

# Faculty

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Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the memo gives faculty and staff members at UNL a chance to understand and work with what are considered small budget increases proposed in the preliminary recommendations.

"We need feedback . . . from faculty and staff in our university," in order to understand and logically figure out where cuts can be made at UNL, Liberty said.

The memorandum gave an outline of the Appropriations Committee preliminary budget recommendations for NU as well as suggestions that UNL employees may want to consider.

The memorandum suggests that the proposal "reflects less favorable expectations insofar as revenue is concerned."

"Possible action to deal with the proposed budgets might run the gamut from a lower salary increase than other units within the system (or perhaps no salary increase at all), no increase in or a reduction of operating budget, program elimination or some combination of the above with other measures."

McShane said UNL employees must remember that this is only a preliminary proposal and that the necessary cuts will not all fall on the shoulders of a single program.

## Faculty salary raises will cut into UNL budget

Faculty Salaries	Faculty Salaries
<b>Salary increase</b>	<b>Budget shortfall</b>
1 percent	\$1,136,703
2 percent	\$2,552,952
3 percent	\$3,969,201
4 percent	\$5,385,450
Source: Chancellor's Office	

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The Appropriations Committee proposed a budget increase for 1991-92 of \$2.1 million over the 1990-91 base. The cash fund, which includes tuition and other fees, would increase by \$3.5 million — totalling a \$5.6 million increase.

About \$5.1 million of this amount, however, would be earmarked for various programs, which would leave

a little more than \$500,000 for salary increases and benefits for the three campuses in the university and the soon-to-be University of Nebraska at Kearney.

McShane further explained that right now, there is a proposal to raise faculty salaries 3.75 percent, which is actually a 2.25 percent cut. This is because the rate of inflation is at 6 percent, he said.

# Agriculture taken for granted

Important contributions to society forgotten, official says

By Dionne Searcey  
Staff Reporter

Consumers take agriculture for granted, the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture said Monday night.

"We in agriculture have done such a darn good job in the production of food and others take us for granted," Larry Sitzman said.

Sitzman told a crowd of about 30 people in the East Union that the number of people entering the agricultural field has decreased.

"People have lost their roots in agriculture. . . . When they think of agriculture they think 'Oh, grandpa,'" he said, meaning that fewer members of the younger generation consider becoming farmers.

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director, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture

Sitzman said that Nebraska's agricultural products feed the world and that the state ranks second nationally in exporting produce, he said.

But consumers often forget the important contributions agriculture has made to society, Sitzman said.

"The road to consumers is darn shaky," he said. "People have no thought process on where food is produced, or where it comes from.

They just see the food on the shelf." He said the Agricultural Council of America is working to inform consumers about the importance of agriculture using televised commercials that send a "positive message" about the significance of agriculture. Sitzman said positive media coverage also promotes agriculture.

"The future of agriculture is in good hands as men and women work together," he said.

Women, Sitzman said, play an important role in agriculture. Nebraska women serve as food inspectors, supervisors and in other key positions in the field.

He said women face barriers to getting jobs in agriculture just as men do.

"You create your own barriers."

# Rain forest problem blamed on poverty

By Tabitha Hiner  
Senior Reporter

If the population explosion and poverty problem of developing tropical countries are overcome, the destruction of rain forests can be curbed, the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden said Monday.

In a seminar on "Our Diminishing Tropical Rain Forests," Peter Raven told a crowd of about 160 people in Henzlik Hall that population and poverty have caused the rain forest decline and loss of species.

In the past 41 years, Raven said, population has about doubled, to 5.4 billion people.

While the population growth in industrialized countries has declined, 90 percent of total growth has occurred in the developing tropical countries, he said.

"Even though people are dedicated

to having smaller families," Raven said, the earliest that the world population could stabilize would be in about 100 years.

Because industrialized countries like the United States have no population planning systems and no targets on their immigration policies, he said, the population problem is increased.

Combined with problems of poverty, population excesses cause people in developing countries to turn to the land for help, he said.

The people revert to doing things such as cutting down trees for cattle pastures, Raven said, as a ready way of getting cash.

People in industrialized countries should understand why those in developing countries are resorting to such means to live and should help them in the struggle to overcome international debts, he said.

such as a more equitable distribution of funds between the campuses of NU, were the responsibility of the NU Board of Regents. Rogers said the students thought the governor would be able to do something about the issue.

"We know you have some influence," he told Nelson. "Otherwise you wouldn't have this nice house." Rogers then proposed that Nelson visit the Kearney campus and "see what they're doing."

Nelson responded that he would come to Kearney, work with the administration there and do everything in his power to see that the budget cuts disrupt the students' educations as little as possible.

# Protest

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"If you were in my shoes, and you see you're short on money, where do you go for money?" he asked them. "It's a juggling act."

"If only I had \$100 million, I could do a lot of (budget) balancing. But we don't have that extra pot of cash to do the things we'd really like to do," Nelson said.

"This is a temporary situation. The bad thing is we are the ones caught in the situation."

Nelson said although he's not trying to pass the buck, some of the requests the students were making,

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Wilson to speak at honor society event

NU Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln will be the speaker at a Recognition Reception for academically outstanding sophomores at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The event, hosted by the Golden Key National Honor Society, will be today at 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Those selected to be honored

have a grade point average of 3.5 or above, which places them approximately in the top 15 percent of their class.

Each student will be individually recognized and presented with a certificate by the UNL Chapter of Golden Key, an organization dedicated to the encouragement of scholarly achievement.

### Legal, mental health affairs addressed

A legal educator will discuss mental health law and a psychologist will speak on discrimination and reverse discrimination in lectures at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Michael Perlman, a professor of law and director of the Federal Litigation Clinic at the New York Law School in New York City, will speak at noon Thursday in

Room 227 of Burnett Hall. He will speak on "Mental Health Law: Morality and Pretextuality in Judicial Decision-Making."

Faye Crosby, a professor of psychology at Smith College in Massachusetts, will lecture on "Discrimination, Affirmative Action and Reverse Discrimination" at 3 p.m. April 8 in the Regency Room of the Nebraska Union.

## POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday, March 17

3:38 a.m. — Fire extinguisher case broken, Abel Residence Hall, \$5.

11:26 p.m. — Two-vehicle accident, parking lot east of Biochemistry Hall, \$300 and \$400.

11:34 p.m. — Ski jacket stolen, Avery Hall, \$90.

## Liquor bill's fate to be determined by the governor

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska Legislature gave the governor the choice Monday to either cork LB354 or leave the decision of Sunday alcohol sales to local governments.



LB354 would let local governments decide whether to allow the retail sale of liquor or liquor by the glass from noon on Sundays until 1 a.m. Mondays. The bill passed 26-19.

While an emergency clause was proposed for Omaha Sen. Tim Hall's bill, it did not receive the 33 votes needed for adoption.

If the emergency clause had been approved, the bill would have become law at midnight after the governor had signed it. The governor has five days to sign the bill or let it become law without his signature.

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