

Chancellor nominees revealed

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The Daily Nebraskan has learned the names of seven men, none of them Nebraskans, purported to be the final individuals under consideration for the top executive position at the University's Lincoln campus.

Sources close to UNL's presidential search committee indicated that one of the seven is likely to be chosen this month by the Board of

Regents to succeed President Joseph Soshnik, who resignation last March became effective September 1.

The seven men whose names were reportedly advanced to the Board of Regents and President D. B. Varner include: Harold Enarson, president of Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ernest W. Hartung, president of the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Joseph B. Platt, president of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.

Donald K. Smith, vice president of administration at the University of Minnesota in

Minneapolis.

Duane C. Spriesterbach, dean of the graduate college at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

George W. Wilson, dean of the college of arts and sciences at Indiana University in Bloomington.

James H. Zumberge, director of the school of earth sciences at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The man chosen for UNL's top executive post will be designated "chancellor" of the Lincoln campuses (see Regents story on this page.)

It is speculated that Arizona's Zumberge is the

number one candidate for the job.

President Varner refused to comment on the accuracy of the list obtained by the Daily Nebraskan or on Zumberge's possible appointment.

(Biographical information on some of the apparent candidates appears elsewhere on page one of today's Daily Nebraskan.)

The search committee which screened the candidates was composed of 16 members of the University community. Three of the committee members were students.

The committee chose the final candidates from a list of about 130. The committee eliminated candidates on the basis of reports solicited from staff or students at the candidates' respective schools.

University law professor Wallace Rudolph, the committee chairman, explained that four affirmative reports were needed for a candidate to be placed on the final list. The problem with this procedure, Rudolph said, was "if the first report was bad we cut him out."

Steve Tiwald, one of the three student members of the committee, felt that the

committee had "adequate information to consider them (the candidates) for a higher list."

But John K. Hansen, another student member, felt the information was inadequate.

"The way the recommendations came in to us was that somebody here would call up somebody he knew at the other school. As a consequence, conservatives got reports from conservatives and liberals from liberals.

"We didn't do a very good job in this way," Hansen said. Tiwald noted that because the job was done quickly "it was a helluva lot of work."

"It was the feeling of the committee that the job of chief executive is a tough job. To have that person start a job without the full support of everyone would be asking too much," he added.

Hansen felt that another shortcoming of the committee was the faculty-administration-student ratio.

"I contend the University is here for the students," Hansen said. "We need a more reasonable sort of proportion. Reversing the ratio still

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Nominees' qualifications

James H. Zumberge
Director of School of
Earth Science
University of Arizona

Zumberge, 48, attended the University of Minnesota, receiving his B.A. in 1946 and his Ph.D. in 1950. His major field in geology.

He has authored several books and papers including the widely used college textbook, Elements of Geology.

Zumberge has been a member of two expeditions to Arctic Alaska in 1946-47 and the leader of expeditions to investigate the geological history of Lake Superior in 1961-62. He organized and accompanied two Antarctic expeditions, the first in 1957 as chief geologist for the U.S. International Geophysical Year study of the Ross Ice Shelf and the second in 1959.

He served as a faculty member of the University of Michigan from 1950 to 1962. He became a full professor in 1960.

In 1962 he was appointed the first president of Grand Valley State College in Allendale, Michigan. He resigned in 1968 to take over as the head of the University of Arizona School of Earth Sciences.

Harold Enarson
President
Cleveland State University

Enarson received favorable reports from several colleagues at Cleveland State.

There was some criticism that he spent too much time competing with other universities and not enough on community problems, but Del Weber, who served as Enarson's administrative assistant and provost for four years, said his former superior is an exceptional man who has the unique ability to relate to all segments of the academic community.

Weber said Enarson has excellent rapport with the industrial community of Cleveland and that he has been successful in adapting certain



James H. Zumberge

parts of the academic program to help solve social and economic problems.

Enarson also received high marks on his administrative abilities from his former aide, who described him as a "perceptive administrator" and a man especially well-respected by students.

Ernest Hartung
President
University of Idaho

Hartung, 54, served as head of the zoology department at Rhode Island from 1953-60. In 1960 he assumed the duties of dean of the graduate school. He served as an academic Vice-President in Rhode Island in 1962-63, as a Vice President and Provost from 1963-65, and as Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964-65. He came to the University of Idaho in August, 1965.

The Daily Idahonian reported that Hartung's relations with students are excellent. However, he has been involved in some small controversies recently with alumni and the Board of Regents.

In a report from the University of Idaho's Student Body President of 1969-70, Jim McFarland, to UNL's search committee, Hartung was

described as an "excellent administrator." The report said Hartung "delegates authority" in order to get "as many people as possible involved in decisions."

Another strong point mentioned was Hartung's good relationship with students and faculty.

The single "weak" point mentioned by McFarland is that Hartung may be "too honest, almost to the point of opening himself to everybody's criticism."

Joseph B. Platt
President
Harvey Mudd College

Two reports from individuals at Harvey Mudd College were favorable to Platt. The reports came from Don Rodriguez, treasurer of the student body and from Jack Alford, chairman of the department of engineering at Harvey Mudd College.

Rodriguez' report stated that "Platt gets close to everyone" and invites the entire student body (500 enrollment) over for dinner at least once during the year Platt "has the respect of other administrators, faculty, and most students" according to Rodriguez.

Both reports indicated that Platt's strongest attribute is that he is an "approachable person". Turn to page 8.



And so the masses came from all corners of the earth. Or so it seemed. See related stories, p. 4.

Regents take summer action

In a series of summer moves the Board of Regents changed the titles of the University's chief executive officers, fired the head of one campus and voted one of the largest tuition hikes in recent years.

In its August meeting the board changed B. Varner's title from Chancellor of the University to President of NU effective Sept. 1.

The heads of each of the three NU campuses have been designated with the new title of Chancellor of their respective campus and vice-president of the University system.

The new titles and several other moves were aimed at healing what were termed "bitter divisions" among the NU campuses.

The recommendations were presented to the Regents in their July meeting by Thomas S. Nurnberger, president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., and chairman of NU's Advisory Committee for Management Study, a committee of state citizens and representatives of the University community.

The reason for the title changes arose from UNO resentment of system-wide administrators working on the

UNL campus with Lincoln campus administrators.

During the August meeting, held in Scottsbluff, the Regents took several actions they said were aimed at easing intercampus tensions.

In perhaps the most drastic move the Regents removed Kirk Naylor as president of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. It has been reported that there had been friction between Naylor and Varner.

"This is not a ditch-Naylor or fire-Naylor move," Varner said after the meeting. He explained that "After three years we have not yet reached the level of cooperation and cohesion the Regents desire - and I desire."

He said that in the interests of the University "it is imperative that this condition be corrected." Since the resignation of Lincoln campus President Joseph Soshnik became effective Sept. 1 and Dr. Cecil Wittson, president of the Omaha medical campus, is scheduled for retirement next summer, Naylor's removal will present "an opportunity to try to achieve a fresh beginning for the merger," Varner said.

In other Scottsbluff actions the board appointed C. Peter Magrath, UNL Dean of Faculties, as interim head of the UNL campus until a permanent replacement can be found.

Since a permanent replacement for Soshnik could not be found over the summer, the board called off the search for a permanent UNL Executive Dean of Student Affairs. A search committee proved Soshnik with a list of possibilities for the post, but those contacted said they would not enter negotiations until they knew who the new UNL chancellor would be.

Ely Meyerson, Lincoln campuses director of housing, was appointed interim

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