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## Regents battle budget matters

BY JILL ZEMAN

KEARNEY — Although the Legislature granted NU its highest budget increase in 10 years, money for increased faculty salaries is likely to come from students' pockets.

University of Nebraska President Dennis Smith told members of the NU Board of Regents at their meeting Saturday that a tuition increase is unavoidable.

The board didn't discuss the issue, but Smith said he wanted the information available to the public before he proposed a tuition increase at April's meeting.

To fund NU's budget simply through tuition hikes, an increase of nearly 10 percent is needed.

If the board approves a 10 percent increase, in-state undergraduate students would pay an additional \$276. Out-of-state students would pay \$751.50 more.

The goal of upping tuition is to bring NU's faculty salaries to the midpoint of its peers.

"Even though there's been a reasonable (budget) increase, it will go to faculty salaries, which has been and will be our top priority," Smith said.

Members of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee will tackle NU's budget today in a committee hearing, Smith said.

In other business, the regents passed a resolution introduced by Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Lyons that asks NU to look into

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ways to cap its athletic program expenditures.

Hassebrook's resolution comes after the NU Athletic Department's budget, which is about \$39 million, ended up about \$250,000 in the red last fiscal year.

If spending keeps increasing, it could begin to take away from money set aside for academics, Hassebrook said.

The Athletic Department has already tried to trim down its budget, when it cut out-of-state tuition waivers for members of the Cornhusker cheerleading squad and the Scarlets Feb 5.

But Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman reinstated the current members tuition waivers a few days later.

A spokesman for the Athletic Department said he didn't know where the funds would come from.

Other budget adjustments include postponing minor renovation projects around UNL, reducing travel parties for teams and warning teams to carefully watch every dollar to make up for last year's overflow.

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion said he thought the salaries for coaches were outrageous.

"I don't want the extremes of professional sports to happen at the collegiate level," he said.

## Schools hope to increase numbers

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"It could be self-defeating," he said.

Johnston said she couldn't assume all minority students would receive low scores on standardized tests.

But even if minority students did have lower test scores, they were still important to the campus climate, she said.

"Our campus is very homogeneous," she said. "I feel very, very strongly that students that come to our campus should be exposed to diversity."

University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor Nancy Belck's recruitment plan also focused on high-ability and minority students.

The major difference in Belck's plan was that it would have granted in-state tuition rates to students in the Council Bluffs area.

UNO's recruiting budget would nearly double—to \$1.2 million — and the school hopes to increase enrollment to 16,500.

The regents struck down the Council Bluffs tuition waiver idea, because the minimum requirements weren't strict enough — it would have included anyone who was eligible to attend NU.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo said she supported offering a tuition break to western Iowa students.

"They're the lowest hanging fruit, in terms of recruitment," she said.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center isn't included in the plan because it traditionally attracts graduate students rather than undergraduate students.

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