

# Regents select new geology head



Melvin D. George

The Board of Regents made several other appointments and decisions at their Monday meeting, besides selecting a new chancellor.

Dr. J. A. Fagerstrom, a former assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1967-68, was chosen as chairman of the geology department.

He replaces Dr. Samuel B. Treves who has been chairman of the department since 1964. Treves asked to be relieved of the administrative post, although he will retain his post as a professor of geology.

Treves has been involved in research with the Institute of Polar Studies which takes him on periodic investigation field trips to Antarctica. He returns to that continent early next

year. statement which calls for continuing to concentrate the accredited engineering programs on the Lincoln campuses while maintaining the civil engineering program at the Omaha campus.

The engineering interests of the state can best be served, the Regents said in the statement, by:

—Continuing and improving the accredited professional engineering programs in existence at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln campuses:

—Intensifying the efforts to strengthen and develop educational programs for technicians and technologists at the University of Nebraska at Omaha;

—Maintaining a Civil Engineering program on the Omaha campus, in view of the special needs of the engineering and industrial community of Omaha.

## The consensus

The statement by the Regents was based on recommendations by a special merger subcommittee dealing with engineering. The Regents acknowledged that the subcommittee "did not gain consensus on the subject of engineering programs."

A proposed policy for personal appearances at Board of Regents' meetings were presented. In the past, individuals or groups simply attended the regular Regents meeting and asked to be heard, if no other arrangements had been made.

"Direct contact and communication with students, faculty and the general public have long been valued by the Board of Regents," the proposed policy stated. "As a result of the increased complexity of the institution, the Board now finds it necessary to establish a more formal procedure for the requests for appearances from individuals and groups."

The proposed policy states that:

—Requests from the general

public should be given to the Corporation Secretary, at present, Dr. G. Robert Ross. The communication should include a concise statement of the subject to be presented and the names of those who will make the presentation. If the request can be accommodated it will be scheduled for presentation at a subsequent meeting of the Board or one of its committees. Time for the presen-

tation will be specified by the Corporation Secretary.

—Individuals or groups of students, faculty and staff who wish to appear before the Board should make their requests through the office of the president on their campus. The same procedures that apply to the general public will then be followed.

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## 12 days of gifts cause holi-daze

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In the 18th century a man who wanted to send his true love exotic gifts for each of the 12 days of Christmas could do it for a song. Not so today.

The Daily Nebraskan found that if he purchased the gifts in Lincoln today they would cost \$227,059.76.

The gifts, if the reader will recall, range from 12 drummers drumming to a partridge in a pear tree. Today, the partridge and pear tree would retail at \$17.

One might conclude that higher costs of living have definitely brought on higher costs of living.

Two turtle doves would sell for \$73.15, while three french hens would be \$172.43.

Calling birds are now extinct, however, museum figures show that four stuffed ones could be purchased for a mere \$18,005.53. Five golden rings sell for \$44.75 and six geese a-laying would cost about \$60.

Seven swans a-swimming

would retail at \$600 from a nationally reputable swan supplier. This price includes two pair of white "mute swans" and three black swans.

In federal minimum wages, eight maids a-milking would cost \$102.40 plus about \$4,000 for the cows. Nine ladies dancing could be hired for \$3,384.76, including transportation costs and New York Ballet Company salaries.

It is difficult to estimate the charge of 10 lords for leaping. However, their round trip air fare from London would be \$5,740.

The cost of 11 pipers piping from the New York Philharmonic would be \$3,088.52. And, 12 drummers drumming from Lincoln rock groups would charge \$450.

It is a point to remember that according to the song, the pear tree is given 12 times, the turtle doves 11 times, the French hens 10 times, and so forth.

There are only six shopping days left till Christmas.

Shop early.

## Ski slopes attract NU students

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"Go west young man." Those words popularized by Horace Greely are very applicable to University of Nebraska students looking for skiing action during Christmas vacation.

More and more Nebraska students are heading for the ski slopes as evidenced by the formation of a University of Nebraska Ski Club this week. Besides providing information on ski areas, the club will seek group rates on lodging, transportation, equipment, ski clothes, and ski theft insurance. Previously all group ski trips had been sponsored by the Nebraska Union.

The increased number of Nebraska skiers is part of a national trend. Some sources estimate that there are now some 10 million American skiers, 4 million more than in

1966. Ski clubs are springing up all over the country. Large ski clubs can be found in Atlanta, Kansas City, and even North Platte, Nebraska. To accommodate this increased number of skiers, more than 500 major ski lifts have been built in the last five years.

