

Admissions

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braska at Kearney.

After the hearings, Rowson said, the proposed admissions standards will go to the NU Board of Regents for review in December. The new standards would take effect in the fall of 1997.

Rowson said that Massengale was comfortable with the proposed changes in the standards, and that he didn't anticipate much change after the hearings.

"(Massengale) is saying we have a good proposal, and we are interested in what public input is available," he said.

Under the proposal, students would

be required to have completed 16 core courses in high school to be admitted to an NU campus.

The new core would include four years of English, three years of mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences, two years of study in one foreign language and one additional course.

Students applying to UNL would have to fulfill the additional requirement with an algebra-related math course. Applicants to the two other campuses could fill the requirement with a course in any academic discipline.

In addition to completing the core courses, applicants either would have to rank in the top half of their high school graduating class or score at least a 20 on the ACT or 850 on the

SAT.

Under the existing policy, students either must complete the 10-course core or rank in the top half of their

Public hearings on the proposed admissions standards are scheduled at the following locations:

• Millard Public Schools district offices, 5606 S. 147th St., Omaha, at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

• Omaha Public Schools district offices, 3215 Cumming St., Omaha, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

• West Elementary School, 2350 Osage St., Sidney, at 10 a.m. Friday.

• Western Nebraska Community College, 1601 E. 27th St., Scottsbluff, at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

• Alliance High School, 1450 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, at 4 p.m. Friday.

Budget

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cuts would be extensive.

"You can't tighten the belt indefinitely," he said. "At some point, you tighten it so hard there's no circulation."

The university faces four sets of cuts — three actual and one possible, Spanier said.

Over the last year, he said, the university had to absorb about \$4 million in cuts, and another \$2.2 million in reductions was targeted during the Nebraska Legislature's special session in September.

Also, Spanier said, some legislators have proposed additional cuts for the two-year period beginning July 1,

1993, and ending June 30, 1995.

State Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said last week that higher institutions and programs in Nebraska could be hit with across-the-board cuts of as much as 10 percent during the next two years.

Spanier said he doubted that the figure would reach 10 percent, "but we have to be prepared for anything."

He said there had been no specific discussion of the possibility of tuition increases, and that such increases would not be decided until May or June.

"I think tuition increases are inevitable," Spanier said. "The cost of

education will continue to go up, just like the cost of everything else. The only way to avoid that is if the Legislature approved an increase in funding (for the university) to a degree that would allow us to avoid increasing tuition, and that isn't going to happen."

Nevertheless, Spanier said he would remain optimistic throughout the budget hearings.

"We're not assuming the university is going to be in a perpetual budget-cutting mode," he said. "We don't want to cripple the university... in the long term."

"We're not going into the process with particular concerns that the budget will be cut. We just want to be prepared for any scenario."

DWI

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ers.

The No. 1 rule, she said, is to use the right to remain silent.

If this right is waived, she said, police may take advantage of the driver

and ask incriminating questions.

"The best thing to do is to politely not answer questions," she said.

Drivers also have the right to refuse to take the field sobriety test, which includes reciting the alphabet and holding a leg six inches above the ground for 30 seconds, Stall said.

Most drivers fail this test because

it is subjective, she said.

Stall said the most important advice she could give to somebody who had been cited with DWI was to see an attorney.

"The cases are complex," she said. "And a lay person is not in the position to know if they (law enforcement officials) violated the law or not."

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