

Varner, Moylan recommend Young for post

By Barbara Lutz

Roy Young, one of seven candidates recommended by the chancellor search committee, said in a prepared statement Tuesday that he and his family "look forward to our expected move to Lincoln in late spring."

NU President D. B. Varner and NU Board of Regents Chairman James Moylan said during a press conference where Young's statement was released that they will recommend Young as UNL chancellor to the regents at their Saturday meeting.

Young currently is vice-president for research and graduate studies at Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, Ore.

If the board approves the appointment, Young will

assume his position "no later than June 1," Varner said. Young's salary will be \$46,000 annually, more than \$1,000 less than he would have received at OSU.

Varner said Oregon State offered Young a "10 to 13 per cent salary increase effective July 1," making his salary more than \$47,000. Former UNL Chancellor James Zumbege's salary was \$42,004, Varner said.

Varner said \$46,000 was the minimum salary Young would accept if offered the job. Although Young will receive a smaller paycheck than he did at OSU, Varner said, other compensations include a rent-free house donated to UNL last summer and a car provided by the NU Foundation.

Young visited Lincoln last week for "secret meetings"

with NU and UNL administrators and regents, Varner said. He said all regents met Young except UNO Student Regent Clint Bellows and Medical Center Student Regent Chris Baker.

Richard Gilbert, chairman of the chancellor search committee and UNL professor of chemical engineering, said Young received "all the votes" on the search committee's list. None of the seven finalists were women, he said, and few women applied.

In a prepared statement, Moylan said "members of the Board of Regents were impressed with his interest and ability to achieve academic quality."

Varner said he heard several opinions of Young and is "very impressed." He said he has watched Young perform in the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and as chairman of the association's Special Committee on Environment and Energy.

"His ability has been rated topnotch," Varner said.

Young is "quite aware of (budget) problems which face us," Varner said, adding that Young is concerned about the inequality in federal fund appropriations between the two universities. OSU annually receives \$12 million in federal funds, while NU gets \$3 million, he said.

Varner said research is vital for UNL and "Young has strength in this area."

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New ag vice-chancellor eyes improved research

By Nancy Clark

Giving UNL's agriculture program "the proper visibility it deserves" is his primary goal, said Martin Massengale, new vice-chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Massengale received his UNL appointment Dec. 13, and replaces Duane Acker, who left UNL July 1, 1975, to become president of Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. Howard Ottoson has been acting vice-chancellor since then.

Massengale will earn \$41,000 annually once he assumes the job March 1.

At a Monday press conference, he said he will

encourage implementation of an improved agriculture program and increased research on natural resource conservation.

"Nebraska is a big state agriculturally," he said. "It has a heritage of supporting the university and the potential to develop an excellent agriculture industry through the university."

Associated with the University of Arizona at Tuscon, agronomy dept. for the last 17 years, 42-year-old Massengale has been associate dean of the College of Agriculture and associate director of Tuscon's agriculture experiment station since 1974.

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Photo by Steve Boerner

Citing an improved agriculture program and increased research as among his plans for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, new vice-chancellor Martin Massengale outlined his goals at a Monday press conference.

Senate 'actively supports' fund boost

By Joe Hudson

The UNL Faculty Senate Tuesday voted to actively support NU President D.B. Varner's goal of boosting state general fund support of UNL to the upper half of the Big 8 Conference.

Varner told the Senate that to achieve that goal, about \$8 million must be added to NU budget proposals before considering other increases, such as inflation.

Varner's request concerned the entire NU system, while the senate's resolution mentioned only UNL.

Earlier in the meeting, it was disclosed that Utica State Sen. Douglas Bereuter requested faculty participation at the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee hearings on the university budget. Faculty Senate President Franklin Eldridge said several members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet with Appropriations Committee members.

The resolution on Varner's request, passed at the close of the meeting, called for "active support" of Varner's proposal by the Executive Committee.

Varner told the Senate that Gov. J. James Exon agreed three years ago that state financing of the university should be raised to the upper division of the Big 8. However, he said, the governor's proposal for the university budget is not generous.

Exon has proposed an \$84.1 million budget for NU, compared with an Appropriations Committee recommendation of \$88 million and NU's \$100 million request.

Two separate studies indicate about an \$8 million increase is needed as a starting base, Varner said.

Concerning other matters, the Senate authorized colleges to award "Highest Distinction" degrees to bachelor of arts candidates. Previously, only degrees "with distinction" and "with high distinction" could be awarded.

