

# Teaching, research budget priorities

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Colleges at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln spend more on instruction and research than anything else, and that amount is rising each year.

The University of Nebraska general operations budget for 1994-95 shows that the College of Arts and Sciences spent more than any other college on instruction and research. It spent \$32.8 million, up about \$1.2 million from 1993-94.

The College of Engineering and Technology was the second highest spender. It spent about \$12.2 million on instruction and research in 1994-95, compared with about \$11.8 million in 1993-94.

Kim Phelps, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, said

the increase in expenditures on instruction and research was mostly generated from higher faculty salaries. Two-thirds of college budgets for instruction and research are designated for employee salaries and benefits, he said.

Personnel costs are a major factor in determining whether tuition should be increased, Phelps said. But other factors, such as the declining amount of state funding the university receives and the rising cost of periodicals and serials in university libraries, play a greater role, he said.

The amount colleges need for instruction and research depends on each program, he said.

Phelps said science programs, such as engineering, needed more money to replace equipment or purchase

materials than non-science programs, such as journalism.

David Brinkerhoff, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said some programs, such as music, also cost more because they require more individualized instruction.

Funding for such programs is determined by the number of faculty in the department and faculty workload, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"We don't think of funding in terms of cost per student," Griesen said. "We are concerned with efficiency, but if some classes are more labor intensive than others — that fact we deal with."

Enrollment in academic programs does not affect instruction and research budgets, Phelps said.

## Ban

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criminate against one media outlet, Bender said.

If Osborne worked at a private institution, Bender said, the case would be different.

Bender cited three cases in which newspapers won civil rights lawsuits against public officials or institutions that discriminated against them. None involved political cartoons.

Daily Nebraskan Editor J. Christopher Hain said the Daily Nebraskan was planning no legal action against Osborne.

The cartoons to which Osborne objected were published last week. Both were drawn by artist James Mehling.

One, which was published in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan, depicted NU wingback Riley Washington

in a striped prison suit dragging a ball and chain on the football field in front of a line of players.

Hain said the cartoon criticized the decision to let Washington practice after he was jailed for 13 days. The player faces two felony charges in connection with the shooting of Jermaine Cole of Lincoln.

Osborne met Monday with Hain and the Daily Nebraskan assistant sports editor, Mitch Sherman.

Hain said Osborne also objected to Friday's cartoon, which depicted NU I-back Lawrence Phillips driving across the football field in a new car with money flying out the back. The cartoon was related to Phillips' alleged relationship with a professional sports agent.

"I felt that the cartoons which ran last week were particularly demeaning to two of our players — one of which is guilty of lunch with an agent and one

who has steadfastly denied being involved in a shooting incident," Osborne said.

"I feel like they should have the opportunity to demonstrate their innocence in a court of law before being vilified by the student newspaper," he said.

"I would think that the Daily Nebraskan would be more sensitive to student athletes, more than any other media outlet, because they are students themselves."

It is the nature of an editorial cartoon to be critical, Hain said, and many are bound to irritate people.

Daily Nebraskan editorial cartoons have criticized all kinds of people, Hain said, including university officials and other groups.

"They don't shut off the DN like Osborne has," Hain said. "By shutting off the DN, he also shuts off the students at the University of Nebraska."

## Bid Day

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Rush is busy for the women on the other side, too.

"It hasn't stopped since Friday. There's hardly any time to eat or sleep," said sophomore Stephanie

Preissler, an active member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

Preissler said some girls in her sorority had papers or quizzes to worry about. Having rush on Labor Day weekend instead of before school made it more stressful, she said.

One advantage to having rush later is that summer lasts longer, said sopho-

more elementary education major Gretchen Boswell, an active member of Gamma Phi Beta.

Rushees and sorority members don't have to come back as early, she said. Burlison agreed.

"It was nice to get settled in and get used to college before rushing," she said.



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