

NU's campuses each face 1.4 percent cut

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The University of Nebraska's four campuses will take equivalent budgetary hits to absorb a mid-year state funding cut, the university president told the NU Board of Regents Friday.

Martin Massengale said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center each would be required to cut about 1.4 percent from their budgets.

The Nebraska Legislature, meeting in special session last month, cut the university's budget by about \$4.27 million, or 1.4 percent.

The cut was made as legislators tried to brace state government for a

revenue shortfall.

Massengale said most of the reductions would come from the campuses' operating budgets, but the cuts would not be across the board. Decisions on permanent cuts will be made in the next several weeks, then presented to the regents for approval, he said.

The campuses have committees of faculty members and administrators that evaluate budgets and determine where to make cuts when situations like the current one arise, Massengale said.

The university sustained about five mid-year budget cuts during the 1980s, so the reduction process is familiar, Massengale said.

Still, he added, "I don't think I need to remind anyone here how disruptive mid-year budget cuts can be."

Only one of the five mid-year cuts was larger than the one the university will take this year, and "there is no slack in the budget," Massengale said.

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thought Perot changed the debate in favor of Clinton.

"Perot is a person who is priming the people for Clinton," he said. "Perot cracked jokes, but didn't hit any of the issues."

Hifferman said he thought Perot could have been a bit more definitive about the issues. But to say Perot didn't belong in the debate is wrong, he said.

"They (Bush and Clinton) didn't give him the respect he deserved — they trivialized him by calling him Ross," he said.

"The fact that he was there makes a difference."

Hifferman said Perot's appeal was to the candidate's own generation, and his job had been to tell them that their leadership had "run to the ground."

"Perot spoke from the heart, and he spoke the truth," he said. "Clinton was rehearsed."

But Caruso said he thought Clinton set the tone for the following presidential debates, and he was "by far the champion of the evening."

"If the debates continue like this, there will be no change in the polls," Caruso said.

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"What I hope to see across campus is a trend to include diversity in all aspects of our curriculum," Jolly said.

Lavonne Holdener, a junior anthropology major and UNITE member, said other students misunderstood Native American students.

"We would like to see more communication between other students and ourselves," she said. "We are ex-

pected to get used to the environment here -- it's a barrier. Some of us are coming off the reservation. They don't understand us."

UNITE members viewed "Incident at Oglala" Friday at the Culture Center and discussed the film with Native Americans from the Sioux Falls Reservation in Yankton, S.D.

UNITE members will have a silent rally at noon today at Broyhill Plaza to protest the celebration of Columbus Day.

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