

Funding may obstruct Spanier's goals

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Staff Reporter

UNL officials praised the priorities set by Chancellor Graham Spanier in his State of the University Address, but they said funding might be an obstacle in achieving those goals.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university would face funding problems, such as budget constraints, in attaining Spanier's six goals.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln must compete with many other state institutions for funding, he said. The competition will be especially tough in setting NU's 1996-97 budget, because the state may face a \$96 million shortfall in state funds during the next two years.

Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor

for academic affairs, agreed that funding would be a problem in attaining these goals. She said the focus of some areas in Spanier's strategic plan would change if funding fell short.

Charles Wilson, chairman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, said Spanier's vision for the university meshed with goals for the NU system. He said his plans for UNL were an integral part of the overall plan for the NU system.

But funding could be a problem if the predicted shortfall in state revenue occurs, he said.

"If that's true, there will be problems in funding the priorities as well as the university," Wilson said.

Andrew Loudon, student regent and president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he was pleased with the speech,

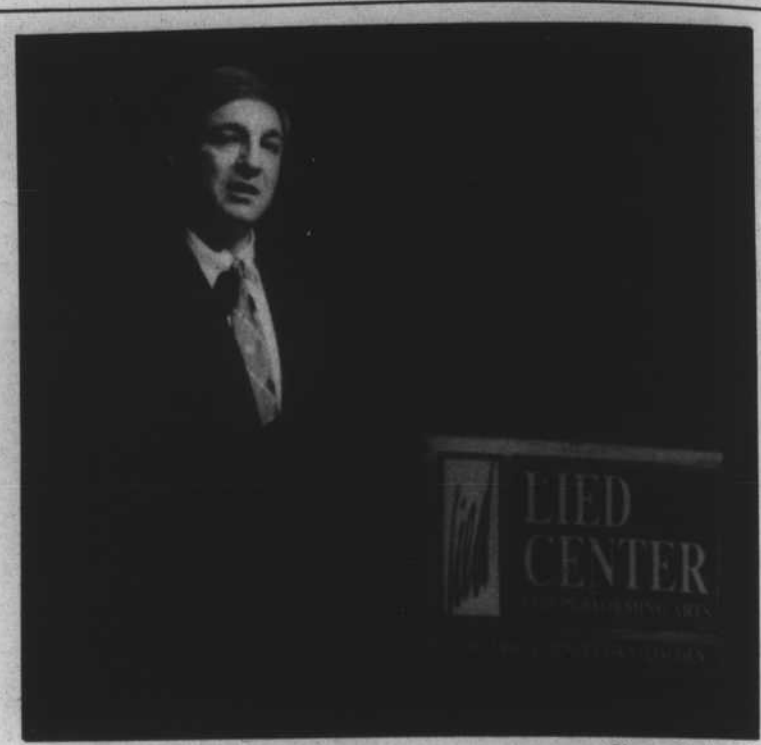
but he said he would add one priority to Spanier's list.

"My main budget priority is that UNL doesn't receive a cut at the Legislature this year," he said.

Loudon said it was unfortunate that one of the first places the Legislature would look to cover the estimated \$96 million budget shortfall would be the NU budget.

Griesen said he agreed with Spanier's statements about ensuring a welcoming, positive climate for UNL students and enhancing the personal development of students by taking a stand against alcohol, hazing, drug abuse and hateful actions.

Griesen said Spanier's address accurately summarized the months of planning conducted by university officials and should lay out the master plan for the university.



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Chancellor Graham Spanier addresses a crowd at the Lied Center for Performing Arts Friday afternoon during his annual State of the University Address. Spanier outlined six priorities for the university during the speech.

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to plan well to best use its state money, which has shrunk during the past 15 years.

"I can't say the planning process was easy, but it was absolutely worth the effort," he said. "If we are to manage our resources effectively, we must continue to improve the integration of budgeting and planning."

In 1980, higher education constituted 27 percent of Nebraska's total budget, with UNL taking 11 percent of the state's budget. Now, higher education has only a 21 per-

cent chunk of the state dollar, and UNL has only 9 percent.

"Higher education's piece of the pie is shrinking as mandated programs in human services and health care eat up more of the state's resources," Spanier said.

After the speech, Spanier said in an interview that a new budget process Smith developed would work for UNL and the NU system. Smith's plan collects all NU revenue in one fund and allocates money from it to campuses according to need.

"It can only improve the process," he said. "What he (Smith) is doing over at central administration fits perfectly with what we are doing on campus."

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The eighth annual Easy Pickin's Bicycle Tours and Corporate Challenge will be held Oct. 1 at the Walton Trail Company, 118th and A streets.

The ride is a fund-raiser for the MoPac East Trail, which runs 25 miles east of Lincoln. The noncompetitive ride will be the first bicycling event to use the finished part of the MoPac East Trail.

Four of the seven tours will be on the MoPac East Trail and will range from six to 34 miles long. Rides of 100, 62, and 28 miles also will take place. All tours begin and end in

Walton. This bicycle event will be the largest one ever held in Lancaster County.

The charge is \$13 to enter. Each rider will receive breakfast, a map, an emergency report on the road, rest stops and fruit.

Lincoln Telephone Long Distance is offering \$900 to the businesses with the highest miles-per-employee ratio. Another award will go to the company that accumulates the most miles.

Entry information is available at Bike Pedalers, at 33rd and B streets, at the Walton Trail Company or at radio station KFRX, 6900 Van Dorn St.

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