

## Breckenridge met needs for UNL administrator

By Theresa Forsman

After 13 months of searching and sifting, Adam Breckenridge was appointed UNL's vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, July 26.

Breckenridge was one of 10 candidates considered, said Walter Mientka, who headed the search committee which screened the initial 125 applicants.

The 15-member search committee, which included administrators, faculty members and students, advertised the position nationwide to insure nominations from all possible sources, Mientka, vice-chairman of UNL's Mathematics Dept., said.

### 10 names

The names of three UNL and seven outside administrators were submitted to Chancellor James Zumberge, who "made the ultimate decision on who to recommend for the vice chancellor position," Mientka said.

"I have the utmost respect for and

confidence in Breckenridge's abilities," Zumberge said.

"I believe in trying to promote from within if you've got somebody capable in the system," the resigning chancellor said.

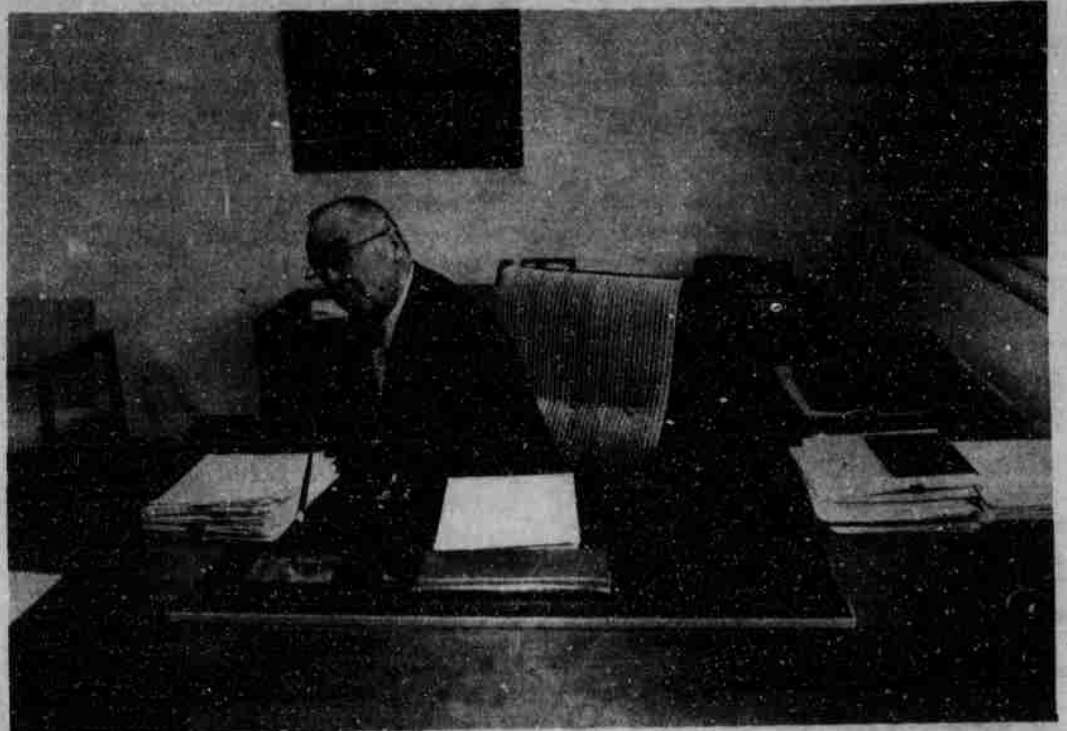
While Breckenridge's availability and familiarity with UNL were factors considered in his selection, Zumberge said the new vice chancellor met the qualifications established by the search committee.

The five dimensions used to evaluate potential candidates were scholarship, administrative experience, experience at a similar institution, academic experience and adherence to the land grant philosophy, Mientka said.

### Better life

The land grant philosophy is based on a belief that the university community must contribute to the quality of life throughout the state.

Breckenridge, who is starting his 30th year with the university, has been a political science professor and department



Adam Breckenridge, UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs.

chairman, dean of Faculties, director of Libraries and vice chancellor for international programs.

Breckenridge also has been acting vice chancellor for Academic Affairs since the

post was vacated last spring by Virginia Trotter, now assistant secretary for education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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## Postal Service cuts UNL to cut costs

By Dick Piersol and Rex Seline

After seven years of negotiations with UNL administrators, the Lincoln Post Office has suspended delivery of mail to university offices, and started a "one-drop" policy for university mail Aug. 18.

UNL Business Manager Ronald Wright said plans were completed three weeks ago for campus mail personnel to begin delivering all mail on campus.

U.S. mail delivery will continue to residence halls, Greek houses and other residences.

