

# New regent emphasizes NU should retain quality

By Hollie Wieland

The biggest problem the NU Board of Regents will face is to retain quality at the university and stay within the available funds, said newly elected regent John Payne. "Changing times require that the university changes also," said Payne. "But it is going to be very difficult to implement these changes. "It is going to be a big challenge to try to adopt and adjust to various changes which are going to take place over the next five to 10 years."

Payne, who is from Kearney, started his six-year term Saturday when he replaced Robert Raun of Minden. Payne said he considers himself "pro-administration." One of the possible changes discussed at the first regents meeting Saturday involved closing the UNL Nursing School. "It appears there will be a nursing shortage in the future," Payne said, "so I think the regents did the right thing in retaining the Nursing School." Another change Payne spoke of was the issue of student football tickets. He said everybody should pay

\$10 for a ticket, but students and faculty should get a 25-percent discount and then be able to do whatever they want with the tickets.

After board meeting discussion on whether or not it was constitutional for student regents to receive pay, Payne said he had not developed an opinion yet, but he said it appears student regents should not be paid.

Payne said he is in favor of construction of a veterinary school if two or three other states support it.

Commenting on selective admission vs. open admission, Payne said he is in favor of accepting any qualified high school graduate.

"The key lies in the term 'qualified' though," Payne said.

According to Payne, the regents' performance recently has been "adequate," but he would not elaborate.

Payne said he hopes NU will receive an 18 percent budget increase, but he did not wish to comment further until the Legislature makes a decision.

# Vets claim GI Bill is not enough

By Roger Aden

The GI Bill of Rights is important to veterans continuing their education, but for many veterans it is not enough, said the president of the UNL Student Vets Organization.

"There has to be added income, Pat Phillips said. "A majority of the veterans have families to support so there has to be some extra money coming in."

Phillips said he and his wife work and that he also is in the National Guard, which pays 75 percent of his tuition plus a salary. Jerry Lippincott, past SVO president, said he holds down two jobs to help support his family.

The GI Bill, which provides educational assistance to veterans and their dependents, is vital to quite a few veterans at UNL, Lippincott said.

"Not many veterans come from well-to-do families," he said. "If I didn't have it (GI Bill), I wouldn't be going to school."

Lippincott's sentiments are echoed by Phillips. "We couldn't live without it," he said. "I wouldn't

be in school if there wasn't a GI Bill."

Phillips said the Veterans Administration is helpful in providing veterans with jobs.

"The VA programs are very beneficial," he said. "They realize that the GI Bill doesn't cover everything."

According to Phillips, the VA provides minimum-wage jobs to veterans who are full-time students as part of a work-study program. The jobs usually are in the VA office or VA hospital he said.

Lippincott said he agreed with Phillips' assessment of the VA.

"It's a heck of a good deal. The VA has done me a lot of good,"

But Lippincott and Phillips said they have one complaint about their situation: Their benefits have been increased by only 10 percent in the last three years.

"We figure we're still 33 percent behind the rate of inflation," Phillips said.

According to Lippincott, there are approximately 500 veterans attending UNL and almost all of them are using the GI Bill to help finance their education.

# Mime highlights artist-in-residence program

Centennial Education Program's artist-in-residence until March 6 is the internationally known mime Matthew Child. Child is teaching two courses at Centennial, as well

as teaching mime to inmates of the state penitentiary in a program sponsored by Southeast Community College.


Information about the courses "Clowning/Character and Movements" and "Comic Dance" is available at the Centennial office.

Child, a founding member of the Great Salt Lake Mime Troupe, with whom he has performed and taught in Europe and the United States, also will work with community members in schools and neighborhood centers through the Lincoln Action Program.

During the second six weeks of the semester, Centennial will have artist-in-residence Don Kaplan of New York, who has experience in movement, music and graphic arts. He will teach courses on aesthetic awareness and the uses of video in many settings.

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