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Former President Richard Nixon's deputy press secretary, Gerald L. Warren.

Warren sees Nixon as 'friend'

By Maxine Kubicek

Former President Richard Nixon's deputy press secretary said Tuesday that his relationship with the former President "is much better now than it was in the White House."

Gerald L. Warren, now managing editor of the *San Diego Union*, said Nixon had a "rather severe way of dealing with his staff" and a preference for working only with the top staff members.

Warren, a Hastings native and a 1952 NU graduate, was at the UNL School of Journalism Monday and Tuesday as part of its editors-in-residence program. He will speak again at 3:30 p.m. today in the Avery Auditorium.

Although their White House relationship was "businesslike," Warren said in a *Daily Nebraskan* interview that he has seen the former President frequently since Nixon's resignation.

"He (Nixon) has been sequestered, almost in exile in San Clemente," Warren said. "I told him I would see him just as a friend until he wanted to speak on record."

The numerous accounts written about the Watergate break-in and subsequent proceedings do not tell the full story of Watergate, Warren said, and only those people directly involved know exactly what happened.

"We will have to wait for a time when these people will not feel compelled to write a self-serving book," he said. Warren predicted that, if written, books by Nixon, H. R. Haldeman and Alexander Haig would "help put all the pieces together."

Nixon's book is expected to be completed next year, Warren said, adding that he thought Nixon's forthcoming book would be "truthful."

Warren said that as Nixon's deputy press secretary, he often had to compromise between releasing the complete truth and allowing the President "necessary leeway" in reaching a decision.

"My basic underlying journalistic ethic is the desire to seek the truth," he said. "I had to apply that to my work with President Nixon. I felt that if I could continue my

search for the truth and provide the truth as much as possible, then I wasn't compromising my ethics."

The atmosphere of "jugal journalism" and rushing to print with only half a story appeared shortly after Watergate, Warren said, adding that "Watergate was a personal tragedy between the President, the press and the courts."

"In that personal tragedy, Nixon had to respond any way he wanted to, and I was a conduit of what the President wanted to respond with on the various daily charges."

"I felt that it was up to me to keep that conduit open, regardless of the quality of the information that was flowing through it."

Warren said most of the guidance he received on the Watergate break-in came from John Dean and that "if there were lies and coverups, I felt Dean was part of it." At the time no one knew to what extent Dean was involved, he said.

In a Monday question and answer session at the Journalism School, Warren said he thought it was possible Nixon had talked to pictures of former Presidents in his last days in the White House.

Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein alleged in their book, *The Final Days*, that Nixon drank heavily and talked to the pictures shortly before he resigned.

But Warren said he did not subscribe to the "bonkers theory" that Nixon lost control of his senses.

All presidents felt attached to predecessors, Warren said, adding that he could understand Nixon talking to himself because of the pressure he was under.

The greatest difficulty the former press secretary encountered at the White House was understanding how the government works and working for something other than a newspaper, he said.

Relations between the national press corps and the local press when the President traveled presented a real problem, he said, adding that the Washington press which travels with the President "takes on all the trappings of a part of the 'royal family.'"

"If the President said anything of importance, he said it to the national press corps," Warren added.

He said he still is trying to "sort out things in my own mind" and expects to write a book about his Washington experience.

"If I knew who 'Deep Throat' was, I would have written a book about it long ago," he said. "My account of the story will be specifically about Nixon and the press, telling the humorous side of things in those dark days—and there were humorous things."

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Learning methods subject of course

Teaching students ways to learn is the objective of a proposed UNL class which will be presented for approval Thursday to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, said Eugene Trani, NU assistant vice president for academic affairs.

The Learning Analysis Course was developed by K. Patricia Cross as part of her spring 1976 study of the academic focus at UNL, he said.

Cross was assistant NU vice president for academic affairs and coordinator of instructional programs for a year, ending this year. She is no longer at NU.

The course is designed to expose students to all instructing methods Trani said. It will be taught in five three-week segments by five faculty members.

Royce Ronning, an educational psychology professor, would teach the introduction on the psychology of learning, Trani said. The other units would be taught by Doug Amedeo, geography, Dan Bernstein, psychology, Roger Welsch, English, and Ron Smith, business administration.

According to Trani, Amedeo would teach using the experimental method or learning by experience, Bernstein would use the self-pace method, Welsch would teach by lecture, and field trips, and Smith would use games and simulation.

The course already is offered at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Trani said, but has been delayed at UNL because the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee wanted to know who would teach it before it was approved. He said the proposal was given to the committee last year.

The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee will do the proposed class on academic content, course duplication and the resources available to teach it, said Raymond Haggh, curriculum committee chairman.

