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Darci Schanov and Evann Moore, 4, take a moment to look at the 18-foot tall baluchithere, an extinct Asian rhinoceros. The university is looking for a new home for the exhibit.

Rhino headed for extinction

By Steve Pearson
Staff Reporter

The rhinoceros in Morrill Hall is an endangered species.

The 18-foot-high model of the extinct, prehistoric, Asian baluchithere has been placed on the surplus property list, said Bill Splinter, interim vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies.

The rhino's creator and university officials are seeking a new home for the exhibit.

"We've been in contact with two other museums who have an interest in the exhibit," Splinter said.

The rhino is being removed because its skin is from 65 to 70 percent asbestos, Splinter said, and because it is inconsistent with the theme of Elephant Hall.

"It so dominates the other exhibits," he said. "It destroys the original theme, which was the elephants."

If the baluchithere was moved to another museum, a fiberglass skin probably would be made to alleviate the asbestos problem, he said.

Splinter said the removal of the rhino has generated a lot of discussion.

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Tuition to go up 7 percent; hike will help pay salaries

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents has set the wheels in motion to raise tuition 7 percent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with even higher tuition hikes at the other NU campuses.

NU President Martin Massengale, in his proposal for faculty salary increases, recommended making up for the shortfall in money to finance the raises by increasing tuition 7 percent at UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which is 2 percent above the 5 percent increase that had been planned.

The salary increase plan, which the regents accepted, also called for a 9 percent tuition increase at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and an 11 percent increase at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The regents will approve campus tuition

rates at their meeting June 22.

The increase at UNL will be used to help pay for a 4.25 percent increase in faculty and managerial/professional staff salaries.

Without the raise in tuition, UNL would face a shortfall of more than \$430,000.

The Nebraska Legislature did not appropriate enough funds to pay for faculty salary increases the regents had agreed to for UNK and UNO, and that were expected for UNL and UNMC.

With the 7 percent increase, UNL will have an excess of almost \$200,000.

The increase will make tuition at UNL \$57.25 per undergraduate in-state credit hour.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said that even with the increase, students at UNL still will pay less tuition than students at institutions in UNL's peer group.

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Raises satisfy faculty, officials say

By Dionne Searcey
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University faculty members, after a marathon battle, are content with the "no-win situation" of funding pay increases, officials said.

UNL Academic Senate President George Tuck said the raise approved for UNL faculty members was "better than nothing," but not as much as the senate had hoped for.

The NU Board of Regents decided a week ago Monday to grant faculty members at the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center 4.25 percent increases this year. Faculty members at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney will receive 6.5 percent and 8.7 percent raises, respectively, as they had bargained for collectively.

Tuck said the Academic Senate had recommended a 10 percent increase to move UNL closer to the midpoint of faculty salaries of its peer group.

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Estimated Impact of Faculty Salary Distribution on University of Nebraska Campuses

	UNL	UNO	UNMC	UNK
1990-91 disparity with comparators	8.2%	2.0%	5.2%	6.4%
1991-92 comparator estimated increases	1.5%	1.8%	1.5%	1.9%
Disparity with no increase	9.7%	3.8%	6.7%	8.3%
Increase approved by regents	4.25%	6.5%	4.25%	8.7%
1991-92 relative change	-5.45%	2.7%	-2.45%	0.4%

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