Wright said the university had resisted the change for years because of the cost of the operation. He said he had threatened an injunction to stop the change, but legal counsel for UNL advised him that changing the U.S. Postal Service policy was

impossible.

Representatives of the Letter Carriers' Association Branch No. 8, of the local mail carriers' union, said the change was not legal. The policy of one-drop delivery has become standard at most institutions, Wright said.

Mail is delivered to one point at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Union College. UNO also has had the same policy for three years, according to Lincoln Postmaster Carl Moore.

Larry Loseke, local Letter Carriers' Union vice president, said the union opposes the shift to one-drop delivery because three union members will lose work.

"Three of our members will be without jobs and they'll have to work as substitutes

on other routes until some routes become vacant," Loseke said. "All their years of seniority on the university routes have gone down the drain."

Loseke said he is concerned over the "sanctity of the mail" and cited registered,

insured and first-class mail as potential problems of the new system.

"They're going to drop it all on the doorstep of the university and say 'You're responsible now, take it,'" Loseke said.

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## YAF runs up against legal problems

By Randy Blauvelt

Legal problems seem to be surrounding the Nebraska Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), the Nebraska Youth

Coalition Against Abortion and individuals connected with the two groups.

The problems began when Common Cause, a citizen's lobby group, asked the Nebraska Attorney General's office and the Lincoln City Attorney's office to investigate possible violation of state and local campaign reporting laws by the two conservative groups.

After an investigation by the city attorney's office, misdemeanor charges were filed against the YAF and Terrell R. Cannon, YAF chairman, for failure to file spending reports.

### Distributed literature

Both groups distributed literature pertaining to candidates for the City Council election last May 6. The anti-abortion group is considered a committee of the YAF.

A city ordinance passed by the City Council last March states that candidates and political committees must submit written reports listing their receipts and expenditures. The ordinance defines political committees to be "any committee, political party, organization or association of two or more people which raises, receives or expends, or directs the raising, receiving or expenditure of money or other things of value to be used wholly or in part in promoting or preventing the nomination or election of any candidate or class of candidates..."

The charge made by the city prosecutor alleges that the YAF, under the ordinance, would be considered a political committee and thus be required to file the appropriate reports. YAF failed to do so.

### Arraignment postponed

Arraignment on the charge was scheduled for Aug. 1, but has been postponed because of a motion to dismiss the case by YAF attorney, Arlen Beam.

Beam filed a brief on the motion and the court is waiting for the city to file a brief stating why the case should not be dismissed. After the city files, Beam will have another opportunity to answer the prosecution's case. Afterwards, if the case is not dismissed, a new date for arraignment will be set.

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## Abel resident falls through window

By Randy Gordon

A male freshman student was listed in critical condition at Lincoln General Hospital late Tuesday evening after falling through his tenth floor window at Abel Hall, according to Campus Police.

John Duve, Campus Police traffic and parking coordinator, said the student apparently fell through the glass window about 4:40 p.m., hit a tree, then slammed into a six-foot wooden bench on the west side of Abel Hall, located at 860 N. 17th St.

Lois Ullman, supervisor at Lincoln General, said the student suffered a fractured pelvis and wrist, several broken ribs and possible head injuries. Ullman said x-rays were taken to determine the extent of any head injuries.

"He's at a point where his condition can get better or worse," she said. "I would hesitate to classify his condition as stable."

Campus Police refused to release the student's name, pending notification of relatives.

Duve said investigation into the incident will continue.

Shelley Reissener, a freshman student from Papillion, said she heard the crash of the tenth floor window breaking while she was walking north along the sidewalk in front of the west side of the hall. She said she then looked up and saw a body falling head first, with arms extended, through the air.

"It (the student's fall) seemed like the slow motion in a movie at first, then about halfway down, he turned a flip and seemed to speed up," she said.

"I didn't want to see what was going to happen. I knew what was going to happen, but I... I looked anyway."

John Devaney, a freshman from Omaha, said he saw the incident while returning from the University Bookstore.

"I saw him coming out... coming out head over heels and saw him land."

"This girl I was standing by just turned around and looked at me. I told her there was nothing we could do here, and ran inside to tell somebody at the south desk (of Abel) to call an ambulance," he said.

When he later returned, Devaney discovered that the student who had fallen lived in the next room.

"I didn't even know the guy. He was pretty quiet. Nobody knew much about him. Now I wonder what he was like as a person. Now maybe I won't get to know him."

Sal Di Leo, one of the two student assistants on Abel's tenth floor, said the student was alone in the room at the time of the incident.

"There was no one fighting in the room or anything like that," said Di Leo, a senior from Arcadia, Calif.

"It (the incident) woke everybody up to the value of life," he said. "There are a lot of guys doing some pretty heavy thinking tonight."



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