While the number of skiers is on the rise, so are ski prices. It now costs from \$300 to \$400 to purchase the basic ski equipment. This price includes \$150 for quality skis, \$80 for ski boots, \$45 for bindings, and \$65 for a parka and pants.

Most Nebraska students will be heading to nearby Colorado for their fun in the snow. Colorado has six times the mountain area as Switzerland and the Centennial state offers excellent skiing at 25 different resort areas.

A skier's mecca for over 20 years has been Aspen, Colorado. Aspen has often been

referred to as "Ski Capital USA" and the famous mountain resort offers four different ski areas: Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands, and Snowmass. Many skiers rate Aspen as having the finest display of after ski night-life that the country offers.

Newly-planned, ski-oriented communities are springing up in the snow belt. Snowmass is a prototype of the instant ski city. Besides offering 50 miles of runs and trails, Snowmass also has many non-ski activities for its vacationers.

One does not have to be a skier to enjoy America's many ski resorts. The resorts now provide nightclubbing, bar hopping, shopping, heated swimming pools, snowmobile trails, ice skating, gymnasiums, and lift rides into the sky. Two of the latest snow crazes are the snowmobile and the skibob, which resembles a

bicycle with skis.

If one wants to base his activities in Denver, there are five ski areas within an easy drive of the Mile High City. These include Arapahoe Basin, Winter Park, Loveland, Ski Idlewild, and Lake Ildora.

Two other Colorado ski areas that are popular with Nebraskans are Breckenridge and Vail.

Breckenridge, a productive gold mining town a century ago, is today one of the most popular ski areas. Winter snows in the Breckenridge area average 250 inches, providing over 12 miles of well-groomed slopes and trails.

Vail's famous bowls offer a variety of terrain for the beginning, intermediate, and advanced skier. Vail's wind-protected slopes are all below timberline and provide the optimum in skiing pleasure.

Besides Colorado, excellent

skiing can be found in Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Many Nebraskans visit Wyoming's Jackson Hole resort, which is one of the finest and largest in the world. Located in the Teton National Forest, the ski area covers 5 square miles of the Teton Mountains. Jackson Hole now has the biggest total vertical drop and the longest ski trail of any ski area in America.

Students who are stranded in eastern Nebraska for Christmas vacation can enjoy skiing in their own area. Crescent Ski Hill in Crescent, Iowa, is only 15 minutes by automobile from Omaha. While Crescent Hill is not the best ski area in the world, it still offers the area's only commercial ski slope.

Crescent Hill has artificial snow facilities and a ski lift. The ski area also offers com-

## Math professor new A&S dean

New Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is 33-year-old Dr. Melvin D. George, a math professor at the University of Missouri. The appointment, announced Monday by the Regents, is effective June 15, 1970.

In a telephone conversation with the Daily Nebraskan, Dr. George said he had been impressed during his short visit to campus in November with the way Nebraska's College of Arts and Sciences is structured.

He said students at Nebraska "seem to be more effectively heard" than those at Missouri. But student participation in college has a longer history here, George continued.

When asked what he thought of the University's steps toward loosening the Arts and Sciences course requirements, George said that the discussion was important but also that "I believe very strongly that there is such a thing as an Arts and Sciences education," and that "Arts and Sciences must be more than a collection of departments."

George said he noticed much concern on campus about group requirements and commented that several little changes may result in a loss of perspective. What is needed, he said, is to "look at requirements an curriculum as a whole. We should forget about what we have now

and look at what we ought to have."

At the present, Dr. George said he didn't know enough about particular concerns of students and faculty to make specific proposals.

"I was tremendously impressed with the attitude and spirit not only of students but of the faculty too. They seemed conscientiously concerned," George noted.

A native of Washington, D.C., Dr. George received his B.A. degree "with highest distinction" from Northwestern University with a major in math and a physics minor. He obtained a Ph.D. in math from Princeton and has taught at the University of Missouri for over nine years. This semester George is on leave as visiting professor at Texas A & M University.

While on the Missouri faculty he served on the Arts and Sciences Policy Committee, Student Conduct Committee, Committee on Accredited Schools and Colleges, Campus Planning Committee and the Space Science Center Policy Committee.

George served as associate chairman of the math department from 1965-67 and from 1967-1969 was associate dean of the Graduate School. He is married and has two daughters age eight and five.