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And the dentist said to avoid sweets. Jim Anderson, 72, of Ceresco, seems to have forgotten what one of the dental students probably told him after having some dental work done at the College of Dentistry, as he enjoys an ice cream cone from the Dairy Store.

## Chairman's resignation is debated

By Roger Aden

The resignation of the chairman of the UNL Department of Speech Communication said his subsequent criticism of people and groups connected with the university, has drawn mixed responses from UNL officials.

Gustav Friedrich submitted his letter of resignation to the press last week. In that letter, he said his resignation, which is effective at the end of this semester, was prompted by the following: low faculty salaries; the importance of athletics in comparison to academics; a self-interested governor and legislators; an unsupportive university president; and a board of regents selected by poor methods.

NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said Friedrich's contentions and his method of pointing out his allegations were wrong.

"I've heard some good things, that he is really providing leadership in the speech communication department," Schwartzkopf said. "But if he's really a professional educator and he's really concerned about his students and colleagues, he shouldn't have just written a letter.

"You have to meet the change-makers and say 'this is what we have to do.' I don't think you make things better by blasting

them and then taking off," Schwartzkopf said.

Schwartzkopf added that if Friedrich was really concerned about faculty salary increases he should have been out front pushing for those changes. Schwartzkopf said he has seen no evidence that Friedrich was doing such work.

However, Friedrich said he has been fighting for salary increases at multiple levels since he assumed the chairmanship of the Speech Communication Department in 1977.

In his letter, Friedrich contended that electing members of the NU Board of Regents, instead of appointing them, restricts their concerns to matters other than education. Schwartzkopf said that charge was "almost ridiculous."

"In states where the boards are appointed, the governor appoints people who have supported him and expressed a desire to hold such a position," Schwartzkopf said. "They (regents) usually support the philosophy of the person who put them in."

Schwartzkopf said Friedrich's contention about athletics being emphasized over education does not seem reasonable.

"Well, geez, going to an Oklahoma football game certainly isn't in the interest of de-emphasizing education," Schwartzkopf said.

## Council, others discuss changing city road plan

By Mary Louise Knapp

The Lincoln City Council and members of community groups discussed a proposal to amend the city's Comprehensive Plan Monday that would delete from the plan all references to the Northeast Radial and propose an alternative roadway between 17th and 19th streets from Holdrege to P streets.

Lincolnites, in an election last April, voted down a proposal for the radial, which would have connected downtown Lincoln to the Havelock area.

The Planning Department had recommended earlier that the radial be eliminated from the Comprehensive Plan and that a corridor between 17th and 19th streets be designated as an alternative. A previous proposal that 16th and 17th streets be designated as alternatives was rejected by the council because UNL officials said that solution would bisect the campus.

Council member Mike Steinman proposed an amendment to the proposal which would delete references to the radial from the Comprehensive Plan, and make no references to an alternate roadway.

Steinman said passing the original proposal would mean bypassing the normal channels by which amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are formulated. Amendments to the plan are usually discussed by various subcommittees of the council before they are brought to a public hearing, Steinman said.

### Playing God

Louis Shackelford, another council member, said Steinman was employing "political demagoguery" by proposing the amendment and said that Steinman had

previously proposed the original resolution to the Planning Committee.

Steinman replied that he had merely directed the issue to the Planning Committee for its consideration.

"I think we should honor the vote of the people in the spring (against the radial)," Steinman said, adding that a proposal for an alternate roadway might revive fears of a "son of radial," that is, the radial proposition under a different name.

C. Edwin Murphy, a member of the University Place Community Organization Board of Directors, spoke in favor of the resolution with Steinman's amendment attached.

"The University Place Community Organization has had a consistent record of opposition to the proposed Northeast Radial and has had representatives of the Board of Directors addressing the City Council on this matter on a number of occasions," Murphy said.

### Voters said "no"

"I should not have to remind you that the people voted 'no build,'" Murphy said. "They did not express themselves concerning alternatives."

Mark Hunzeker, 2015 Park Ave., said he supported the resolution without the Steinman amendment.

"To use the 'planning process' as an excuse to avoid the issue seems odd to me when the planning process has already been subverted (by the original amendment)," Hunzeker said. "To use it now would not be shooting straight with the voters."

"The real substance of the issue is to provide an alternative," he said.

A vote by the council members on the resolution is pending.

## UNL lacks money—chairman

By Roger Aden

After four years as chairman of the Department of Speech Communication, Gustav Friedrich is leaving UNL for a similar post at the University of Oklahoma at the semester's end. He is also leaving some bad memories.

In a letter published in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan, Friedrich said he recalled "too vividly the countless frustrating barri-

ers thrust in the way of the university's achieving academic respect."

Friedrich specifically cited "low faculty salaries, high student fees, an NU Board of Regents whose method of selection restricts their concerns to matters other than education, a state which values athletics at the expense of academic achievement, (and) a governor and state legislature who willingly sacrifice the welfare of Nebraska to self-interest."

He also wrote of "a university president who accomplishes his prediction that 'continued and pervasive erosion of quality is probably inevitable,' by reducing the faculty 2 percent in the face of significantly increased responsibilities."

In an interview, Friedrich said the state equates the success of the football team with the success of the university.

"I have nothing against athletics. I go to the games," Friedrich said, "but the state of Nebraska thinks that if the football team is doing beautifully, the university is doing beautifully.

"They equate the success of the football team with the success of the university, despite the fact that the library is hurting, professors are doing their own typing because of a lack of secretaries which takes away research time and computer budgets are running out before the year's over, hurting research," Friedrich said.

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