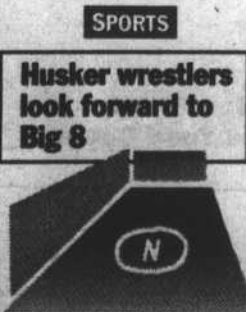


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Player stipend bill impractical, Byrne testifies

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A bill that advocates paying student athletes is not practical for the UNL athletic department, Athletic Director Bill Byrne said.

Byrne, who addressed the Legislature's Education Committee Tuesday, said he opposed LB456.

The bill, which was introduced by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, would require that a stipend be given to football players at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

National intercollegiate football programs are already facing increased expenses with the rising costs of tuition and room and board, Byrne said.

"We support the idea of doing as much as possible for student athletes," Byrne said. "But by passing this bill, you're asking us to increase our expenses more and jeopardize NCAA rulings."

The rules of the NCAA prohibit players from being compensated.

Chambers said many football players were recruited from impoverished families, and that NCAA rules rendered such players vulnerable to illicit offers.

"A fair amount of financial assistance would give players a choice when they are being offered inducements," Chambers said.

The bill states that the rules of the NCAA are unduly restrictive and unreasonable, promote unfairness, encourage dishonesty in recruiting and retaining players and would not be tolerated if applied to all students.

"These rules are self-serving rules that generate money for NCAA," Chambers said. "And there's a desire in NCAA not to share money."

Football players do not appear at the university by accident, Chambers said. They are actively recruited by university personnel at considerable expense.

"These athletes are not recruited and scholarships are not awarded on the basis of need or academic achievement. They are here for their athletic prowess," he said.

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Travis Heying/DN

Agnele Agbodjan, who is from Togo, West Africa, tries to persuade a customer to buy a West African scarf from her booth at the International Bazaar Tuesday. The bazaar in the Nebraska Union will continue today.

Food, fun, education

Cultural diversity displayed at UNL International Bazaar

By Katherine Gordon
Staff Reporter

Agnele Agbodjan, dressed in traditional colorful African garb, grinned, danced and clapped to African folk music as she demonstrated ways to wear African hats and scarves.

Pierre Reynes told a student that he would give him a fork for his French croque-monsieur, but most people just "crunch" it. His hand-to-mouth demonstration showed that the food, which looked like a grilled ham and cheese sandwich, was meant to be a finger food.

Yakirul Haque demonstrated how the Bangladeshi dolls made from jute fiber could be used as rear view mirror ornaments. He said jute, found primarily in Bangladesh, was the most-used fiber in the world before synthetic fibers were developed.

These people can all be found at the International Bazaar.

The bazaar, hosting 25 booths and 15 different cultures, began Tuesday and will continue today from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by International Student Affairs, the bazaar features foods, crafts, slides and a variety of information from countries

such as Yugoslavia, China, Pakistan and Venezuela.

"It's a reason to get people to mix together and for Americans to get to know what the rest of the world is like," said Judy Wendorff, bazaar coordinator from the International Affairs Office.

The bazaar was a lot of work but the results were wonderful, said George Tuck, a journalism professor.

"It's one of the very best things UPC does," he said. "It's multiculturalism in its purest form on a level people can relate to—food!"

Budget cuts, inflation cause increase in admission fee

By Angie Brunkow
Staff Reporter

Budget cuts and inflationary pressures mean UNL students are going to have to reach deeper into their pocketbooks to cover the cost of education, a UNL official said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor of student affairs, said high school seniors would have to pay \$15 more

next year when applying for admission to the University of Nebraska, and UNL graduating seniors might have to pay to get out.

Griesen said additional fees were being placed on students in order to prevent cutting academic or service programs.

"We're looking where to increase revenue in a reasonable, legitimate manner," he said.

Griesen said students had a choice between cutting programs or increasing costs.

"Students are going to be affected one way or the other," he said.

Griesen said the Council of Student Affairs Officers, which has representatives from all NU campuses, decided to increase the \$15 application fee because it had not been adjusted since 1972, making the fee the

lowest of all universities in NU's peer group.

"Inflation alone would justify going to \$25," he said.

The fee for out-of-state students will remain at \$25, he said, because there was no reason for it to be increased.

Any increase might deter potential students from applying, he said.

"In our pressed economic times,

the out-of-state student is very attractive to us at the out-of-state tuition rate," he said.

Griesen said escalating costs at the admissions office also made the fee increase necessary.

The admissions office will be responsible for working with high schools to implement the higher ad-

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Proposed cuts could be bad for businesses, UNL staff

Downtown merchants expect adverse impact

By Doug Kouma
Staff Reporter

The nearly \$14 million in proposed budget cuts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln could have an adverse effect on not only the university but also on area merchants.

"Anytime you talk about budget cuts that dramatic, it's going to have an economic impact on the community," said Lou Shields, president of the Downtown Lincoln Association.

The university provides an important customer and employee base for

area merchants, and any serious disruption in that base could have far-reaching effects on retailers, Shields said.

If budget cuts were to cause UNL to begin losing students, faculty and staff, downtown's small businesses would be the hardest hit, she said.

"If we lose students, we lose good business prospects," Shields said.

She said she also was worried about how the student-employee base might be affected.

While she said she didn't think the economic impacts of the cuts would force employers to lay off student employees, jobs might have to be phased out by not replacing student employees after they resign.

Marla McCabe, owner of Footloose and Fancy, said as a whole the university provided her with nearly 30 percent of her business.

"I'm always concerned with budget cuts,"

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NU crunch may result in service-staff layoffs

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

With the prospect of large budget cuts looming over the NU system, University of Nebraska-Lincoln service employees are worrying about their jobs.

Kathy Bennetch, president of the University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association, said employees had not come directly to her with their worries, but that she knew they were concerned.

Although cuts in service positions are not definite, Bennetch said, it is common knowledge that the first jobs to be eliminated are usually service jobs—including those of landscape services employees, custodians and of-

fice personnel.

At UNL, 2,009 employees fit this category, Bennetch said.

And they are beginning to wonder, "Am I going to have a job or not?"

But if jobs are eliminated, employees won't be left out in the cold, she said.

Last January, Bennetch was told her job as supervisor of the UNL Counseling Center was being eliminated because of budget cuts.

With the help of administrators, peers and employee-help programs, Bennetch was able to find another job at UNL.

When James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, told her about the elimination of her job, Bennetch said, he encouraged her to search for another position at the university.

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