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# Pentagon budget cuts will decrease number of UNL ROTC scholarships

By Michael Ho  
Staff Reporter

Budget cuts at the Pentagon are making it tougher for ROTC cadets to get scholarships, University of Nebraska-Lincoln ROTC leaders said.

Lt. Col. Robert Jacobson of UNL's Army ROTC program said decreasing demand for young officers has led to reductions in the number of scholarships offered to Army ROTC students nationwide.

"We know the services will be cut by 20 to 25 percent by 1995," he said.

In anticipation of the cuts, the Army is accepting about 6,000 officers per year. In the past, Jacobson said, about 9,000 officers per year received commissions. He added that ROTC supplies about 70 percent of the Army's new officers.

Because it takes four years to get through the program, Jacobson said, ROTC officials must begin to pare class sizes now. Otherwise, students would have to be forced out.

"So far we haven't," he said, "and if we manage our numbers properly, we won't have that problem."

Col. Daniel McKnight, chairman of the UNL naval science program, said he wasn't reducing class sizes but that requirements for scholarships were more strictly enforced.

"Before, if they didn't meet it (the requirement)," he said, "we'd give them a second chance." Now, he said, many cadets will find that they have only one shot at the scholarships.

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More than 1,600 scholarships are handed out each year. By 1995, McKnight said, the Navy hopes to cut that number by about 500. That means more competition for those who want Navy money for school.

Side-load scholarships are awarded to freshmen based on scholastic achievement and military potential.

Before the cuts, he said, a freshman with a 3.0 grade point average and at least one math course had an 80 to 85 percent chance of getting a three-year scholarship.

Now, it's not as automatic, McKnight said. Navy ROTC officials are looking at the difficulty of freshmen course loads as well as their grades.

Air Force ROTC is run differently from the other programs, Col. Michael Carr said. The Air Force program has no enrollment limits at the campus level; UNL students are compared with national averages instead of other local cadets.

Although the program suffered a setback in 1987, Carr said, Air Force ROTC at UNL is now "stable" and consistently receives excellent ratings in its inspections.

The program had been shut down from January through May of 1987, he said, and was restored with the help of the chancellor and a U.S. senator.

Nationwide, 50 Army ROTC programs have been discontinued, Jacobson said, but UNL is in little danger of being cut off.

"The University of Nebraska in the past has had an excellent program, and continues to have an excellent program," he said.

No Navy ROTC programs have

been cut, but McKnight said a few are being looked at for possible reduction or elimination. He said UNL's program is "quite secure."

The Air Force again is eyeing ROTC detachments for removal, Carr said, but this time UNL is in little danger of being cut.

Three of 150 programs are being examined, he said, but there's no assurance any of them actually will be discontinued.

Department of Defense cuts are hitting other local military programs besides ROTC, but the changes are less dramatic.

Maj. Joseph Johnson, spokesman for the Nebraska Department of the Military, said no recruiting reductions are planned.

"The only difference," he said, "is that we used to have an authorization to exceed our authorized strength, and that permission now is gone."

The Air National Guard used to run typically at 104 to 105 percent of standard size. The Air Guard will be pared to 100 percent, Johnson said.

The Air Guard isn't planning to release any soldiers, he said. The reductions will be handled by replacing retiring officers slower than usual until the 100-percent level is attained.

No changes are planned for the Army National Guard, which currently is running at 90 percent of authorized size, Johnson said.

Army and Navy ROTC units still are recruiting at full speed. Both Jacobson and McKnight agreed that strong recruiting is the key to attracting quality cadets, and neither expect the recruiting methods to change.

# Kerrey: Middle East goals clash

By Michael Ho  
Staff Reporter

Differences between U.S. military and political goals in the Persian Gulf threaten long-term progress in the Middle East, U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey said at a press conference in the Nebraska Union on Tuesday.

Kerrey said government officials face a tough decision in determining whether to invade Kuwait with American forces stationed in Saudi Arabia.

He said President Bush's original decision to send troops to Saudi Arabia was "legitimate," citing intelligence reports that indicated an Iraqi invasion was imminent.

"No one else in the world could mobilize quickly enough to get there," he said.

But he called a unilateral American invasion of Kuwait "a very big mistake," saying it would lead to "a considerable loss of life," especially on the Iraqi side.



Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan  
Kerrey

"You're talking about a country who, itself, has been held hostage by Saddam Hussein," he said.

Kerrey said the underlying problem is a conflict between military and political objectives.

The military objective, he said, is to get Iraq out of Kuwait as quickly as

possible. This objective, taken alone, would justify a unilateral invasion, he said.

But he weighed that objective against political goals such as "the restoration of the legitimate government of Kuwait" and general stability in the Persian Gulf.

American forces would not help stabilize the Gulf, Kerrey said, and the goal of stability is "one that's never been achieved by any American forces in the past."

He stressed that he didn't think the United States was at war. However, the Iraqi invasion "illustrates that the potential for war is always there," he said.

"I think that diplomatic and economic sanctions will work," he said, adding that he had no specific timetable in mind.

"Like the president, I'm not in the business of setting a deadline" for peace, he said.

## Minority advocate to be added

# Davis selected to create position

By Sara Bauder Schott  
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A University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumnus and former Nebraska full-back is busy deciding exactly what a new minority affairs position at UNL should involve.

Dick Davis will help develop a job description and possibly a title for the position, UNL Chancellor and NU Interim President Martin Massengale announced Aug. 25. Davis, a former principal in the Omaha Public Schools system and currently a director of Administration and Government Relations at the Northern Plains Natural Gas Co. of Omaha, said the problems minorities face on campus would never change, although the intensity of the problems vary.

"There's always the same concerns," he said. "People need to belong; they need to feel successful. People want to be able to survive."

In assessing the way the new position would function on campus, Davis

will talk to students as well as faculty and administrators to find their expectations for the position.

Massengale said the position was being established to improve cultural diversity and to create a positive environment for minorities on campus. He said the person who fills the minority affairs position might function to improve the recruiting of minority students and faculty members.

Jimmi Smith, UNL's director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, said he was pleased with the effort Massengale was making in the area of minorities. Many major universities have a position such as the one Massengale wants to create, he said.

tion would be involved in both mediation and development for minorities on campus. Mediation might include helping a minority person who was having problems with a campus employer or group, he said.

In the area of development, the university needs to recruit more mi-

nority students and to challenge them to greater involvement in college life, Smith said.

More minority employees could be brought to campus, he said, and could be promoted into areas where they are not traditionally found, such as the Office of University Housing or Career Planning and Placement.

"Minorities can do those jobs, but the number you'll find is miniscule," Smith said.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said Davis was selected to assist the chancellor because he has been a strong supporter of UNL. He holds three degrees from UNL, including a doctorate in education.

Davis was largely responsible for getting a minority scholarship program established at UNL, Howe said.

Howe said Davis probably would have the job description finished by the end of October or the beginning of November. Once the job description is decided, a job search will begin, Howe said.

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