



Faculty considers proposals

'Inquiry not a threat'

University Chancellor Durward B. Varner said Wednesday that the inquiry into recent protest activities on the Lincoln campus will not be a "witch-hunt" and "should not be interpreted to be a threat to anyone."

Varner said he didn't know if there would be any action taken against students and faculty who were involved in the recent unrest on the campus.

The Board of Regents, admitting pressure from constituents, ordered Varner Monday to commence immediately with an inquiry to determine "the sequence of events and the involvement of faculty and students" in the protest movement of the past two weeks on the University campus.

The regents' statement Monday further called for judgements to be made and appropriate action to be taken when political activities interfere with the fulfillment of professional and contractual obligations of faculty.

The regents also directed

that legal counsel be involved in the inquiry. Varner remarked that he will employ University lawyers in the inquiry because "the rights of all those involved must be protected at all times."

Varner said that the purpose of the inquiry is also to determine if there were any violations of local, state or federal laws, if there were any violations of University regulations, to what extent was the educational process interrupted and were there any outside agitators involved in the unrest.

The Chancellor does not know at this time who will aid him in the inquiry. Although the regents stated that the Chancellor should be free to turn to outside help in conducting the inquiry, Varner said that at the moment he didn't think outside help will be needed.

The regents called for an inquiry according to Varner because "they felt that with all the criticism they were receiving

concerning the unrest they had the responsibility to provide a full report on what happened to the citizens." He also said the regents wanted to conduct their own inquiry instead of having the Legislature investigate the unrest.

Chairman C. W. Holmquist, of the Legislative Council's executive board, has proposed state senators also should conduct an inquiry into the campus unrest which included a march on the Lincoln draft board, the occupation of the Military and Naval Science Building and a three-day boycott of classes by some students.

The regents made it clear in their Monday meeting that instructional programs and the opportunities for learning shall continue without interruption.

In their Monday statement, the board declared its "intention that the right to dissent shall be honored but that the exercise of it will not be allowed to interfere with the rights of those who prefer not to participate in that exercise."

'College of Life' lives in tent

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The "College of Life" is alive during dead week.

For the past 10 days a floppy tent known as the "College of Life" has been the symbol of the New University.

"The College of Life" is an alternative to the traditional university which cannot cope with contemporary situations in a positive way," graduate student Nancy Ryan said.

At the College of Life, all the students are regents and they all have a voice in decisions, Miss Ryan said.

Courses taught at the college include child education, rock music and physical education (soccer).

Paul Olson, professor of English, said the college symbolizes much of the reform that is needed at the University because it is a place where people can communicate freely and exchange ideas.

"We must accept the fact that the University has many problems and that we must work to make improvements," Olson said.

Olson said it is very important to communicate the sense

of hopefulness to the people of the state of Nebraska.

"We hope the Board of Regents and the members of the state legislature recognize that the students are working through legitimate channels," Olson said.

Miss Ryan said the future of the College of Life, that is, the tent itself, is uncertain.

But she emphasized that many students are dedicated to educational reform. They will not give up their efforts and they will not become acquiescent over the summer, she said.



Students and teacher follow the example of Socrates as they learn in the College of Life.

Several major items are scheduled for consideration at a special meeting of the Faculty Senate Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Coliseum.

The public meeting is being held in the Coliseum to accommodate all those who wish to attend, according to Senate Secretary Robert Narveson.

The senate will hear the report of the committee on Calendar and Examinations on the student request for a two-week vacation immediately before the November elections. This report will call for immediate action by the Senate, he said.

Narveson said the Senate will also hear the report of the Academic Planning Committee on actions taken in response to student requests for educational reform. This report will not call for immediate senate action, he said.

In other action the senate is scheduled to consider reports submitted by the faculty Human Rights Committee and the Council on Student Life.

Senate to review calendar revisions

Five versions of a modified calendar providing for a class recess prior to the 1970 November general election will be presented to the University Faculty Senate Thursday.

These options range from a two-week recess to no recess with the current absence policy in effect. Options will be presented in a report from the University Calendar and Examinations Committee.

The committee will not make a recommendation. A motion for adoption of any of the five options must come from the floor of the Faculty Senate.

The first option provides for a two-week recess as called for by the students' resolution. In order to preserve the traditional 15 week instructional period, first semester classes would begin Monday, September 7, one week earlier. Also, Thanksgiving vacation would be forfeited and Christmas vacation shortened two days.

The second and third options call for a one-week recess before the election. Both options would shorten Christmas vacation and would allow for a two and a half day Thanksgiving vacation.

Classes would recess from Saturday, October 24, to Sun-

day, November 1, in Option Two. Option Three, however, would change the recess to Wednesday, October 28 through Monday, November 2.

Option Four deviates from Options Two and Three only in that the recess would be two and a half days Friday, October 30, through Monday, November 2.

Option Five would retain the adopted calendar for 1970-71 with emphasis on the published University policy on excused absences.

This policy, quoted from the Official Bulletin of the University, states, "For unusual circumstances known in advance, an absence notification may be obtained from the dean of your college or from the Office of Student Affairs."

Emphasis on this policy could be included with any of the options except Option One. If passed by the Faculty Senate the policy would cover October 21 through election day.

While this policy exists, the Calendar Committee members said it needs expansion to emphasize 1970 campaigning activities.

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