Health Center requests funds

By Chad Lorenz Staff Reporter

The University Health Center requested Tuesday a 2.23 percent increase in next year's budget from the Committee for Fees Allocation to fund two staff additions and upgraded telecommunications.

The \$68,634 increase in student



fees would bring the center's total receipt from fees to \$3,152,947.

Kunle Ojikutu, University Health Center director, said he wanted to add a

full-time nurse and a part-time physical therapist. He said the health called for increases in funds for center could expect to spend \$21,000 for the nurse and \$10,000 for the physical therapist.

The \$31,000 personnel cost is a

2.26 percent increase over last year.

Ojikutu requested \$15,500 to funds for purchased services, insurupgrade telephones and computers ance, printing and advertising. The to connect every phone and computer to HuskerNet.

The cost of upgrading the health center's 108 telephones and 208 computer ports is a 63.56 percent increase, he said.

all its funds, Ojikutu said, it would need to set aside \$23,081 to pay for Last September, the Health Centhe increased cost of resale items. He said the increase was needed because of pharmaceutical compa-

nies had raised prices. Ojikutu said the increase wouldn't necessarily come from student fees.

The health center's budget also supplies, postage, consultants, travel and training, maintenance, small equipment, utilities and other operating expenses.

Ojikutu asked for decreases in outreach services.

as part of a campus-wide rewiring decrease would save \$13,717, he

Ojikutu said the health center added new benefits to UNL students last year.

For example, he said, the Health when the health center receives the after-hours clinic to hire an ad-

> Last September, the Health Center hired an optometrist, and in February, will offer contact lens ser-

Also, he said, the Health Center will save money this year because of a contract with the Amerisource Corporation, a pharmaceutical company that offers lower prices.

Although only 58 percent of UNL students use the Health Center, Ojikutu said many more were helped through student health aides and

Stevens said. "The states have seven

Nebraska currently has its own version of a balanced budget amendment in the state constitution. The state is required to reserve 3 percent of its revenue.

Sen. Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth said that meant that out of \$100, the state could spend only

Wehrbein is chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which controls the Nebraska budget. He said a balanced budget amendment would probably also affect local govern-

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Boycott

doing," Blattert said.

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what I'm doing wrong."

been returned.

tractors, Witt said.

church and state.

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such as the highway trust fund, Medicaid, welfare and Aid to Dependent Children.

"But I support the concept," Bromm said.

Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln said cutting the deficit was a popular issue with most people, as well as with her, but that people also needed to look at the potential minuses and listen to debate on the issue.

Schimek said she probably had a

edge of what (the contractor) was

protesters were doing, Blattert said he called the Rev. Paul Witt

at St. Mary's Catholic Church. "I told him I had my obliga-

tions to meet the needs of my people," Blattert said. "I sell to

Somebody's making a big issue

out of something and found a

person's name to put on it.
"Somebody wants to make a

big stink out of somebody want-

ing to put food on the table for

their employees? I don't know

wanted the contractors involved

in the project to "pull away." Witt also told Blattert to call

Lincoln Right to Life; however,

Blattert said none of his calls had

rishioners who knew the contrac-

tors to call them and ask the com-

panies to reconsider. He did not

ask them to "browbeat" the con-

Chris Funk, executive direc-

tor of Planned Parenthood of Lin-

coln, said priests passing out the

lists violated the separation of

"I think we should require all priests to take History 101," she

said. "They should be reminded

this is not a theocracy, and this country has its roots in the sepa-

Funk said, some contractors de-

clined to help because they feared for their children's safety.

"I'm sure there's some people

ration of church and state." Because of the controversy,

Witt said he encouraged pa-

Witt told him the church only

contractors.

Once he found out what the

preconceived notion that leaned her against a balanced budget amendment, but she had not made up her mind.

Bernard-Stevens has introduced a resolution that would provide for ratification of the amendment in Ne-

LR26 was introduced with the idea of giving senators some control over the ratification process, Bernard-Stevens said.

