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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, blustery and much colder with patchy freezing drizzle. Tonight, partly cloudy. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high in the low to mid-30s.

## Budget reduction targets research, appearance at UNL

### University heart cut by proposal, professors say

By Kara Wells  
Senior Editor

Slashing funding for the Research Council would "cut at the heart of the university," a UNL official told the Budget Reduction Review Committee Monday.

Edward Schmidt, professor of physics and astronomy and chairman of the Research Council at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said departments throughout the university benefit from the council's support.

The Research Council is a broad-based organization that assists UNL scholars, Schmidt said. The council supports young scholars in granting money for research and also finances travel expenses and visiting scholars.

The proposed \$38,000 cut to the council is "excessive," Schmidt said.

The cut is a 50 percent reduction, he said.

The BRRC is hearing testimony on proposed cuts as part of UNL's 3 percent budget-cutting process. The cuts were mandated by the Nebraska Legislature last spring.

Researchers in human and social services fields have difficulties in obtaining outside support for research, Schmidt said, and the Research Council provides that support.

But even at current funding levels, the council can finance only 50 to 60 percent of the research proposals submitted, he said.

The demand for research is on the rise, Schmidt said, and it doesn't make sense to cut the council's budget now.

"This is a poor place to cut funds at," he said.

Sitaram Jaswal, a professor of physics and astronomy, said he has been helped by programs provided through the Research Council.

"If it weren't for the Research Council, my research would have been much less than what it is," he said, adding that travel to scholarly meetings is "crucial" and that the council assisted him in travel expenses.

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## Possible cuts threaten look, smell of campus

By Wendy Navratil  
Senior Reporter

From toilet stalls to flower beds, budget cuts would affect not only the appearance, but the smell of campus, according to testimonies presented at BRRC hearings Monday.

Representatives of facilities management and landscape services presented summaries of the impact of their departments' budget cuts, \$164,000 and \$48,000 respectively, to the Budget Reduction Review Committee.

The cuts were recommended as part of UNL's effort to comply with a legislatively mandated cut of 2 percent in its budget this year and 1 percent next year.

John Marker, operational manager of the facilities management custodial division, said that facilities management cuts would include a reduction in his division's funding of about

\$121,000.

The cuts would mean that office areas, and the restrooms associated with them, would be cleaned only twice a week, down from every other day, he said.

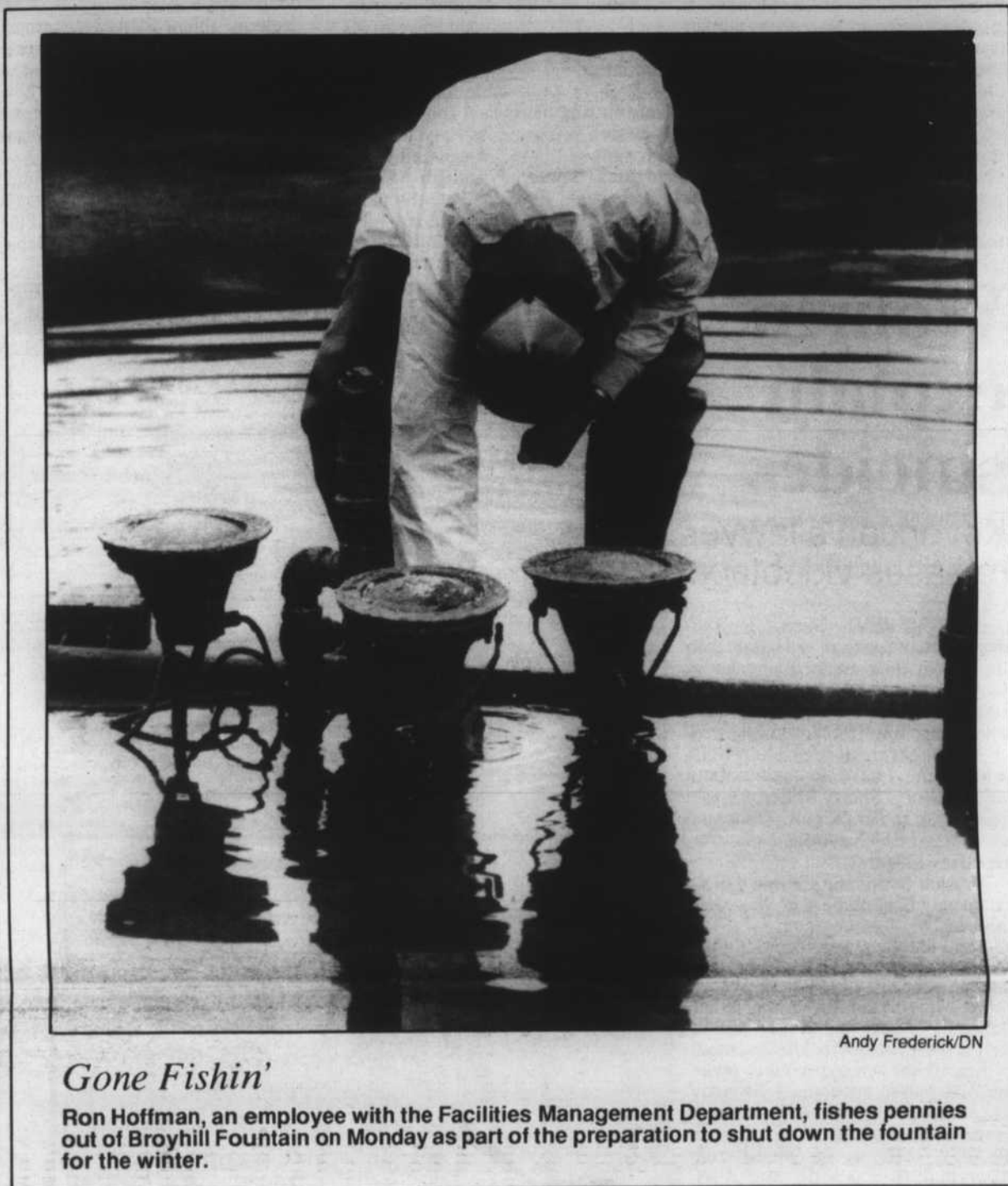
"The restrooms will not smell good," Marker said. "They're not going to be in very good shape" between cleanings, he said.

