

## Veteran quits post; goal returns

By Anita Stork

Adam Breckenridge, newest addition to the list of NU and UNL officials leaving their posts, said he is merely returning to his original goal of teaching, researching and writing.

"When I came to UNL 30 years ago I had no intention of doing administrative work," Breckenridge said.

Breckenridge, UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs, has announced that he will leave the position in June 1977 to return to the UNL Political Science Dept.

"In five more years I'll be retired," Breckenridge said. "I have research and writing to undertake and I want to get started on it."

Breckenridge echoed other resigning officials when he called his resignation "pure happenstance" in light of 14 other resignations of high-ranking NU and UNL administrators.

"I have been considering this move since December 1975," Breckenridge said.

Coming to UNL in 1946, Breckenridge became Political Science Dept. chairman in 1953 and dean of faculties in 1955. He was named vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1962 and vice chancellor for

international programs in 1966.

Returning to teaching and research in the Political Science Dept. in 1968, he also served as acting director of libraries in 1973-74.

Appointed to a three-year term as vice chancellor for academic affairs in July 1975, Breckenridge was named interim chancellor following the resignation of James Zumbege in August 1975.

Breckenridge said he has enjoyed his various assignments.

"I decided it was reasonable to help out and fill administrative posts when I was asked," he said.

He said it never occurred to him to seek a high administrative post (such as chancellor).

"There's no reason why I should want it," Breckenridge said.

He said he would not make any recommendations for his successor.

"I have no idea as to what kind of guy should fill the spot," he said.

"I don't think things will be disrupted by my leaving," Breckenridge added.



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Adam Breckenridge, UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs, will return to the UNL Political Science Dept. in June 1977.

## Observers say teacher pressure limits UNL cheating

While the recent West Point cheating scandal has brought college-level cheating into national focus, the cheating problem at UNL is a small one, according to some UNL professors and administrators.

Dave Brooks, coordinator of freshmen chemistry programs, said cheating is not a problem here but can become one if teachers fail to do anything about it.

Last year, Brooks said, three out of 210 students in his class dropped his class because of cheating. They were not pressured to drop the course, he said, but if they had remained they would have lost credit for two-thirds of the class they had already completed.

Brooks said students who cheat are not criminals, and often are in the upper half of their class.

### Studies unfinished

"These are the students who for some reason were unable to study the night before an exam or didn't study enough," he said.

Sometimes a professor will ignore or forget a cheating incident, Brooks said. He mentioned one instance in which a student cut a class, and while the professor was teaching the class, the student switched tests in the professor's office.

The student was caught, Brooks said, but the professor chose not to pursue the matter.

"The professor figured it was more hassle than it was worth," he said.

Al Dittmer, UNL Ombudsman, said he is occasionally asked to help students accused of cheating.

### Discuss accusation

"The first question I ask if a student comes to me is has that student talked to his instructor and tried to explain," Dittmer said. "If he has, I ask if he would like me to talk to the instructor."

"I ask the instructor if he is absolutely sure that the student was cheating, and if he says, 'I'm not sure', then maybe I can conciliate another chance for that student," Dittmer said.

Tom Bestul, vice chairman of the English Dept., said he occasionally hears complaints of plagiarism. Bestul said the complaints often involve a student who unintentionally failed to mention where the material included in his paper came from or copied part of a book for the paper.

The procedure for handling these cases depends on the individual teacher, he said.

"A teacher might confront the student and ask him if he read a certain book or if he meant to list his source, but forgot," he said.

According to the UNL student code, a teacher should discuss suspicion of cheating with the student involved.

### Guilt certain

If the student's guilt can be established, the instructor can fail the student in the assignment or in the course. When any action is taken that could cause the student to fail a course, the instructor is supposed to report the case in writing to his department head and to the vice chancellor for student affairs.

The student can appeal a failing grade. Further action may be recommended by the instructor, and the vice chancellor can submit the case to the University Judiciary Committee if he feels further action is necessary.

## Debates go tonight

Presidential candidates President Gerald Ford and former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter will debate on national television tonight from 8:30 until 10. This first debate, focusing on economic and domestic issues, will take place in Philadelphia.

The two candidates will debate again on Oct. 6 and Oct. 22.

## Milo, millet grow; weeds don't show

The milo and millet growing between the Coliseum and Mueller Tower was planted to replace weeds and to add variety to campus appearance, according to UNL Assistant Business Manager Ray Coffey.

Coffey said the Grounds Dept. has neither the funds nor manpower to keep the 555 acres of both UNL campuses "looking like a garden."

Coffey said the department's annual budget is \$542,433. He said the sum isn't as great as it might seem because this budget finances all campus trash and snow removal, as well as ground maintenance.

Coffey said that besides covering the ground, the grain crop along the north side of Avery Ave. confines football fans parking on the street.

Nebraskans tend to be reluctant driving on grain crops, Coffey said.

Adding that millet is a standard bird seed, Coffey said there are no plans for harvest or removal of the crops.

The area in front of the Coliseum has been neglected, he said, and some ideas to redesign the area are being considered. However, there are no specific plans.

An Oct. 2 dedication of three gardens around the Love Library addition will mark their completion, Coffey said. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. north of Love Library at the connecting point of the gardens.

The gardens are named after individuals. The Cather Garden west of the library, is named after writer Willa Cather, and contains the only cottonwoods on campus.

The Enright Garden, between Love Library and Mueller Tower, is named for the late Lee Enright, a landscape architect. The Donaldson Garden, east of the library, is named after the former UNL business manager who was the visionary to campus landscape improvement, Coffey said.



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... and who planted the sign? Milo and millet were planted between Mueller Tower and the Coliseum to cut expenses and add "variety" to City Campus.