If approved, the course will be offered in fall 1977, Trani said, although it is too late to include it in the course description catalog. Posters and newsletters will inform students of the course, he said.

Deadline Friday

Nearly eight weeks of school have passed, and the deadline for changing classes to pass/fail or to a grade also is slipping away.

Faculty Senate policy allows changing registration to or from pass/fail anytime during the first eight weeks by filing a drop/add form. No signatures are required and no fees are charged.

Friday is the last day to make the change.

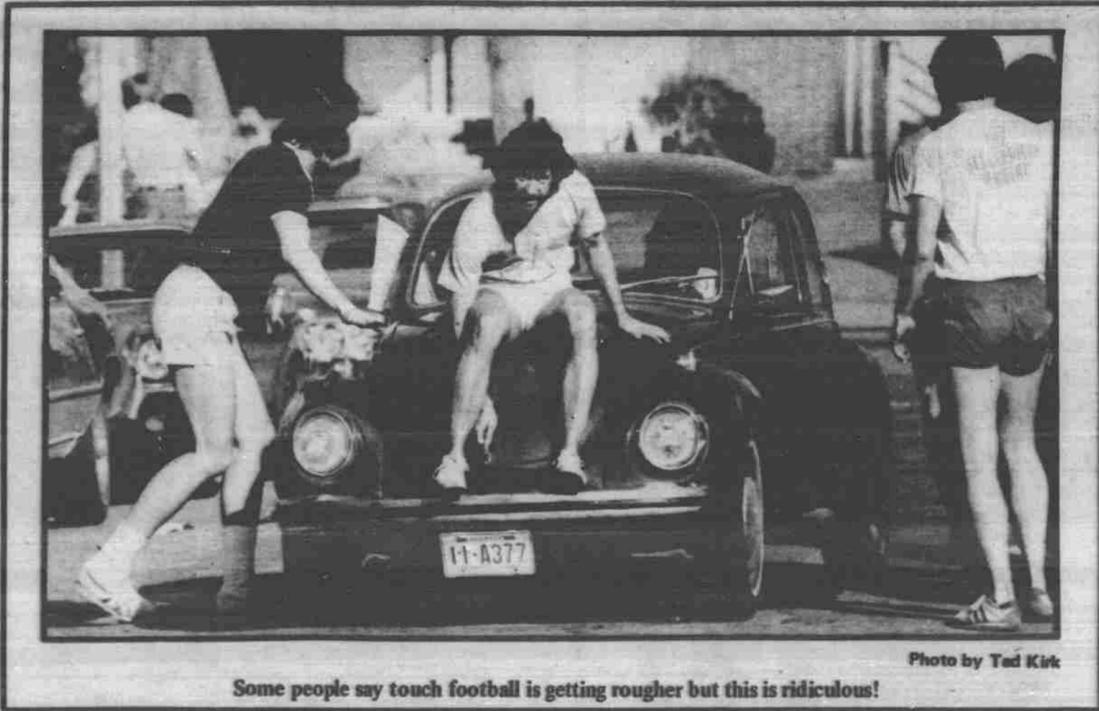


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Some people say touch football is getting rougher but this is ridiculous!

Faculty Senate tables parity issue

The UNL Faculty Senate Tuesday voted to table discussion concerning Senate President Henry Baumgarten's recommendation to eliminate \$500,000 from the NU budget for parity financing for the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

Baumgarten said he made his recommendation after studying the conclusions of the NU president's ad hoc committee on intercampus equity, which made the budget recommendation.

The Senate voted to invite Interim NU President Ronald Roskens to the Senate's April meeting to hear his comments on Baumgarten's study.

"There's no indication as to what his (Rosken's) position is," Baumgarten said.

If the senate immediately disapproved the ad hoc committee's recommendation for parity financing at UNO, it might hurt UNL's chances of getting money from the Nebraska Legislature, said Edgar Kelley, Teachers College senator.

"It's nonsensical," Business College Sen. Thomas Balkes said. "Regents approve the budget. If we're asking for a change in budget, let's ask the regents."

"There is no substance in the ad hoc report," Baumgarten said, "It's as phoney as a \$3 bill. The data

employed doesn't prove anything. They're (the ad hoc committee) assuming that UNL and UNO are comparable institutions. I'm not trying to prove whether one is underfunded, I just want the investigation to be done right."

A supplement to the salary study report was presented by Roy Arnold, chairman of the UNL Food Science and Technology Dept. It showed the relative salary parity levels in seven colleges at UNL for 1975-76 and 1976-77.

It also compared salaries of professors in Big 8 schools. UNL placed eighth in salaries for full professors, seventh in salaries for associate professors and seventh in salaries for assistant professors.

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