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## Cuts come home

By Michelle Wallace

After weeks of pondering over Governor David C. Treen's 4.4 percent budget cut affecting schools of higher education, the University of New Orleans Budget Committee has finally reached a decision as to where the \$1.4 million will be slashed.

"Certain funds are allocated at the beginning of the year to areas that have fixed operating costs and cannot be deleted," stated Chancellor Leon Richelle. These areas include heating, cooling and lighting. "Therefore, the budget committee had to cut funds that were allocated but not yet spent," he added.

According to George D'Aquin, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the cuts came in these areas:

instruction:	\$294,353
research:	86,333
academic support:	413,431
student services:	12,721
institutional support:	134,118
physical plant services:	394,404
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,336,360</b>

"We have not fired anyone; not a single person has lost his or her job," D'Aquin said. All non-academic positions which are not presently filled will remain vacant. Any positions that become vacant will remain so through June 30, 1983. "We may lose some people who are contracted on a per semester basis," D'Aquin added, "but we are trying to avoid that." If a department loses an employee, like a secretary, we'll loan one out from another department, he stated.

The University Police, budgeted out of institutional support, D'Aquin stated may lose strength because of their high rate of turn over. Another area of high turn over is janitorial services. "Soon there will be fewer janitors and the buildings will begin to look dirtier," he added.

According to D'Aquin, equipment freezes will really hurt. "Microscopes are as important to biology and earth science students as hard back books are to Liberal Arts students," he stated.

"The way we made these cuts is not the way we would have made them in June," D'Aquin added. "Every program is not of equal importance, but in this situation we had to cut funds that were uncommitted."

Unless the current upswing in the stock market is a sign



PROFESSOR W. HARLAN SHAW of the Drama and Communications Department autographs copies of his new book, "American Men's Wear 1861/1982" in the UNO

Bookstore on Nov. 3. Also on hand' was Christine Szambelan-Strevinsky with her new book, "Dark Hour of Noon." — photo by Judy Theriot

that the recession is coming to an end, D'Aquin looks for things to be worse next year. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," he stated. The budget committee, he added, is meeting this week to work on a provisional priority system in case this sort of thing happens next year. They are designing a working plan which would operate at 85 percent of the planned budget, he added.

The cuts, approved in adherence to Treen's across the board cut, will also affect a number of programs in the Regent's budget. Programs to be affected will include: aid

to independent institutions, research and development programs, the Southern Regional Education Board, Tulane Medical School capitulation and nursing stipends.

In spite of the cuts, the capital outlay will fund 126 projects including the Consent Decree, which will require \$95 million in outlays through December 1987.

The executive order excludes higher education programs required by the desegregation lawsuit agreement. But, according to Southern University Board members, further programs would have an adverse affect on Consent Decree Programs.

## No-nuke rally today

by Sandy Maillho

Several campus organizations have united in a demonstration against nuclear arms with the "Bury Nuclear Weapons" jazz funeral to begin at 12:30 pm today, Thursday, November 11 on the UC north lawn. The program, which is sponsored by P.E.A.C.E. and endorsed by Driftwood, the Student Government Association, the UNO Wesley Foundation and Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will feature a jazz funeral, speakers and free films.

Dennis Walsh, president of P.E.A.C.E., says, "We want to have some fun in expressing our support of the nuclear disarmament movement, which is world wide."

The funeral will consist of members of the organizations, including musicians from the UNO music department, carrying a casket around the University Center, and through the student park.

The speakers forum, which will begin at 1:15 pm on the UC north lawn will present Vernon Bellecourt, leader of the American Indian Movement, Patrick Walker of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Bev Hoffman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

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### More \$\$ for Pell's

Because congress recently passed some aid-enhancing legislation, the financial aid office may have an extra check for those receiving PELL grants this fall. If you received a grant this fall, call the office or go in, they may have some good news for you.

# UNO A-V interviews Mrs. Thelma Toole

by Dolores M. Tanner

The UNO A-V Television Studio is producing a videotaped interview with the mother of John Kennedy Toole, the late author of the Pulitzer Prize winning book, "A Confederacy of Dunces," the Coordinator of Television Operations

said.

Mrs. Thelma Toole, mother of the New Orleans-born author, will talk about her son, what he was like as a child and as a grown man, what motivated him to write his uproariously, delightful book, and the difficulties she encountered in trying to

have the book published after his death, said Michael Adler, TV Coordinator.

The program will be co-produced by the UNO Library, the Audio-Visual Center and the Drama/Communications Department, he said. When it is released, it will be available for viewing through the Interlibrary Loan service, said Adler.

This is just one of our many projects, stated Adler. UNO's production studio is capable of cablecasting either live or from tape to the campus over the closed circuit television system, continued the TV Coordinator.

The studio has five black and white TV cameras, a switcher with special effects, a multi-input film chain, a 28-input audio mixer and various audio sources such as turntables, reel-to-reel, cassette and cart machines, said Adler. Also available are a 3/4 inch portable TV color camera and recorder, and a videotape editing system, Adler said.

"With all these resources available to us, we can offer a wide variety of services to the UNO faculty and students," said Adler. "We

videotape or cablecast lectures, guest speakers, seminars, special events and class projects from auditoriums and selected classrooms.

"We work with students on all types of classroom projects from producing commercials to completing a thesis."

UNO Video, a student-produced TV variety show, is also taped in the

A-V Television Studio, commented Adler.

Adler said he ran the television studio with the aid of two student assistants. "We are located in room 150 of the Liberal Arts College Building, and are open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday," he said. "Our facilities and services are available on a first-come, first-served basis."

## Veterans day info:

### VA hot line open

If you have a question concerning veterans benefits or need information or assistance, call the Veterans Administration Regional Office in New Orleans using the toll-free telephone line to get the answer.

Toll-free telephone service is now available in all 50 states providing direct access to Veterans Administration Regional Offices, Anthony R. Lentini, Director of the New Orleans Regional Office, said today reminding veterans and their dependents of the service which is available from 7:45 a.m. to 4:25 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because the service is so popular, Lentini said veterans should have at hand as much VA-related information about themselves as possible when making a call.

Lentini pointed out that VA counselors can provide faster service when the veteran's claim number, military serial number or Social Security number is provided.

The following toll-free number is provided for use by veterans and their dependents in the State of Louisiana in need of assistance from the Veterans Administration Regional Office in New Orleans: 1-800-462-9510.

The telephone number can usually be found in the U.S. Government section of local telephone directories under "Veterans Administration — Benefits Information and Assistance," Lentini said. In cases where a U.S. Government listing is not contained, telephone operators can supply the



CHANCELLOR LEON J. RICHELLE (left) accepts Amoco Foundation check for \$10,000 from Mr. Paul A. Tennet, Senior Geologist of the Amoco Production Company of the New Orleans Region, in the Chancellor's Office, October 10, 1982. The donation was given in support of minority scholarships and graduate fellowships in geology, and in support of the Department of Earth Sciences.

## Success:

### Alumni drive breaks record