

## Regents to decide appointment of interim president Saturday

By George Miller

The NU Board of Regents will appoint an interim NU president at their meeting Saturday.

Regent Chairman James Moylan of Omaha said the regents probably will go into closed session to discuss who will serve in place of outgoing President D. B. Varner.

Varner will become chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the NU Foundation of Jan. 1.

Moylan said the regents also will discuss whether to continue considering six candidates for the job, who were presented to the regents for consideration by a 16-member search committee last October.

He said if the regents decide not to consider the six candidates, they probably would go back to the same search committee for new candidates.

Among those mentioned as candidates for the job as interim president are William Erskine, executive NU vice president for administration, and Steven Sample, executive NU vice president for academic affairs.

### Possibilities

Also mentioned as possibilities are Ronald Roskens, University of Nebraska at Omaha chancellor; Henry McFadden, interim chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center; Adam Breckenridge, outgoing UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs; and Miles Tommerasen, UNL vice chancellor for Business and Finance.

The regents will also consider a salary increase for UNL football coaches Saturday.

Head coach Tom Osborne would receive \$34,000 annually, instead of his present \$30,918. Defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin would receive \$24,314 rather than his present \$22,938. Mike Corgan would receive \$24,314, up from his present \$22,938. Cletus Fischer would receive \$24,314, up from \$22,938.

George Darlington would receive \$21,400, up from

\$20,000. John Melton would receive \$24,314, up from \$22,938. William Myles would receive \$21,400, up from his present \$20,000. Gerald Moore would receive \$22,592, up from \$21,313; and Warren Powers would receive \$24,314, up from \$22,938.

Rick Duval, Athletic Dept. recruiting coordinator, would receive \$22,592 annually, compared with his present \$21,313 salary.

Salaries for the football coaching staff are made effective on Jan. 1 rather than July 1, when other university salaries become effective.

### Clarifying policy

The regents also will consider clarifying university policy on outside employment of university personnel.

Currently, university policy requires approval by the regents of any activity outside of the university which requires more than "two hours per month" during the period of the staff member's a full-time university employment.

The clarification of policy would change "two days per month" to "two days per month during the assignment work week."

This would allow the chancellor of any of the three NU campuses to approve outside work by university personnel for more than two days per month, providing that no more than an average of two days will occur during the regular work week.

Approval by the regents still will be needed if more than two days per week will be taken by the outside activity or if the activity will involve a retainer fee or other remuneration, according to the proposal. The regents must also approve outside work if it involves work performed in university buildings and using university equipment and materials, or if it involves professional services for remuneration to state agencies.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Two ambulance companies serve Lincoln at the present time. For a story on possible changes in that service, see page 10.

## Royalties not motivating force behind writing text

By Maxine Kubicek

A need for new and better material prompts many professors to write textbooks, according to eight UNL professors who have had textbooks published.

"The financial rewards can be significant or insignificant," said Mark Hammer, professor of civil engineering. "The main reason textbooks are written is because of the fact that someone gets into teaching, is dissatisfied with the available material and generates his own material to use in the classroom."

Hammer co-authored *Water Supply and Pollution Control* with John Clark and Warren Viessman in 1971. In 1975, Hammer published *Water and Waste Water Technology*. Both books are used in civil engineering courses at UNL, he said.

Henry Holtzclaw Jr., dean of the Graduate College, said he wrote *College Chemistry* and *General Chemistry* as a contribution of his years of teaching experience. Both books are in their fifth edition and are used at more than 400 U.S. colleges and universities, he said.

### Approached by publishers

Although he has taught for 15 years at three different colleges, Joseph Julian said he had never thought of writing a textbook until he was approached by publishers.

"I like to teach freshman through graduate level courses and I had research material I had published in the major technical journal," he said.

"A professor who writes his own textbooks can do exactly what he wants to do with a course."

Julian, an associate professor of sociology, wrote *Social Problems* in 1972 and a second edition of the book is coming out in 1977, he said. Julian co-authored *Sociology: Understanding Special Behavior* in 1975 with Prof. Alan Bates, also a UNL sociology professor.

Publisher interest also influenced English Prof. Bernice Slote to write a series of three textbooks in collaboration with James Miller Jr., the English professor said.

"We had an idea for a book we wanted to use," she said. "Book companies always want to know when professors want to publish."

### Textbook bestseller

Slote's *The Dimensions of Poetry*, *The Dimensions of the Short Story* and *The Dimensions of Literature* have sold more than 100,000 copies, she said.

At least three journalism professors have written textbooks, said Neale Cople, director of the UNL School of Journalism. Cople's book, *Depth Reporting*, was published in 1964.

Journalism Associate Prof. Jim Neal wrote *Newswriting and Reporting* with Suzanne Brown, former Union Program Director and now acting assistant to the acting vice chancellor of student affairs at UNL. The book, published in 1976, was "intended to relieve Neal of covering the same material in classes and in handouts," he said.

To approach students on their own level, Associate Prof. Jim Patten co-authored *Journalism for Today* with Don Ferguson, who was then a high school journalism

teacher. The high school textbook also is used in a journalism methods course at UNL, Patten said.

Patten said he believes the most successful textbook written by a UNL professor is Prof. Campbell McConnell's *Economics: Principles, Problems and Policies*. First published in 1960, the book is in its sixth printing.

## Blue cars will join LPD fleet

By Mike Patten

The Lincoln Police Dept. (LPD) will be leaving a trail of black and blue behind itself next year.

Starting around the first of the year, LPD will begin using blue and white as well as black and white patrol cars.

Dean Leitner, day watch commander of the uniform division, said 34 of the department's 67 police cars will be blue and white. The remaining cars will stay black and white. LPD currently has three green and white cars, too, but according to Leitner, they will be phased out by Jan. 1.

Leitner said the Police Dept. received four green cars from the Parks and Recreation Office 3 months ago when control of the park rangers was switched from the Parks and Recreation Dept. to LPD. One of the green cars has been painted with the new blue and white design.

Along with the cars, LPD received all of the park rangers' equipment. The rangers have become commissioned officers in LPD.

Although the writers receive royalties from the sale of their books, writing a book is "a lot of hard work and expense," McConnell said.

Cople said that because his book was written for high-level courses, the sales are "not astronomical, perhaps 20 a year at UNL and 800 to 900 a year worldwide."

Leitner said a recently completed study showed blue to be a better color than black for the cars. He said the black cars get hotter inside in the summer and aren't as visible as the blue cars.

The purpose of the patrol cars, as he defined it, is to be conspicuous and act as a deterrent to crime. Because black isn't as visible from a distance as blue is, LPD is making the switch, he said.

In addition to the new color scheme, the cars also will be made by a new manufacturer. In the past, LPD has used Plymouths and Dodges, but next year LPD will be using Ford LTD's.

Leitner said the blue cars can be produced cheaper than the black cars because they don't need to be repainted to that color.

He said the black and white cars have to be painted, but with the blue and white cars, all LPD will have to do is "slap the decal on 'em, and they're ready to be driven."

The new cars will have white doors with blue trunks and hoods.



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This new blue and white police cruiser soon will replace the black ones now in use at the Lincoln Police Dept. All of the new models have not yet arrived.