



Photo by Ted Kirk

State Sen. Ernie Chambers Tuesday afternoon spoke from the capitol steps to a group of marchers protesting the official handling of the Sept. 24 shooting death of Arvid Sherdell Lewis. For stories on Tuesday's events and a history of the Lewis shooting, see today's Third Dimension section, beginning on page 5.

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Proposed attorney post attracts 25 applicants

By Dick Piersol

Although final NU Board of Regents approval has not been given for hiring a full-time NU attorney, about 25 applicants have expressed interest in the position in the past two months, according to William Swanson, NU corporation secretary.

Swanson said the regents probably will make a decision by the end of the year on whether or not to establish the post.

William Erskine, NU executive vice president for administration, said the increasing complexity and volume of NU's legal work indicates a need for a full-time in-house NU attorney.

Erskine said the university administration had considered the idea of an in-house attorney for some time.

The Lincoln law firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson and Oldfather currently is retained at \$22,000 annually as counsel for NU.

Erskine said they have been satisfied with the firm's "30 or 40 year" representation of NU. Cline/Williams probably would be retained for special case work and lawsuits even if the regents approve the hiring of a full time attorney, Erskine said. A house attorney would likely handle most of NU's routine legal work he said, "probably at a salary of about \$30,000."

Legal work

That work includes attending regent's meetings, advising the central administration, reviewing federal research contracts and legally overseeing the acquisition and disposition of land and other real property.

Erskine said compliance with federal Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines also involves legal advice.

"A good portion of Cline/Williams fees are due to meeting estate prescriptions of bequests left to the university," Erskine said.

"They know the legal background better than anyone. It is not uncommon that a firm be retained for such a length of time. They can usually provide immediate answers to university legal questions because of that background."

NU legal costs total about \$70,000 to \$80,000 annually, Erskine said.

NU legal expenses

An analysis of NU legal expenses compiled over a year ago for fiscal 1973-1974 showed legal costs of \$80,591.

Of that sum, \$59,185 went to Cline/Williams, including their retainer. The rest was paid to three Omaha firms for legal work done for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Ellick and Spire were paid \$16,470, Crossman, Barton and Norris \$1,178, Lorry Meyers, \$758.49.

The cost breakdown by campus was: UNL—\$24,539, UNMC—\$19,064, UNO—\$4,550 and university wide—\$32,436.

Erskine said not all of that money is assessed against tax dollars. He said legal expenses incurred concerning housing revenue bonds are assessed to the housing bond fund.

Despite opposition, social work school will move

By Barbara Lutz

Despite opposition from students, faculty, local and outstate social work agencies, the UNL School of Social Work will move to Omaha.

Threatened by loss of accreditation, all graduate and undergraduate programs will be phased out within two years.

Ron Ozaki, director of the UNL school, said, "A tentative timetable has been set up which will eliminate the master program by the end of this academic year and will eliminate the undergraduate program the following academic year."

"The university is committed to quality social work education at baccalaureate and masters levels. To do this we're consolidating the undergraduate and graduate programs in Omaha."

The school's national accreditation is threatened by the Council on Social Work Education, a national organization in charge of accrediting schools, in five areas of concern. They include:

—Overall lack of support of the school by the university.

—Lack of adequate faculty resources.

—Lack of continuity in the school's leadership because of "recent faculty turnover." There are now 18 faculty on the school's staff, and the most recent resignation was that of the school's director, Ted Ernst, who left in July to head the University of Kansas School of Social Work.

—Lack of sufficient cohesiveness among the faculty.

—Lack of congruity between the missions of the Lincoln and Omaha campuses and the apparent inability of the school to respond to both.

Five hundred students currently are enrolled in the NU school, with about half of them attending classes on the UNL

campus according to the social work office.

John Sarr, assistant to the provost for program review at UNO, said the move will result in a stronger program. The chief advantage, he said, will be consolidation of the school's resources. Sarr said there are "resources available to operate on only one campus."

Sarr said "we do intend to provide a program that will meet the needs of both urban and rural practitioners." Locating the entire program on one campus will eliminate duplication, he said.

Ozaki said "our concern (at the school) is that we have a smooth transition with minimal disruption and additional expense to students and their families on the UNL campus."

Bill Tiwald, a part time undergraduate student at the UNL school, said he is opposed to the move. "I will have to switch my major or take classes in Omaha."

Student donations to the Program for Active Commitment to Education (PACE) were to be tabulated this weekend, but because of computer malfunction, the totals will not be known until later today.

According to Gary Fouraker, UNL assistant bursar, the total amount donated will be "about five thousand dollars."

"We were approaching four and a half thousand," Fouraker said. "It's pretty well stabilized right now. It's about the same every semester."

PACE contributions are made by marking the "yes" box on tuition statements. If marked, students add \$3.50 to the amount due on their tuition bill. The \$3.50 is placed into a PACE account

by the computer.

According to Fouraker, students donated \$5,200 last spring and \$6,300 one year ago.

Summer session tuition statements contain possible PACE donations of \$1.75, half of the regular semester charge.

Donations from last summer's tuition bills were \$122 for the three-week session, \$520 for the first five-week session and \$315 for the second five-week session.

PACE contributions are used to give financial aid to needy students.

According to Ron Fritz, assistant director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids, about 45 students have received \$8,750 worth of PACE money

this semester.

Last year, Fritz said, about 48 students received a total of \$10,093.56 from the PACE account.

According to Carl Mueller, UNL's fiscal manager of grants and contracts, university employees also donate to the PACE program. During the fiscal year from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, university staff members donated \$2,189.50 to PACE.

"There have been several donations made by businesses and organizations," Mueller said. "But they have been very minor."

Computer failure delays PACE total

UNL crosswalk victim fair

A UNL student was listed in fair condition at Lincoln General Hospital Tuesday, according to a hospital spokesman, after being hit by a car Monday morning.

Jan McKinney, 18, 7225 Oxford Rd., suffered scalp cuts and a bruised left hip after being struck by a car at 8:10 a.m. on North 10th street, between T and U streets in front of the 501 Bldg.

Gale Zumburn, a 20-year-old UNL student, 2310 Garfield St., Apt. 5, was ticketed by a Lincoln policeman after the mishap for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

According to John Duve, Campus Police traffic and parking coordinator, the crossing always has been a problem spot, but

improvements are at least a year away.

"Pedestrians sometimes block traffic and the traffic is dangerous to pedestrians," Duve said.

According to Duve, Campus Police will recommend that the city install a traffic light at the crosswalk.

Robert Holsinger, city traffic engineer, gives a different picture.

"There is no money appropriated for it (traffic light) in the 1974-75 or 1975-76 budgets," Holsinger said. "The demand for a light in that area isn't that great."

Holsinger said the crosswalk is "well marked" with crosswalk signs and street markers.

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Wednesday: Mostly sunny skies, temperatures in the mid to upper 60s. Northwest winds ranging from 5 to 10 m.p.h.
Wednesday night: Cooler with temperatures in the mid-30s.
Thursday: Mostly sunny and cooler. Temperatures in the mid to upper 60s.