The Senate tabled a motion concerning destruction of confidential material gathered by certain of its committees. The motion, proposed by the Committee on Committees, was referred back to that committee for further study because of possible conflicts of that proposal with university bylaws.

Fiery Monday 'spring fever' sparks 16th St.

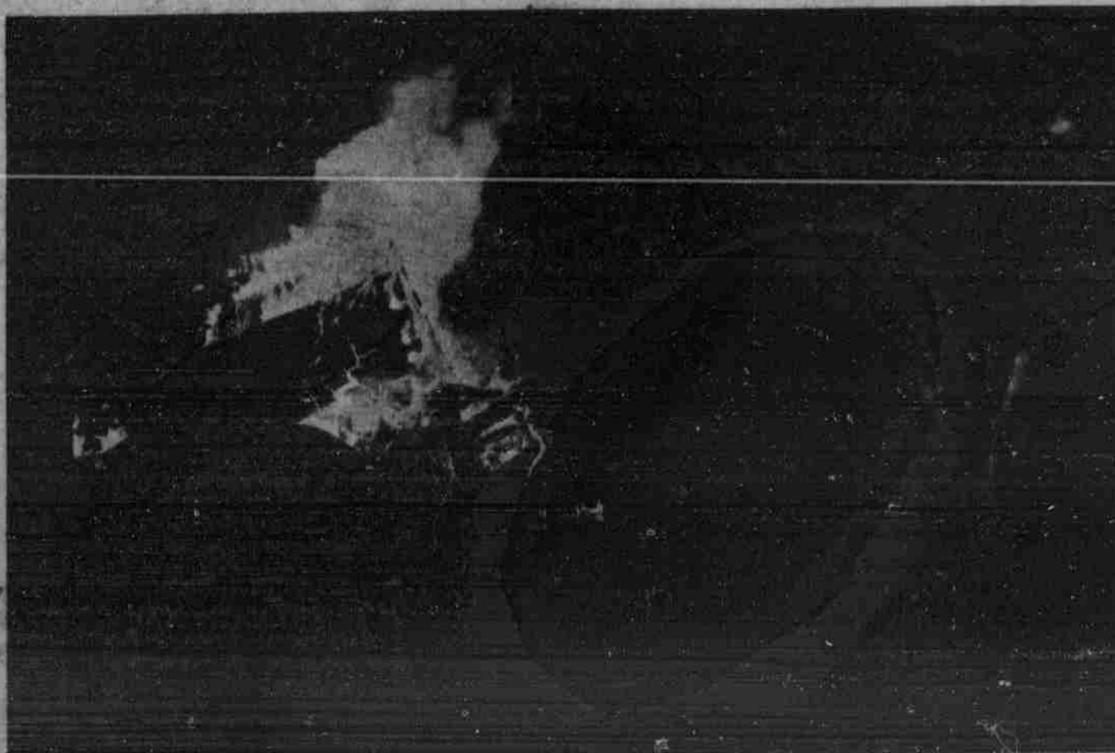


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Spring fever arrived early on 16th street Tuesday night. Between 200 and 300 students watched as a piano, foosball table, bathtub, several couches and tires, a door, portable restroom and snowfence were doused with lighter fluid and ignited.

Spring fever came early, but hot, on 16th St. Monday night.

Between 200 and 300 students stopped traffic and lit a fire in the street about midnight, said Campus Police Chief Gale Gade.

Gade said that although there was little damage, traffic was blocked on 16th St., between Vine and R streets for about two hours and the Lincoln Fire Dept. was called to extinguish the blaze.

Gade said a piano and a foosball table were hauled into the street from one of the living units on 16th St. at about 12:45 a.m.

Witnesses said the piano was doused with lighter fluid and started on fire first, followed by the foosball table, a bathtub, several couches and tires, a door and a portable outdoor rest room.

Gade said a snowfence surrounding a work site on the west side of 16th St. was pulled across the street, blocking traffic, and part of it was added to the blaze.

Several groups of streakers also accompanied the late night "entertainment," according to witnesses.

The windshield of a machine at the worksite also was broken when a brick was thrown through it, Gade said.

Robert Edmunds, Campus Police investigator, said two persons were arrested after the fire at about 2:15 a.m. when Campus Police allegedly were shot at with what was believed to have been a B.B. gun. The incident was thought to be unrelated to the 16th St. disturbance, police said.

Charged with violence against a police officer in pursuit of his duties was Steven Monson, 1548 Vine St., Edmunds said. Monson is a sophomore business major from Osceola.

The other man arrested was released without being charged.