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"I think you have to understand that it was not directed at individuals," he said. "It was never intended to be an attack locally or on the systems office. It was, in fact, directed at the system itself. The faculty felt the system was not working.

"If there were problems with local administrators, they could have been traced back to organization," he said.

"The senate felt that a major difficulty with running the university was that campus chancellors didn't seem to have the autonomy needed to function well," Campbell said. "This could be definitely blamed on organization and the way the system was being operated.

"We focused on two functions we felt were duplicating what already went on the campuses," he said. In the resolution, these positions are cited as the vice president for academic affairs, currently held by Howard Ottoson, and the vice president for administration, currently held by Alan Seagren.

"It may be true that some problems manifested themselves locally, but the blame lay on the organization of the system," he said.

"This was not a resolution that said, 'do away with the systems office,'" Campbell said. "Although Arts and Sciences passed such a resolution, there were, in fact, many of us who felt the central administration performed some useful functions, but that certain parts of the systems office caused more problems than they were solving.

"Since I've not been affiliated with the senate for some time, I can't tell if there's been a change," he said. "However, I have the impression that many of those problems have gone away with changes in personnel in the systems office and changes in the mode of operation."

Raglin said he believed the relationship between faculty and the central administration "probably hasn't changed all that much." He said there probably are as many

faculty members who are not impressed with the central administration today as there were before.

"I don't think that number changes much," Raglin said. There's not as much visible discontent as existed during that period, but there have been changes in administration on the Lincoln campus, too.

"They've either directed their ire toward (UNL Chancellor Martin) Massengale, or he has been able to solve some of their problems by negotiations out here, I don't know.

"I think there's always going to be ferment, especially when you've got the UNL campus as the foundation campus. The bulk of the people in this state know UNL. They don't know UNO or the Med Center; they know the Lincoln campus. I think the faculty on the Lincoln campus are very aware of that. So I imagine those who were not content at the time resolution occurred are still not content.

"That doesn't particularly disturb me. It's just a reality," he added.

Raglin cited the policy decisions made on computers, academic programs, budget allocations and student activities.

"I don't think the faculty on either one of those campuses could have done a better job," he said. "In fact, I'm not sure they could have done as good a job."

Larry Walkin, president of the faculty senate, said the body's main contact in the central administration is Howard Ottoson.

"Ottoson is very responsive to the feelings of the senate," Walkin said. "We have had good working relations with Dr. Ottoson's people in the academic affairs operation."

Walkin said that, in circumstances when it was appropriate to contact other members of the administration, the senate "did not necessarily agree with every policy, but had very reasonable dialogues."

"The rapport established during these discussions seems to be the kind that should be taking place," Walkin said.

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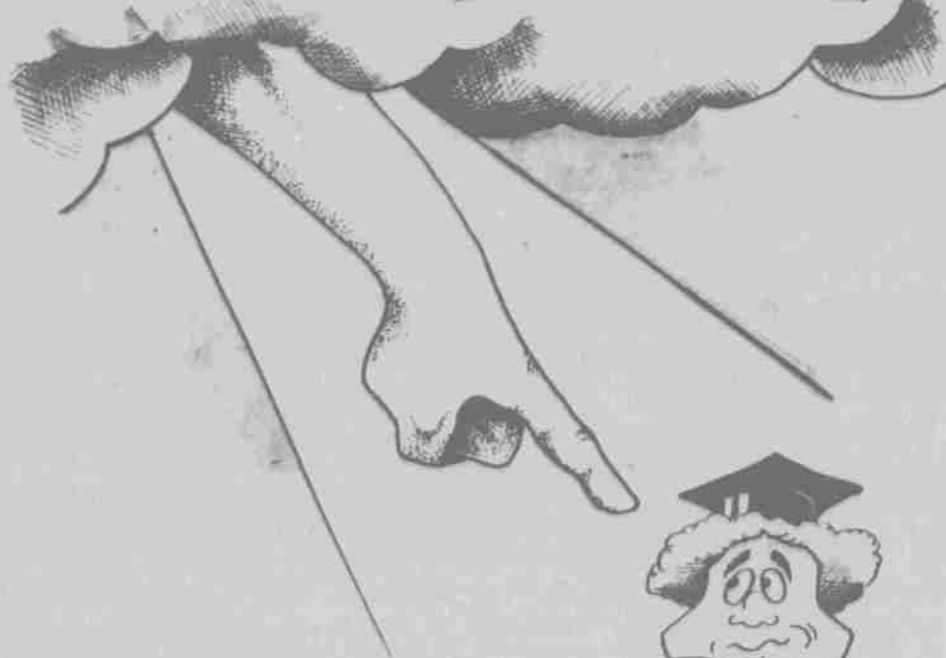
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