When the hearing is held, Bernard-Stevens said, he wants to have a thorough discussion.

lieve abortion should be a legal

choice," she said. "But most of

the people who said 'no' were

just afraid of the harassment that

they were going to get."

Blattert said he felt he was being singled out.

they should talk to the people who allowed it to happen," he

people who supply the water, the

electricity ... these people also

donated, and their names weren't

listed. They should talk to the

is going way too far, they're pin-

pointing people, and it's sad.

They're going about it in the way

of hatred, and to me, hatred shouldn't be a part of religion."

anti-abortion, but the lists por-

trayed him as being on the other

"As far as I'm concerned, there's nothing I'm supplying, I

don't seek to supply anything

further, unless my contractor asks

for it," Blattert said. "And even

then I'm undecided. If the clinic

asks me to do anything at this

time, with all the advertising be-

ing done, it'll hurt my business."

"Until pro-life calls me, I'm obligated to supply the contrac-

tor with anything he wants."
But for now, Blattert will wait

to hear from the Right to Life

group.
"I hope they will pronounce

my name as a person whose name

has been removed from the list,'

But Blattert later retracted that

side of the issue.

statement.

who don't want to work on our he said, "that I'm trying to help

Blattert said he personally was

"Nobody's asked me," he said.

'I just can't understand ... this

people who govern the laws.

"If this was to be brought out,

"They should talk to the

"There's no hurry," Bernard-

Budget

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shifts the burden to state governments, that only means states have to re-create those programs, he said.

"We may not really be reducing the overall size of government very much," he said. "And the federal government has been pretty good at mandating state governments to do things without providing the fund-

That means state deficits could pile up, he said, while Congress declares "problem solved."

The current state budget is tight, Anderson said, but stable. Nebraska is not alone in facing a projected deficit of several million dollars, he

Anderson said the rush to pass a balanced budget amendment spoke more of politics than fiscal responsi-

To become a constitutional amendment, 38 states must ratify the bal-

anced budget proposal.

MacPhee said the states seldom ratified constitutional amendments.

"If history is any judge, there have been relatively few proposed amendments to the constitution that have been ratified by the states," MacPhee said.

If the Senate doesn't apply the brakes and decide who will pay for what, and how, he said, all indications are the states will apply the



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He said the international community was reluctant to get in-volved in internal conflicts. This reluctance, he said, explains why it took a long time to respond to the

crisis in Somalia. One reason that the U.S. is slow to get involved in peacekeeping operations, he said, is that the U.S. frequently must bear the greatest burden in terms of expense and manpower, sometimes acting alone

But, he said, U.S. power makes it likely that it will have to act alone even more in the future.

McHenry said that because of this, the United States was faced with a dilemma: Should it respond late, not at all or do the sensible thing and respond multilaterally?

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strongly multilateral operations where others share the burden."

After discussing the problems with U.S. and U.N. response to international conflicts, McHenry suggested some solutions to international conflicts:

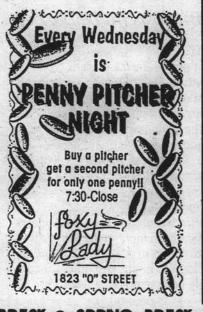
 Increase specialized peace-keeping training of U.S. armed forces, similar to the Scandinavians, who train their forces to understand diplomacy as well as fighting.

Provide for common training with other nations, especially in communications technology and command structures.

Position equipment around the world to deal with any emergencies that may occur.

McHenry said even though the United States had domestic concerns, the international 911 would continue to ring, and the country must be ready to answer.

"However much we may wish," posed to unilateral action by the he said, "today's problems will not U.S.," he said, "but supports go away."



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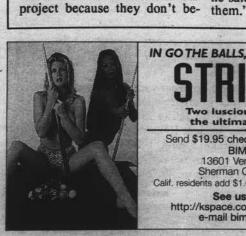
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