

New year with numerous issues faces NU regents

By Rod Murphy

In the coming semester, it appears that the NU Board of Regents will have their hands full considering many issues that already have surfaced.

Some likely to be acted on topics include coordination of post-secondary schools, the NU budget, mandatory student fees, stadium expansion and graduate student tuition.

Regent Kermit T. Hansen of Omaha said coordination of post-secondary schools will be "pervasive and important. . . perhaps the most important on-going concern" of the coming year.

State-wide hearings on the matter have concluded and the issue now is before a legislative committee which will decide which programs should be allowed to be presented at which state schools.

The NU budget also is a topic students should be concerned with, Hansen said.

The first legislative hearing on the NU budget will be in the Jan. 24 Appropriations Committee hearing room at the capitol.

Scottsbluff Regent Robert Simmons said the board should move as soon as possible on a plan that would enable the university's present money supply to be "spread around a little better."

Simmons said, in the future it will be necessary for people to realize that the Legislature probably will not appropriate any more funds for the university.

"I think it's time to abandon the idea that the people in the state can supply more money for the university," he said.

The question of mandatory student fees and stadium expansion will be decided at February's regents meeting, according to present planning.

The possibility of raising graduate student tuition probably will be postponed.

"The people are furnishing all the money they can afford," Simmons said. "One of the chief tasks of the board in the coming years will be to devise ways to stretch this fixed amount of money equitably."

Ways to accomplish this may be to abandon low-enrollment programs or rotate instructors who have many pupils, he said, "instructors need a better deal," he said.

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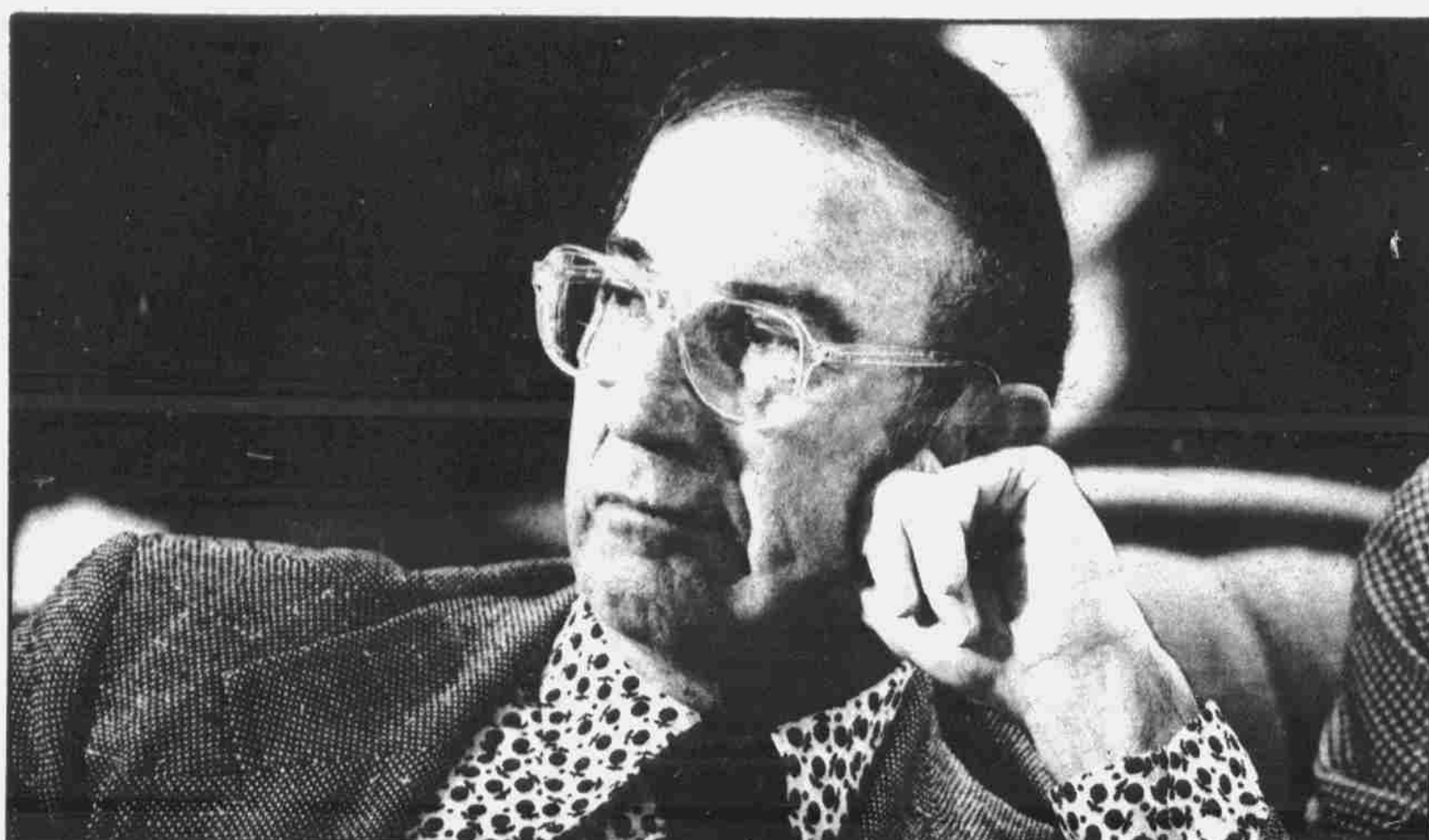
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The regents also chose Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln to succeed Scottsbluff Regent Robert Simmons as chairman of the board.

Schwartzkopf won the chairmanship over Robert Prokop of Omaha on a 4-3 vote by secret ballot. Prokop was selected vice chairman.

In other action the regents approved the appointment of Sandy Buda as UNO football coach. The appointment came after a motion by Simmons to substitute soccer for football at UNO was defeated.

The board put off until February a decision on expansion of Memorial Stadium and on a \$100,000 expenditure of athletic department funds to renovate the toilets in the east and west stadiums.



NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf

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