

## J-School observed in program

By Chuck Beck

The UNL School of Journalism was observed Tuesday through Thursday by an eight-member visitation committee, which will evaluate the School's progress in the Areas of Excellence (AOE) program.

The AOE, established last year, designated six areas to receive extra funding over the 1973-74 budget to develop their programs. Besides journalism, other areas identified in the three-year program are chemistry, life sciences, crop physiology, animal science and nontraditional education, which is administered by the UNL Teachers College.

Each area will be evaluated by visitation committees. Members are selected by the Academic Planning Committee, college deans, UNL Chancellor James Zumberge and the chancellor's staff, according to Alan T. Seagren, Chairman of Educational Administration.

The School of Journalism was the first area observed by a visitation committee, which is composed of three professors from other universities, a UNL student, two Legislative fiscal analysts and a

governor's appointee.

Journalism faculty members representing other schools are: Milton Gross of the University of Missouri-Columbia; Ben Yablonsky of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Edward G. Bassett of the University of Kansas-Lawrence. Fred Jacobberger of Omaha, the governor's appointee, and UNL student Wes Albers also are on the visitation committee.

Other members include Regent Kermit Hansen and legislative fiscal analysts Alan Moeller and Judy Corlis.

Faculty members on the visitation committee attended classes and interviewed the School's chairman Neale Copple and journalism faculty members. The committee met with Copple and Zumberge Thursday afternoon to give them a preliminary evaluation of the visit. A written report of the visitation will be submitted to Copple and Zumberge in a few weeks, Seagren said.

The School of Journalism has set two goals in its AOE, Seagren said. The first is to maintain a quality undergraduate program and to establish a graduate journalism program, he said.

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## Aid scarce for part-time students

The "massive discrimination" against part-time students in American universities investigated by the American Council on Education (ACE) appears to apply partially at UNL.

An ACE report said part-time students, now a majority at universities nationwide, are discriminated against in tuition rates, financial aid and other areas.

There are currently 4,703 part-time students enrolled at UNL, according to Robert Reid of the Academic Services office. This is about 22.5 per cent of the total enrollment.

The number of UNL part-time students receiving financial aid "could be counted on two hands," according to Jack Ritchie, director of scholarships and financial aid at UNL.

The university, however, has little voice in the matter, he said.

Most of the student grant money that goes through the university is not available to part-time students, Ritchie said, because each scholarship has its own trust agreement set up by the donor.

"Typically, we will give preference to full-time students, though we won't discount financial need to part-time students."

Ritchie said the student who works in order to finance his part-time education is encouraged to change to full time and then apply for financial aid.

"Discrimination" in other areas varies.

Student football tickets may be purchased only by students who have registered for 12 or more credit hours and the same requirement stands for participation in the Greek rush program.

Part-time students are, however, allowed parking permits, and students registered for six hours or more may live in residence halls. A student carrying fewer than six hours must get special permission to live in a residence hall.

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