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John Strong, who became UNL Law School dean Jan. 1, says he thinks the law school "will be able to make substantial progress in the immediate future."

Duality attracts law dean

A new building, good faculty members and interested alumni are some of the reasons why John Strong decided to leave teaching at the University of Oregon to become the UNL Law School dean Jan. 1.

"I've always been interested in schools of the type Nebraska has," Strong said. The UNL Law School's mission is different than any of the eastern national law schools', he said.

The school has a dual purpose, he explained. It trains Nebraskans to be lawyers and it trains lawyers to operate in the state. Education offered by eastern law schools is not related to the state, he said.

Strong said he would like to see more courses added to the curriculum that pertain to Nebraska's vital interests such as agriculture and water.

Strong said he thinks the school should assist in continuing legal education for lawyers already in practice. Laws are changing so fast, that unless a lawyer specializes in one field, he is unable to keep informed about many new changes, Strong said.

Strong was born in Iowa City, was graduated from Yale in 1957 and received his Doctor of Law deg. from the University of Illinois law school in 1962.

He practiced law in Illinois for two years before he began teaching.

Strong said several schools asked him to be dean, but he never accepted because the right conditions were not present.

The main reason he came to UNL, he said, was because he thinks the school will be able to make substantial progress in the immediate future.

news digest

Mondale mission

Washington (AP) - President Carter said Saturday that Vice President Walter Mondale, "my personal emissary," will carry "a very heavy and substantive agenda" for meetings with foreign leaders when he begins a round-the-world trip Sunday.

Carter told reporters that he and the heads of government in the nations that Mondale will visit established the agenda together. He said it includes "very specific questions," but did not say what the questions concerned.

Officials have said Mondale is taking the 10-day trip to familiarize U.S. allies with the Carter administration and to consult with them on international economic problems.

Mondale, in the administration's first diplomatic mission, will visit Brussels for talks with officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Common Market. He then goes to Bonn, West Berlin, Rome, London, Paris and Tokyo.

Flu reported

Atlanta (AP) - This season's first outbreak of flu has been reported and scientists are unable to predict whether there will be an epidemic this winter. The outbreak of influenza B virus was reported among students at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. The school's clinic was seeing 60 to 70 students a day this week with flu-like respiratory illnesses.

Health officials in Colorado say they hope to know next week whether influenza is responsible for outbreaks of flu-like illnesses there.

Carter celebrates

Washington - Jimmy Carter celebrated his new presidency with 3,000 members of Congress, diplomats, military officers and their guests at three receptions Saturday-while demonstrators protesting the B1 bomber and abortion gathered outside the White House.

Officials of the "March for Life" estimated the number of demonstrators at 100,000. Capitol police estimated the crowd at 25,000.

Saturday was the fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision that eased legal restrictions on abortions.

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