the athletic department assistant business manager, said they haven't been affected by the cuts. She said they were able to make up for the loss from outside sources.

Faculty Senate President Jim Louis said he is optimistic that UNL's financial situation will improve higher education.

Other departments that received cuts last year were the offices of academic affairs with a cut of \$15,000, and business and finance, cut \$50,000.

In the past five years, NU has absorbed more than \$5 million in budget cuts mandated by the Legislature and approved by the NU Board of Regents.



## Power out at Pound

By Lynne Bomberger  
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About 200 residents of Pound Hall, 513 N. 17th St., were evacuated from the building after a main electrical transformer blew out at about 6 p.m. Friday.

The students waited until 7:45, when fire fighters found no active fire and said residents could return.

Power was restored at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday after three temporary transformers were installed, said Bob Wolz, Pound Hall residence director.

While housing maintenance crews installed the temporary transformers, Pound Hall residents could use restrooms and showers in Neihardt Residence Center, Wolz said.

A permanent transformer will be installed in Pound as soon as one is found and the time to install it is convenient, Wolz said. The earliest possible time, Wolz said, will be Thanksgiving or Christmas break when students are gone.

Through staff control, overcrowding was not a problem in Neihardt, Wolz said. "Everyone was real cooperative and reacted quite commendably," he said.

An emergency transformer provided energy for lighting hallways and stairways, Wolz said. The blown transformer was more than 25 years old, Wolz said. "Its time had come," he said.

Dean Fletcher browses for books in the Nebraska Bookstore Sunday. The bookstore, normally not open on Sundays, was open from 1 to 5:30 p.m., allowing students to buy books before classes started.

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