

Nebraska's Kreuzscher said top ag candidate

By Mike Patten

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Glenn Kreuzscher, director of the Nebraska Agriculture Dept., may be the top candidate President-elect Jimmy Carter is considering for U.S. secretary of agriculture, the *Daily Nebraskan* learned Tuesday.

Kreuzscher said he had not been contacted by Carter, but declined to say whether any of Carter's aides had contacted him. He said it would be premature for him to comment.

He also declined to say if he would take the job if offered, but added that it would be hard to turn down an offer from Carter.

Kreuzscher, who has been state agriculture director since 1970, is also president of the Mid-America Agriculture

Council.

Carter aides at meeting

Kreuzscher said he does not think Carter has contacted anyone for a cabinet position yet.

Kreuzscher said he will be at a meeting for the state directors of agriculture within 10 days, whereas Carter aides will be present. At the meeting, the directors will discuss proposals to submit to the U.S. Senate's Agriculture Committee.

He said the Carter aides will be there to "sound us out."

The fact that a lot of people are being considered for the job is proof that there are many qualified men from which Carter can choose, he said.

He added it is important that Carter picks someone familiar with the agriculture

problems of the nation and not just a single region.

No campaigning

He said the person picked also must know about new farming and ranching methods. He added that he fills those requirements.

A person should not campaign for the post, he said.

It is important that the man Carter picks is free to think for himself and name his staff, Kreuzscher said.

"I think the assistant secretaries will be very important," he added.

Gov. J. James Exon also may be considered for the position.

Kirby may be candidate

It also has been reported that Vincent Kirby of Norfolk has started a campaign

to be Carter's secretary of agriculture. Kirby, a lawyer who has farmed in western Nebraska, has said he has contacted top Nebraska Democrats and some Carter aides about the job.

John Knebel recently was named secretary of agriculture by President Gerald Ford. Knebel, a graduate of Creighton University Law School in Omaha, had been acting agriculture secretary since the resignation of Earl Butz.

Clayton Yeutter, U.S. special trade representative in Washington, D. C., was thought to be among those considered to be a candidate for the post had Ford won the election. Yeutter is a Lincoln native and is a candidate to succeed NU President D. B. Varner.

Critics blast Police Review Board's effectiveness

By Larry Lutz

The Police Review Board, that often maligned arm of city government, picked up some new critics at Monday's City Council meeting.

While no one has been able to offer a solution acceptable to all, many city officials have agreed the present board is not working as planned.

At Monday's Council meeting, Councilmen Max Denney and Bob Sikyta introduced an ordinance to abolish the review board. Denney said Tuesday he wanted

to abolish it because it is not working as it was designed 13 months ago.

When he voted for the original board proposal, Denney said he would not support the board if it caused undue harassment of police officers or became something other than a review board. He said the present structure makes the board a judiciary body and none of the members of the citizens board are qualified for the work.

Bailey has amendment

Denney said he "was not adamant about abolishing the board" and would be willing to accept an alternative

proposal if it amended the procedure. To be acceptable, he said, the amendment would have to implement an intermediary conference step between filing the complaint making the final decision.

Councilwoman Sue Bailey said Tuesday she had conferred with other Council members and was drawing up an amendment to the ordinance. She said her proposal would be offered as an amendment to Denney's and Sikyta's proposal and be patterned after the Human Rights Commission's procedure on grievances.

She said the commission conducts a private hearing between the differing parties and tries to reach a settlement there. Under her proposal, the police officer, complainant, their legal counsels and a member of the review board would meet in private to try and reach agreement.

Under her proposal, she said, the board would act as an arbitrator and meet collectively only if an acceptable settlement could not be reached in private. This would remove from the board the responsibility of deciding right and wrong, she said.

Amendment splits council

Bailey said she had talked to the other Council members during their informal meeting Monday and indicated that the seven-member council was split on her proposal. She said Denney held the deciding vote and could go either way on the board question.

She said there were three members, Steve Cook, Bob Sikyta and Richard Baker, in favor of the move to abolish the board.

Council members Bailey, Bob Jeambey and John Robinson indicated they were opposed to abolishing the board.