Dusting in offices would also be eliminated, Marker said. Not only will this create a less pleasant working environment, it will increase wear to dust-sensitive equipment, such as computers. Increasing debris on floors in foyers and hallways will shorten the life of floor coverings to about one-third of what they are now, he said.

"The cuts you might see here will appear in increased costs elsewhere," he said.

On a brighter note, though, Marker said the cuts would not hurt students. The division considers maintaining classrooms, corridors and entrances

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Andy Frederick/DN

### Gone Fishin'

Ron Hoffman, an employee with the Facilities Management Department, fishes pennies out of Broyhill Fountain on Monday as part of the preparation to shut down the fountain for the winter.

## Survey reviews BRRC process

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

The University Association for Administrative Development, an organization of managerial and professional employees at UNL, will present survey data on the budget-reduction process to the BRRC Thursday.

LuAnn Mace, personnel coordinator for the agronomy department and chairwoman of the UAAD's employee concerns committee, said surveys were sent to the 1,200 managerial and professional employees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The survey was initiated in an attempt to convey the concerns of professional and managerial employees at UNL to the Budget Reduction Review Committee, Mace said.

The survey asked managerial and professional employees to rank UNL's budget reduction process in three areas: preparation, analysis and overall opinion.

The reductions were initiated last spring when the Legislature ordered UNL to cut 2 percent from its budget this year and an additional 1 percent next year.

Mace said the survey, which received a 20 percent response, showed four principal concerns among the professional and managerial employees. She said she did not want to

release the results until the UAAD did so formally before the BRRC Thursday.

The survey was one of three measures the group took to prepare for the BRRC presentation, she said.

The group also held an open forum on Oct. 16 for managerial and professional employees and requested that they write letters to the UAAD expressing their opinions on the budget-reduction process. The efforts were coordinated by the seven-member employee concerns committee, Mace said.

A common concern expressed at the open forum, she said, was that managerial and professional people

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## UNL not invited to proposed meeting

By Adeana Leftin  
Senior Reporter

ASUN senators would be wasting their time if they attended a proposed joint meeting between UNO, UNMC and UNK student senates to promote intercampus awareness, the CCLR director said Monday.

Mark Vanevenhoven, director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Council for Community and Legislative Relations, said a formal invitation to the Lincoln meeting would not be extended to the Asso-

### Official says ASUN apathetic to UNO

ciation of Students of the University of Nebraska or UNL students. But, he said, everyone was welcome to attend.

Vanevenhoven said he didn't think ASUN senators needed to be in attendance because their constituents are "not concerned if UNO is recognized or not."

"Folks in Lincoln... the Board of Regents and the state Legislature seem to forget we're out here once in awhile," Vanevenhoven said.

The proposed meeting would send a "subtle message to Lincoln that we exist," he said.

However, because UNO recently

elected a new student senate, he said, the issue has been tabled until its first meeting on Nov. 7.

But, Vanevenhoven said he had the support of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"UNK doesn't have quite the history with you folks that we do," he said, "but they're beginning to see problems crop up."

Bob Caldwell, student body president at UNK, said the UNK student senate had taken no formal action on Vanevenhoven's proposal.

He supports uniformity, he said, but thinks it could be carried too far.

Caldwell said he agreed that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln might have certain lobbying advantages over the other campuses because of its location and past funding, but added that grievances should be filed with the NU Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature.

"There are a lot of other problems addressing us on campus that we need to handle before addressing something like this," Caldwell said.

ASUN President Andy Massey agreed.

He said he was still more concerned about budget cuts, but added, "if they don't have any better ways to

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