

## Employee insurance plan puts NU near top

By Vince Boucher

A comprehensive new insurance plan for all permanent, full-time NU employees places Nebraska firmly near the top rank of employe benefits for any Big 8 school, according to Roy Loudon, UNL director of personnel.

The NU Board of Regents gave final approval on Nov. 9 to the plan which completely overhauls all existing policies of health-surgical-medical, life and accidental death and long-term disability insurance, Loudon said. The new policy will begin Jan. 1.

Loudon said prior to this new set of standardized programs, UNL, UNO and the NU Medical Center had provided different policies to their employes.

The new program provides equity throughout the system, he said.

Loudon said previously the University has not provided any payment for insurance policies for employes of the two Lincoln campuses and the Medical Center. At UNO, the institution has paid half the bill for employe insurance costs.

Loudon said this inequity has existed since the 1968 merger of the Omaha campus with the NU system.

However, Loudon said insurance policies have needed to be changed for several years.

"I guess people have to set priorities," Loudon said. "This priority finally came to the top."

Loudon termed the new coverage as "just beautiful." He said providing a plan which meets the needs of all University employes is difficult.

"With 7,000 employes, you cut across all lines of

economic needs and sensibility," he said.

Loudon said the University prepared a set of insurance specifications which were let to bid in August.

Proposals from several insurance companies were studied by individual campus committees and by a system-wide board. Members of that board included personnel representatives from each campus and James Maynard, NU assistant vice president.

The various reports were funneled to the Board of Regents by Maynard through the Regents' finance committee. Members of that committee include

Loudon said discussion of the new plan began several years ago, and funds were provided for it in the 1973 NU budget submitted to the Legislature.

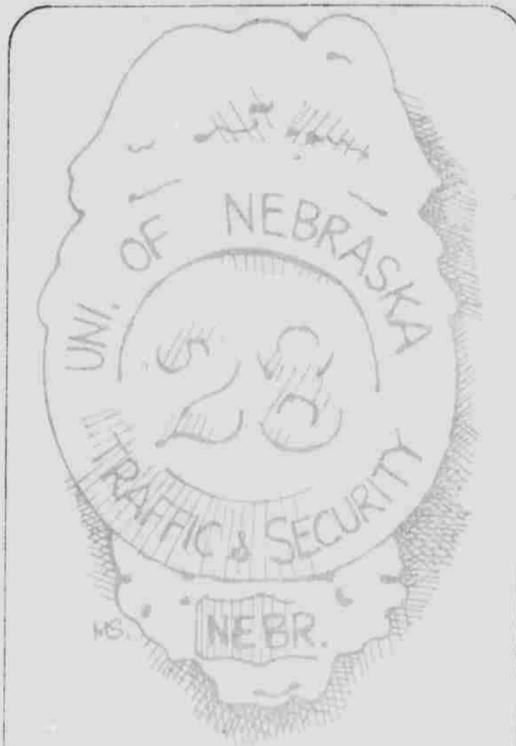
He emphasized that the new insurance package will provide total security for university employes. "People are very interested; they have been for a long time," Loudon said. "It's been a long time coming." Regents Kermit Hansen, James Moylan and Robert Raun. Final policies then were approved by the Board of Regents.

Health-surgical-medical insurance programs will be provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield, Loudon said, provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Loudon said, will carry the University group life insurance policy.

Long-term disability insurance will be carried by Mutual of Omaha.

In addition to the University set of health-surgical-medical specifications, Blue Cross/Blue Shield offered their own set of policies which the University also is offering, Loudon said.

The University will provide for all employes a health-surgical-medical insurance plan covering a cost up to \$15 per month. Since the total cost for a single policy is \$13.90, the University now is providing a free policy to all employes.



Today staff reporter Mark Hoffman takes a look at the UNL Campus Security's cruiser patrol and the average security officer's night life. Story on Page 13.

