

Regents' hands hold Pershing's fate

By Marian Lucas

Defunct Pershing College may never become a campus for Southeast Technical Community College (SCC).

if a resolution is passed by the NU Board of Regents at its meeting today, the University of Nebraska Foundation will have to "take action as it deems appropriate in order to liquidate its interest in the Pershing College property to its best advantage."

The property in Beatrice was given to the foundation last December by the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Beatrice banker William Cook, a Pershing trustee, three years after Pershing College had been closed. Its value has ranged from \$2 million to \$3.1 million.

Approval of the regents' resolution would dim SCC's hopes to obtain the former Pershing campus, since an SCC board has agreed to pay a maximum \$35,800. This would reimburse the NU foundation for maintenance of Pershing, security and insurance costs since December, the board said.

Legislative consent

However, the university could not deed Pershing to SCC without consent of the

Legislature, according to state law.

The governor and Legislature must approve any gift or bequest of personal property worth more than \$10,000 to the state.

NU President D.B. Varner said the resolution was submitted by an executive committee of the NU Foundation.

At the meeting today he will recommend the regents not adopt the resolution, he said. Instead, he said, he is suggesting the board send him to the Legislature, "to secure the Pershing property for the explicit use of giving it to" SCC.

Highest bidder

According to Harry Haynie, foundation president, the foundation will ask the regents if the university has any use for the Pershing campus. If not, he said, the foundation will sell the property to the highest bidder.

The foundation now can sell property for market value, but it can only give property to NU. The regents, however, can give or sell property to outside interests.

The regent's resolution further states that the foundation cannot "legally give (Pershing) to any charitable or educational organizations" except NU. It also says that

the foundation "now desires to sell" Pershing if the university cannot use it immediately.

The foundation should liquidate its interest in Pershing, the resolution says, because "there is substantial cost and expense in maintaining (it) as an idle facility."

SCC has campuses in Lincoln, Fairbury

and Milford, but has considered closing its Fairbury campus to move to Pershing College. However, SCC officials have said they could not afford \$2 million for the property and conceivably will not participate in bidding for the defunct campus.

According to Haynie, other parties have shown interest.

Regents consider nominee for Geography Dept. head

The NU Board of Regents considers appointment of a new chairman of the Geography Dept. at today's meeting. Pending regent approval, Brian Blouet would succeed Richard Lonsdale, chairman since 1971.

Blouet's chairmanship would become effective at the start of the 1976-77 academic year. Blouet said Lonsdale asked to step down as chairman to work on research topics for which administrative duties did not allow time. Lonsdale is working on projects concerning attraction of industry to small towns, Blouet said.

Blouet first came to UNL in 1966 as a guest professor on leave from the University of Sheffield, in Sheffield, England, where he had taught for six years. He returned to Sheffield for two more years of teaching and then came to UNL as a permanent faculty member in 1969. He received undergraduate and doctorate degrees from the University of Hull in Hull, England.

In the spring of 1973, Blouet, along with UNL geography Associate Professor Merlin Lawson, led an "Images of the Plains" conference. A book of the same name based on the symposium's papers, recently has been published.

Blouet said he thought there would be no problem in changing department heads because members have "a working arrangement on how the department should run."

He said if the regents approve the appointment, he hopes to continue teaching and publishing as well as fulfilling chairmanship duties.

Blouet said he disagrees with implied criticisms of the quality of UNL faculty. He said he has been a guest scholar at the Oxford University School of Geography in Oxford, England, and has taught summer school at the University of British Columbia and said UNL's geography faculty "is, on the average, every bit as good as the faculty at those prestigious departments."

short stuff

Today is registration deadline for the Back-To-School Workshop for Adults, co-sponsored by the UNL Alumni Association and Extension Division.

The workshop, first in a series, is scheduled for Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Reservations can be made by contacting the Alumni office at 1520 R St. Cost is \$4.

Selective Hydrogenation of Polyunsaturated Compounds is the topic of the Chemistry Dept. seminar at 3:30 p.m. today.

Interviews for students planning to enter the University of Nebraska Medical Center are today from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Justice for Lewis Committee is sponsoring the film, *Methadone and the American Way of Dealing* tonight at 7:30 in the Malone Center basement.

The Student Y "Grow-

ing up Male" program is scheduling an organizational meeting tonight for interested men. Call the Student Y for details, 472-2584.

International Week concludes Saturday with a display and bazaar in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge. A show in the Union Ballroom is scheduled for 8 p.m. and a dance at the International House follows.

Persons circulating petitions for the Sherdell Lewis grand jury investigation are asked to please return them to the Malone Center, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. Anyone still interested in signing is invited.

How to fit ski bindings, length of skis to use and wearing apparel will be discussed at a free ski clinic planned Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at the Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner St. (Antelope Park). The clinic, is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Parks and

Recreation Dept. and Lawlors. Clinics are also scheduled for Dec. 14, Jan. 4, and March 28.

The Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta sororities are sponsoring an All University Fund spaghetti feed Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Harvest Room. The cost is \$1.75. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any of the sororities' members.

The University Gay Action Group is sponsoring a dance, with proceeds going to the legal defense of Sgt. Leonard Matlovich. The dance is at 9 p.m. at 333 N. 14th St.

Campus Red Cross cited

The UNL chapter of the American Red Cross has received the "Eight Signs of Life" award for outstanding blood collection on campus last year.

Pat Neszger, Lincoln Red Cross youth services coordinator, said a trophy was presented to the group by the Omaha Blood Region, which includes 88 Nebraska and Iowa counties, at the annual meeting this month. University Red Cross competed with other college and university Red Cross groups in the region, she said.

"The award is presented to the chapter most successful in achieving their goal, and having a high percentage of first-time donors," Neszger said. "Eight Signs of

Life" represented the eight blood types, she said.

Neszger said last year's UNL bloodmobiles, held in December and April, collected 592 pints of blood.

The first bloodmobile this year is scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9 in Abel North Lounge, according to Bob Sundberg, University Red Cross president.

"Our goal for this bloodmobile is the maximum of donors we can facilitate, which is 240," Sundberg said. "I think people are expecting a lot of us since we won the award," he said.

Sundberg said bloodmobile hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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