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## Engineering

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use, he said. Students, researchers and equipment were crowded into the labs, he said.

Lack of adequate space at the center also led researchers to do tests in the parking lot, he said, exposing equipment to the elements.

Amin Einea, research assistant professor at the center, agreed laboratory conditions were intolerable.

"You can hardly walk in the existing lab," he said.

Before the project was approved, the lack of space raised concerns about possible critical reports from an accreditation team evaluating the Omaha campus' civil engineering program last fall, Liberty said.

Einea said budget constraints prevented the problem from being solved completely.

"What we got ... is basically a shell with a crane in it," he said. "The budget was so tight we had to accept it with no interior paint for now."

The addition lacks capacity for testing involving large equipment and

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lacks a structural floor and reaction wall needed for large testing setups, he said.

"It was a temporary solution for a permanent problem," Einea said.

Liberty said a new engineering building needed to be built at UNO, and there was a spot designated for it in UNO's master plan.

Controversy about whether UNO should have its own engineering college, however, has stalled plans to begin the process for approval of such a building, he said.

Although Einea said the addition wasn't enough to permanently solve space problems, it was preferable to halting research or taking it off campus.

"We took what we got," he said.

## DN, UPC denied increases

### ASUN approves own budget intact, says 'no' to others

By Heather Lampe  
Staff Reporter

ASUN denied requests to increase student fee allocations for the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council Wednesday night and voted to increase its own budget.

UPC had its request for an increase amended from CFA's \$182,880 proposal to \$180,400, the same amount as last year.

Jeff Krohn, senator for the college of engineering, who called for the amendment to the bill, said the increase was to keep things fair between ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan, and UPC.

"I thought that if ASUN was going to stick to the same operating budget as last year and we also asked the DN to, then it was fair to make the UPC do so also," Krohn said.

The Daily Nebraskan also was denied a requested increase of \$2,037 to help cover the newspaper's \$160,000 printing expenses.

Doug Oxley, graduate studies senator, moved to amend the bill to grant the Daily Nebraskan the increase.

"It's to maintain what they have," Oxley said. "There are going to be years when they don't need it, but this

year they do."

Shawntell Hurtgen, senator for the department of general studies and chairperson of the Committee for Fees Allocation, said the increase was not granted because the paper requested it to cover an increase in printing costs, but printing costs would not actually increase.

Jeremy Fitzpatrick, editor of the Daily Nebraskan, said he regretted the error, but because a professional advertising manager would be hired next year, the increase would still be needed to help print the paper.

"We're asking them to pay a small percentage more to print it on paper," Fitzpatrick said.

"This would help us in the year that we will be taking more upon ourselves."

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska requested and was granted a 3.32 percent increase in its budget for support staff, student legal services and Government Liaison Committee.

The total dollar amount of ASUN appropriations was \$148,672, about \$3.03 per student per semester.

Hurtgen said the increase was to benefit ASUN employees.

"If you look at the employees' salaries, they're fairly low," she said.

Krohn said he wanted to clarify why ASUN was the only organization to get an increase.

"Our employees do need raises and the DN and UPC don't pay employees (with these funds)," Krohn said. "All the money for day-to-day operations has stayed consistent. The increase we've granted ourselves goes only to our employees."

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## Spring Fever

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disease — spring fever.

"I think it makes people a little too goofy," Beck said. "I feel like I want to go out and party."

Members of Phi Beta Chi Sorority said they were catching the fever as well. The warm weather gave them an opportunity to set up their fund-raising sweater stand on Broyhill Plaza.

Kara Fintel, a senior secondary education major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the sunshine made a difference in their sales.

"People stop and look more in the nice weather," she said. Fintel, still bundled in a jacket and mittens, said it would take an increase of another 20 degrees before she would feel warm enough to wear shorts.

Camelle Yost, a junior home economics and education major, said she couldn't decide if the warm weather gave her more motivation to go to class or to skip class.

"Everybody is in a better mood," she said. "It will probably snow tomorrow, though."

"This is Nebraska — five seasons in one day," she laughed.

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