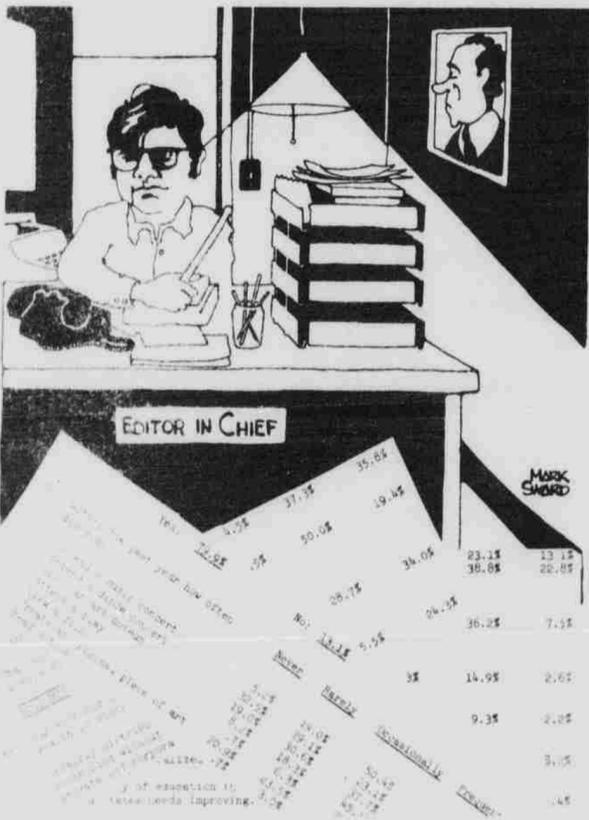
## Super Poll III nearing release

More than 60 per cent of the Daily Nebraskan Super Poll questionnaires have been completed and returned. The Super Poll surveys student opinions on university life, political views and lifestyles. This is the third year the Daily Nebraskan has undertaken such a measurement of student opinion.

The questionnaire was distributed to 465 UNL students the week of Nov. 12. Students were picked at random by a computer.

Ken Kirk, Daily Nebraskan special editor, urged the remaining students to mail in their completed questionnaires this week. If students being surveyed have lost their questionnaires or have questions, they should contact the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 34 or call 472-2588.

Results will be tabulated Saturday by the Daily Nebraskan staff and released next week.



## College editors express confidence in U.S. system

Seventy per cent of college newspaper editors strongly agree that big business ought to concern itself as much with social responsibility as with profits.

This is a principal finding of a poll conducted by Newsweek, Inc., and the Associated Collegiate Press.

The survey on the American system was conducted during September and October. Questionnaires were mailed to 575 college editors. The findings, tabulated by Beta Research Corp. under the supervision of Newsweek, are based on a sample of 268.

The survey was designed to determine college editors' feelings about the state of affairs in the United States in four areas: political, economic, social and cultural.

Nearly three-fourths of the editors surveyed said they have confidence in the principles of the American political system, and nearly 70 per cent said that even though the American system may not be ideal, it is the best available in the world today. However, a majority of the respondents said they don't believe the American system of government is truly democratic.

More than half the editors strongly agree that inflation is the biggest problem the U.S.

economy faces today. And nearly three-fourths said they do not believe President Nixon will take steps to improve the economy this year.

Seventy per cent said that because of the structure of our economic system, welfare is necessary. On another topic, 59 per cent of the editors said they feel the American way of life is better than any other nation's. Those who disagreed mentioned England, Sweden, Switzerland and Canada, in that order, as having a better way of life than any other nation. A majority of the editors said they believe the United States is keeping pace with the rest of the world in coping with problems in health, housing and education, but not crime.

Three-fourths said a system of socialized medicine should be instituted in the United States. More than four-fifths said civil liberties are being threatened by too much government intervention. A majority said this society has the right to legislate social restraints on heroin, but not on marijuana, pornography, homosexuality or privacy.

In the cultural area, one of the most significant findings of the poll is that three-fourths said the government is spending too little money in support of the arts.

## 'Heat's on' in UNL buildings

No discrepancy exists between UNL policy to lower building thermostats to the 65 to 68 degree range and the higher temperatures students might be finding in UNL buildings, according to Physical Plant Administration Director Harley Schrader.

In a check by the Daily Nebraskan Monday afternoon, some UNL building temperatures included 75 degrees on third floor Avery, 78 degrees on third floor Burnett and 79 degrees in the Union basement.

Schrader attributed the higher temperature to warm weather and fuel-saving measures UNL has taken.

To conserve fuel, thermostats have been turned down, the fresh-air volume into buildings has been reduced and chilling apparatus in forced-air systems have been shut down, he said.

Forced-air systems (systems where heated air is blown through registers to heat buildings) have a hot-air and cold-air duct.

The cold-air duct regulates room and building temperatures that rise above the thermostat setting by bringing in air that has been cooled to 55 degrees by fresh outside air.

This chilling apparatus has been shut down to conserve fuel, Schrader said.

Without a regulator for high temperatures, he said, elements like the amount of sunlight a room receives, the amount of light or the number of people in a room can cause the temperature to rise higher than the thermostat setting.

He said that as long as the temperature is above the thermostat setting, the heating system will not be running.