

# NU tops education study's list; report to include public comment

By Jana Dahiman Bouma

Because it is the most comprehensive of Nebraska's schools, the University of Nebraska will be "the single most important part" of the study by the Citizen's Commission for the Study of Higher Education. The university system is also the primary research and graduate education facility.

The study, however, will consider all Nebraska colleges and universities, including private institutions. According to commission director James Olson, 20 percent of the state's college students attend private schools.

The commission will present its recommendations to Gov. Kerrey by the end of the year, Olson said.

"I told the governor we'd have the report under his Christmas tree," Olson said.

The commission will study issues such as the quality of Nebraska's higher education, the coordination and possible duplication of resources at different schools, cost effectiveness and forms of school government.

The 66-member commission will have monthly meetings throughout the state. Each meeting will include time for public comment, Olson said. The next meeting will be Aug. 16 in North Platte.

Olson said he is meeting with the chancellor's and presidents of all Nebraska colleges and universities. Commission members also will study the fiscal position of the state, economic trends, statistics

from the various schools and changes in the state's population. They will use the information along with public comment, to form their recommendations.

The commission will study problems facing institutions of higher education. One of those problems, Olson said, is financing. All over the country, states are having trouble supporting their schools, he said.

Also, he said, schools face a declining population because the number of 18-year-olds is decreasing. This trend is expected to last into the mid-1990s.

At the same time, "the impact of technology is such that people who are working need retraining more often than ever before," Olson said.

Schools also face the challenge of maintaining the quality of the education they provide, he said.

The commission will do its work in three phases, Olson said. The first phase, a survey of Nebraska's needs between now and the year 2000, began at the commission's July 9 meeting.

In the second phase of the project, the commission will survey the state's present educational resources. The third phase will include development of a set of recommendations to be presented to Kerrey.

After the report is completed, Olson said, the commission will exist for six months, to lead public discussion and implementation of the commission's findings.

Olson, who is employed full time by the commission, received his master's degree and a doctorate in history from the University of Nebraska. He recently retired as president of the University of Missouri.

# Increased patrols to take their toll on UNL parking lot violators

By Mike Weibel

The University Police Department this fall will extend its patrol hours for residence hall parking lots, according to a Parking Advisory Committee decision.

To keep unauthorized cars out of parking lots, UNL police will patrol Parking Areas 1, 2 and 3 until 11 p.m. on weekdays. In the past, police patrolled the lots until 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Also beginning this fall, UNL police will patrol the 506 parking meters on campus until noon on Saturdays, including football Saturdays. Ticketing cars at unpaid meters before noon on Saturdays has previously been ignored, the committee said.

Spurred by the need for more parking space, the

committee also discussed the addition of a gravelled parking lot north of the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex. Construction bids are to go out next week, pushing for a September completion date.

To avoid possible traffic accidents during the first few days of the fall semester, the left lane of 17th Street east of the Cather-Pound residence halls will be closed from R Street and made into a loading zone for incoming students. UNL police parking control officers will help control the increased traffic from students moving in the residence halls.

The committee also decided to change the staff and faculty lots, Parking Area 12 and Parking Area 19, to Parking Area 10. The decision is one of the first steps toward eliminating the number system and developing a color system of parking lot enforcement.



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McDonald's at 14th and O streets.

# Lincoln customers approve action

Workers began tearing down a McDonald's restaurant Tuesday in San Ysidro, Calif., where 21 people were shot to death on July 18.

A manager of a Lincoln McDonald's said customers have expressed approval of the restaurant's handling of the incident.

"Several customers have commented about how sad the whole thing is," said Tammie Reichwaldt, manager of Lincoln's 14th and O street McDonald's. Customers are "glad McDonald's is doing what it's doing" to meet the requests of

survivors and to set up a survivor's fund, Reichwaldt said.

"They're not frightened or anything," she said. "they realize it could happen anywhere."

Joan Kroc, widow of the McDonald's chain founder Ray Kroc, donated \$100,000 to start a fund for survivors of the nation's worst one-day mass murder. The McDonald's chain contributed \$1 million to the fund, and individuals have contributed close to \$200,000 more, a secretary for McDonald's media relations office said.

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## House approves voluntary prayer

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives, trying to overcome a constitutional ban on prayer in public schools, Thursday voted overwhelmingly to allow voluntary silent prayer in schools. The 378-29 vote came as an amendment to an education bill. The amendment said no state or local agency shall deny individuals in public schools the opportunity to participate in moments of silent prayer.

The Supreme Court has ruled prayer in public schools violates the constitutional doctrine separating church and state. Earlier this year, the Senate failed to pass a constitutional amendment which would allow school prayers even though President Reagan lobbied hard for such action. Supporters of the House action said it would not lead to organized religious activities.

The voluntary silent prayer measure would have to be approved by the Senate and signed by Reagan before it could become law and then would most likely face a legal challenge to determine if it is constitutional. Before approving the silent prayer amendment, the House defeated another amendment which would have barred federal funds to schools which did not allow voluntary prayers. Yesterday, the House passed and sent to Reagan another bill which would allow religious groups to use public school facilities for meetings and other activities before and after school. Supporters said the so-called "equal access" bill only would give religious groups the same rights as non-religious clubs and other organizations to use public facilities. Opponents said it would open the way for cults to use the schools.

## Cease-fire short-lived

TRIPOLI — Ten people died and 50 were wounded in a fresh round of fierce fighting Thursday following the collapse of a cease-fire agreement between warring factions, official sources said. It brought the total number of dead in the two-day battle to 30 and the list of wounded to 200. The cease-fire lasted only one hour before the fighting over school examinations was renewed.

As the pro-Syrian Arab Democratic Party militia and the Sunni Moslem Islamic Unification movement battled with heavy machine gun and rocket fire, the Ministry of Education in Beirut announced that examinations for high school certificates had been suspended throughout the nation. Ministry sources cited the fighting in Tripoli and Israeli interference with the tests in southern Lebanon as the reasons. In Tripoli, where the exams have traditionally been held in a university building located in AOP-controlled territory, the fighting was sparked by a Sunni faction demand that they be held in an area under its control.

Lebanon's Prime Minister, Rashid Karami, arrived in Damascus, the Syrian capital, Thursday, where he was expected to discuss the Tripoli clashes and security arrangements for the greater Beirut area with Syrian leaders. An all-party security committee in Tripoli sent an urgent appeal to Karami and Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad to help end the fighting once and for all.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon declined a government request to ship the sealed exam papers from Beirut to the South after Israel objected, officials said. Beirut radio speculated the Israeli action was linked to the closure Wednesday of Israel's Liaison Office north of Beirut, which had served as the only direct link between the two governments.

## Disloyal terrorist shot

BELFAST — The Irish Republican Army said Thursday it had killed one of its own guerrillas because he was an informer. Brian McNally, 25, was shot through the head early Thursday and dumped in a ditch on a road in Newry, County Down, near the border with the Irish Republic. The IRA, fighting to force the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland, said in a statement that McNally had given information to the police about IRA volunteers. It said the police had offered McNally \$32 a week and a holiday in Spain in return for information. The police declined to comment.