

Faculty input encouraged in budget talks

By Adeana Leftin Senior Reporter

lthough proposed budget cuts have sparked outrage in the past week, fac-"something on the table" to work with, a state senator said Monday.

Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the Nebraska Legislature, said faculty could share their opinions about recommended cuts with the Budget Reduction Review Committee at public hearings, which will begin in October.

But, "as they say their piece, they better have alternatives," he said. The recommendations, which were proposed



last week, have prompted students to start petition drives protesting cuts and have spurred members of SIS the Academic Senate to condemn the lack of faculty input in the proposals.

The proposed cuts are in response to a Nebraska Legislature mandate last spring that demanded the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cut its budget 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said an "emotional reaction" to the cuts was natural

But, Liberty said, "the process allows for all interested parties to affect the eventual out-come," and he encouraged faculty to be involved in public hearings.

Thomas Zorn, chairman of the BRRC, said he felt the ongoing appeals process would

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Donna Maranville, a kindergarten teacher at the University Child Care Project, helps Maddie Hansen, 4, write a story about a walk the class took Wednesday.

Kids and collegians UNL students helping with kindergarten child-care program **By Lori Huff**

Staff Reporter

NL students are learning from the talents of a far younger generation through a new kindergarten program at the University Child Care Project.

This year's addition of the kindergarten program was prompted by parents voicing concerns about adjustments their children had to make between child-care providers, said Barbara Vigil, program director.

"Some children can have as many as four different child-care providers in the course of a day.... With this program, children can maintain some sort of consistency, because they are there all day long," Vigil said. The child-care project, located at 1432 N

St., is primarily financed by parental fees, but the University of Nebraska-Lincoln assists in accounting aspects of the program, such as payroll and advertising. The program began 21 years ago as a parent cooperative, Vigil said.

To maintain a connection to the university, he said, 60 percent of children at the center are children of university employees.

The fee per week is \$70 to \$85 a child, with an annual cost of about \$4,000 a child. Vigil said that about 50 to 55 university

students work at the center through work-

study programs, internships or paid wages. Stacy Pickering, a sophomore nursing student, is beginning her third year at the

child-care center. She has worked in other areas of the center but now is working in the new kindergarten program. Although she doesn't receive credit from

UNL for her work at the center, Pickering said she is receiving valuable experience working with children.

The most amazing aspect of working with the kindergarten children is their insight, Pickering said.

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Persistence key to finding jobs in competitive market

By Wendy Navratil Senior Reporter

rospects of employment for college graduates of 1991-92 are looking up from last year, but many UNL graduates may find that persistence is the most critical

requirement for finding a job. Jobs in some fields, such as engi-neering, business and management are more readily available, even in troubled economic times. But students graduating with bachelor's degrees in areas such as social sciences, liberal arts and communications will face a more competitive job market.

Larry Routh, director of Career Planning and Placement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that passively looking for jobs won't suf-fice in this year's competitive job

market. "The effort people put into it is going to determine their success (in finding employment)," Routh said. "People need to be more directly

seeking jobs, not just writing letters." The National Center for Education Statistics reported that 1.06 million people will receive bachelor's' degrees in 1991-92. This translates into a job market that favors the employer - the employer has a limited number of positions open and a wealth of candidates to fill them.

The Career Placement Council, Inc., based in Bethlehem, Pa., recommends beginning job campaigns early and pursuing opportunities aggressively. A "take-charge" attitude is even more crucial as corporate recruiting slows down from higher levels in the 1980s, according to a council report.

Recruiting nationwide is down for defense- and energy-related industries, Routh said. Although this narrows the job selection from which engineers have to choose, plenty of other engineering employment op-portunities exist to make up for it.

Other industries, such as consumer products manufacturing, are shedding their cautious recessionary approaches to hiring, which will open up oppor-tunities for business, engineering and even liberal arts graduates, Routh said.

"Maytag is wanting to expand their recruiting (on the UNL campus),"

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Estimated job demand for '91-'92 bachelor's degree graduates

FAVORABLE 44.75%

Fields: Business and Management, Engineering, Health Professions, Computer and Information Sciences, Engineering Technologies, Physicial Sciences

COMPETITIVE 13,47%

Fields: Education, Protective Services, Mathematics Architecture and Environmental Design Communications Technologies, other.

VERY COMPETITIVE 41.78%

Social Sciences, Communications, Psychology, Letters, Life Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, Home Economics Liberal/General Studies, Public Affairs, Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Theology, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion, Parks and Recreation, Area and Ethnic Studies. Amie DeFrain/DN

Consultant says job opportunities up in Midwest

By Eric Snyder Staff Reporte

ob opportunities for UNL graduates may be in their own backyard, an economist said recently

Jeff Hallett, an economic consultant for Present Futures Group in Falls Church, Va., and author of "Worklife Visions," said in a phone interview last week that job opportunities are increasing in the Midwest.

Hallett said the migration of people and the relocation of firms to the Midwest has become a "huge trend." He cited three reasons for the movement to the nation's heartland:

· Businesses are able to operate from long distances.

In the past, Hallett said, businesses located themselves in the coastal regions of the country because the coasts hosted the centers of economic activity.

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