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Oregon State's Young heads chancellor list



Photo by Ted Kirk

As NU President D.B. Varner drives away, UNL chancellor nominee Roy Young, currently vice-president for research and graduate studies at Oregon State University, walks into the Lincoln Municipal Airport to catch a flight home Thursday afternoon.

By Ron Ruggless

Roy Young, currently vice-president for research and graduate studies at Oregon State University (OSU), is the prime candidate for new UNL chancellor, the Daily Nebraskan learned Thursday.

Young, 54, was in Lincoln from Tuesday evening to Thursday afternoon meeting secretly with NU and UNL officials.

Sources close to the selection and Scottsbluff Regent Robert Simmons confirmed Young's status as the leading candidate to succeed former chancellor James Zumberge, now president of Southern Methodist University.

NU President D. B. Varner said only that Young was "one of three very strong possibilities for the position."

Varner added that he was not yet ready to make a firm recommendation to the NU Board of Regents, but said that he still hopes the nomination process will be completed by the regent's Feb. 14 meeting.

"Good man"

"Obviously Young is a good man, or we wouldn't have him on the list," Varner said.

Confronted Thursday afternoon when leaving from the Lincoln Municipal Airport, Young chose not to confirm his candidacy for the position.

"We're not trying to be evasive," said Young, who was accompanied by his wife. "We're just here visiting. . . (pause) . . . some people."

Several sources said Young met with the Chancellor's Selection Committee Wednesday noon and with several regents at Varner's home that evening.

It is uncertain who Young met with Thursday morning, but Varner drove the lead candidate to his hotel and the airport in the afternoon.

Young served as acting president of the Corvallis, Ore., university from June 1969, to July 1970.

Published 60 works

He received his bachelor of arts degree from New Mexico State University in 1941, his master of science in plant pathology at Iowa State University (ISU) in 1942 and his doctorate in plant pathology from ISU in 1948.

He taught at OSU from 1948 to 1958, when he was appointed to head the OSU Botany and Plant Pathology Dept.

In 1966, Young became Dean of Research at OSU and served in that post until he became vice-president for research and graduate studies in 1970.

Young was married in 1950. He and his wife, Marilyn, have a daughter, 24, and a son, 22.

He has published about 60 works, an OSU information spokesman said, and has served on a number of education and biological committees.

Young also has been chairman of the Council for Research, Policy and Administration of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Bayh begins run for state primary

"Don't say 'bye' to Bayh, because Bayh. . . is our kind of . . . guy."

A Nebraska Wesleyan University Student Thursday night sang poetic praise to Indiana senator and Democratic presidential candidate Birch Bayh, who was in Lincoln to announce his entrance into the Nebraska Primary.

At the Nebraska Bayh committee sponsored press conference and fund-raising party, Bayh defended his anti-busing views.

"Busing is not the most preferable means, there are other tools more profitable," Bayh said.

He urged the implementation of a federal system of incentive to produce integration and a structure to minimize busing.

In addition, Bayh defended his stand for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and said "it is being out-hustled by the right wing."

"It has nothing to do with boys and girls going to the bathroom together," he said.

As for Nebraska's revocation of the ERA, Bayh said legal precedent is "rather strong" for the upholding of the amendment.

In a prepared statement, Bayh said, "I reject the callous notion of the Nixon and Ford Administrations that America can stop higher food and fuel prices by throwing human beings out of work."

"Two Republican Administrations, following a deliberate policy of planned unemployment as the primary weapon in the fight against inflation, have led us through two recessions and a record inflation," Bayh said.

"Only a genius for ineptitude could have produced recession and inflation together," he added. "And only an administration insensitive to human hardship could continue to tolerate both."

Bayh said his late entry into the Democratic presidential race hasn't seemed to hurt his campaign contributions. He said he has raised more money in a short time than some candidates have raised in a year.



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Indiana Senator Birch Bayh visited with the press Thursday evening.