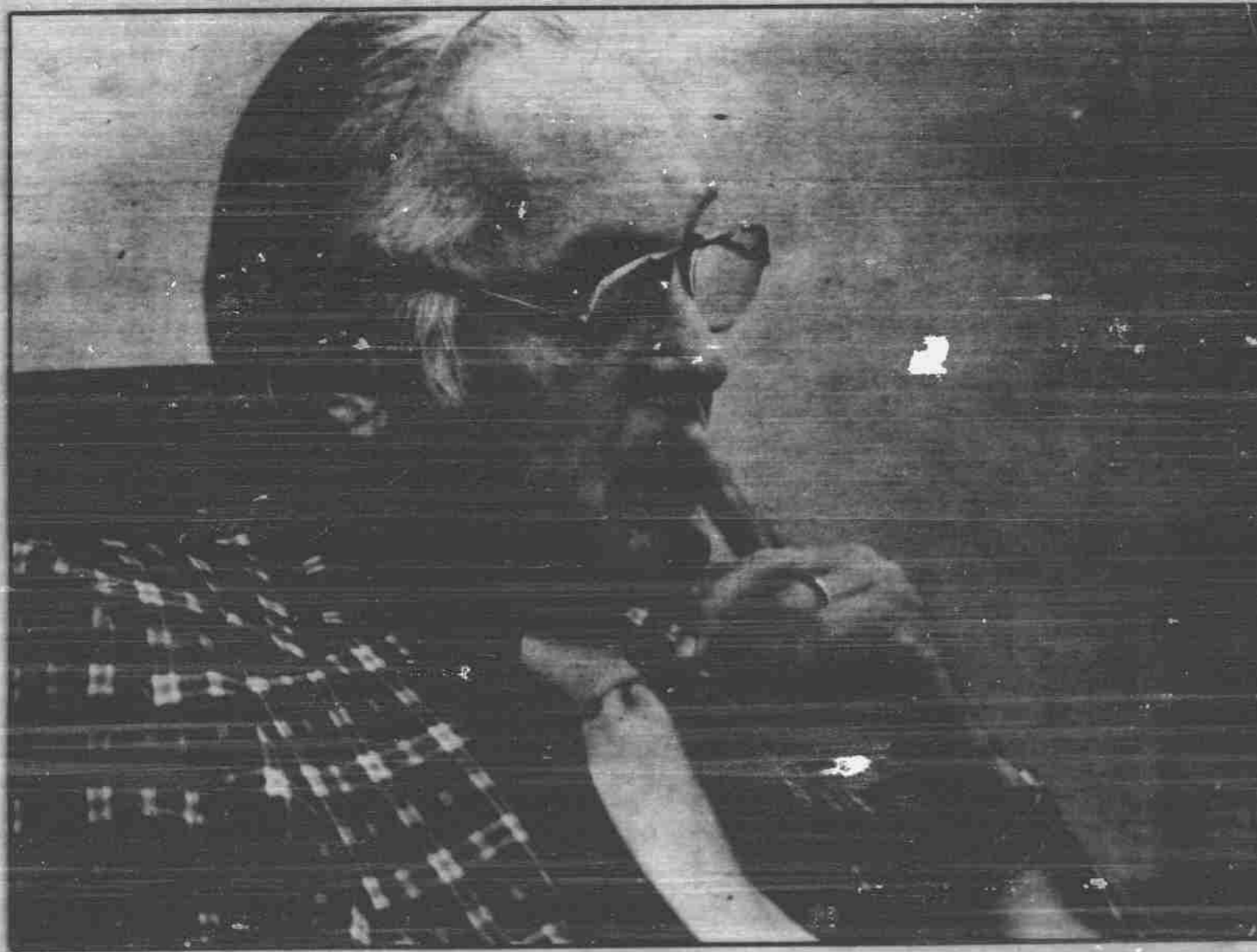
Although the council is split, she said "there isn't anyone who insists that the board remain the same."

Mayor Helen Boosalis, who supports the concept of the board, left Monday night on a trip to the Soviet Union. She has said, however, that she would veto any proposal to abolish the board.

One city official who has supported abolition of the board is Police Chief George Hansen. He said last week he would favor revising the board because the department can handle complaints internally.

Gerald Fischer, legal assistant for Hansen, had prepared two proposals for Hansen last week for revising the board. One would abolish it. The other would insert a conference step similar to Bailey's. Copies of those two proposals were sent to the mayor, Fischer said.

Hansen said he would not comment publicly on the board until the public hearing at the Council meeting next Monday.



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Lincoln City Councilman Max Denney, who along with Councilman Bob Sikyta introduced an ordinance to abolish the Police Review Board, said the present board has become a judiciary body.

Faculty Senate considers hiring own lawyer

By Anita Stork

The UNL Faculty Senate took no action Tuesday on a committee report that would have hired a faculty lawyer and appointed a budget officer to keep the Senate informed of budget developments.

Senate president Henry Baumgarten said the report would be considered further before a decision was made.

The report came from an ad hoc committee chaired by Sociology Prof. James Kimberly, who also presented it before the Senate.

"We don't want you to vote on it right now," Kimberly said, "but certainly sometime soon."

The report says an attorney is needed to inform the Senate on legal issues.

"Currently only the administration has access to an attorney. When the administration takes a position on a legal basis, it is difficult for the faculty to respond in a knowledgeable way," the report read.

Kimberly said a lawyer also is needed in cases in which the administration is against faculty.

"The regents' bylaws require us to follow the codes and procedures of district court," Kimberly said. "We argue that we need attorney to do this."

A budget officer is needed, the report says, to gain faculty input into preparation of the NU budget and to provide an independent opinion on budget matters.

Another report recommendation stated that the Senate should have a representa-

tative at the Nebraska Legislature and also at NU Board of Regents meetings.

Senate member Bill Campbell, associate professor of physics, said it is important to have a representative there who knows what's going on. The Senate representative to regents meetings also could attend closed meetings, according to the report.

The report of the Senate's Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee was tabled until December, along with a motion by Jim Lake, NU Law College professor.

Lake's motion designates the Senate Executive Committee to confer with the UNL chancellor before financial exigency can be declared.

Financial exigency is recognized in aca-

demie circles as a reason to fire classified employees, according to Baumgarten. If there is no money, he said, then employees can't be kept on the payroll.

Kimberly said the Academic Freedom committee's involvement in both judicial and "watchdog" functions enhances its effectiveness.

Judicial refers to hearing cases concerning academic freedom and tenure, and watchdog function means investigating matters that might result in violation of current tenure policies.

Lake opposed the combination of the functions.

"We have to look at what we lose when a body (Faculty Senate) sets policy and then applies it the next day," he said.