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## Magrath explains accreditation; UNL gets 'clean bill of health'

by Linda Larson

UNL has been reaccredited for five years and has been asked to submit new proposed doctoral programs for accreditation. Interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath said Tuesday at a news conference in his office.

This is the outcome of a visit in April by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

**THE REPORT** refers to UNL only and means another accreditation visit in 1976, Magrath said. The accreditation applies to the total university and not to specific programs or departments, he said.

"I think it's generally a fair report," Magrath said. "It gives us a clean bill of health."

Although the maximum renewal the Association gives is 10 years, there is a trend toward moving to a seven year maximum, he said.

**MAGRATH SAID** he isn't disturbed by the five-year renewal in the context of the new trend.

Inadequate funding is one of the University's biggest problems in all areas, especially in doctoral programs, according to the report.

"Of the 45 doctoral programs offered, only six are mentioned as adequate in the recent American Council on Education survey, all of them ranking nationally after from 37 to 55 others," the report said.

**THE NUMBER** of programs will be gradually reduced, according to Magrath.

"We have already suspended activity in three doctoral programs," he said. "We have been overly ambitious in trying to get into some areas."

The report expresses concern over relations in the merger of UNL and UNO and stresses the importance of immediately solving the problems.

Making the merger more effective was acted on in the Regents meeting in Scottsbluff, according to Magrath.

**THE REPORT** also stresses the need for a better recreation and intramural program for students. The post of Director of Intramural Programs has been filled, Magrath said.

"The question of employment and advancement opportunities for women in the University" is raised in the report. "There is a great lack of women professional staff, with only one woman in a position of major administrative responsibility," it states.

The report said the programs of student involvement in both curriculum and academic planning are a major strength of the University. It also cites working relationships with faculty and students and the "Help Line" as major strengths.

"AS STATE universities go, the Lincoln campuses of the University of Nebraska are probably about par for the course—better than many, not as good as the best," the report concludes. "The challenge is there to be better."

If UNL develops new

doctoral programs it must go to the Association for accreditation, but it can consolidate existing programs without consultation, Magrath said.

**EXPLAINING** the way the North Central Association works, Magrath said it notifies the University a year in advance that it will be evaluating it. A visiting team then wanders around the campus for a few days and writes an evaluation of its problems, according to Magrath.

A representative from the team then meets with a committee of the commission and then the committee writes the report, he said.

Magrath said the reason for requiring submittal of new doctoral programs is that the Association doubts UNL has adequate resources for the number of doctoral programs it currently has.

"IF WE WANT to commit new resources we'd better make sure the institution can afford it," he said.

The most encouraging part of the report is that it gives the University a "clean bill of health," Magrath said.

"I think it is useful," he commented. "But sometimes I question how valid an assessment can be made in four or five days."

**THERE IS** value in compelling a University to assess and reassess itself, Magrath said.

Many of the suggestions for improvement in the report have already been acted upon, he said.



Chambers...doubtful about penal reform.

## Speakers, audience clash at Teach-in

by H. J. Cummins

Prisons, politics and citizens' role in penal reform turned Tuesday morning's Prison Reform Teach-In speeches into a free-for-all as speakers and members in the audience clashed on the approach and schedule for reform in Lincoln's penitentiary.

State Senator Ernest Chambers of Omaha, scheduled for the morning address with Galen Kuchel of the Nebraska State Crime Commission and the UNO Law Enforcement Department, said "there is no rehabilitation in Lincoln," and he added he doubts the Legislature's Law Enforcement and Judiciary Advisory Committee will do anything about it.

**THAT IS WHY** he hasn't attended any of the committee's meetings, he said, although he is a member of it.

Kuchel said he agrees with Chambers' analysis of the Lincoln prison, calling the institution a "place that does not get the job done it's supposed to do."

He disagreed with Chambers' charges that the Judiciary Committee is not trying to accomplish reform, though. He said the committee is "attempting to move to different types of institutions" from traditional prisons.

Senator Roland Luedtke, in the audience, was invited to answer charges against the committee leveled by Chambers. Luedtke chairs the

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## Sammy ceremony comes under fire

A complaint was filed Tuesday with the City Health Department against the Sigma Alpha Mu Spirit Bonfire. Susan Goldsborough, Sandoz Hall Residence Director, filed the complaint to protest the bonfire which is scheduled to burn until Saturday's football game with Colorado.

She said the bonfire is "indicative of the lack of concern by the UNL student body for the environment." She said the bonfire comes at an ironic time as it will burn for the week designated as National Clean Air Week.

The SAM spirit-week was highlighted by a rally Monday night featuring Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney and members of the Cornhusker squad.

A spokesman for the Lincoln Fire Department said only leaves and grass are allowed to be burned in the city and they must be supervised at all times. The SAM fire will be fed by logs and cardboard.

However, the fraternity has

obtained a special "ceremonial fire" permit, which allows them to burn materials other than grass and leaves.

Goldsborough said the choice of fodder is of some importance as the cardboard could be recycled. But the bigger issue is "cleaning up the atmosphere."

She said although Lincoln doesn't suffer visibly from air pollution the atmosphere suffers as a result of any pollution. In addition, she noted that the fire will smolder and pour out more smoke in the event of rain. "They can't predict the weather for five days," she said.

She said she had not talked to SAM members about the bonfire because "I found so little understanding among students that I went straight to the Health Board."

The complaint could be filed against the fire as a nuisance because of the nearness to Sandoz Hall or on environmental grounds, she said.



Debris in front of Sigma Alpha Mu awaits burning.