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<b>WEATHER:</b> Friday, a few morning flurries, blustery and cool, high of 40, northwest winds 15 to 25 miles per hour. Friday night, cloudy and cool, low of 10. Saturday, breezy and warm, high in the mid-40s.	<b>INDEX</b> News Digest ..... 2 Editorial ..... 4 Sports ..... 6 Arts & Entertainment ..... 9 Classifieds ..... 10
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## UNL's Yost candidate for Florida provost job

By Jerry Guenther  
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor has been named as a candidate for a top administrative position at the University of Florida.

John Yost, UNL vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, is among 20 finalists who have been named by a search committee to fill the office of provost at the university, according to the UF office of information and services.

The provost position became available April 1, 1989, when UF President Marshall Criser retired and former provost Robert Bryan became interim president, a secretary with the

information office said.

A provost is an administrative official who oversees such campus matters as university budgeting, curriculum and personnel.

Yost, 54, said he originally was contacted in August by Florida officials who told him he had been suggested as a possibility to fill the position.

The search committee cut the list of finalists from 69 to 20 Oct. 27, and Yost said that since then he has been notified that he still is being considered.

Although Yost said he is honored at being considered, he doesn't know yet whether he would think about leaving UNL because the selection process is in a preliminary stage.

"I'm pleased and happy with the exciting challenges at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln," Yost said.

From time to time, academic administrators are mentioned for professional advancement, Yost said, and it can be beneficial to explore those opportunities.

Yost received a doctorate in history from Duke University in 1965. He started at UNL as an assistant professor of history in 1967 after teaching at the University of Arizona.

According to an article in the Independent Florida Alligator, the UF student newspaper, Yost received the most votes from the search committee, getting support from every committee member who voted on the candidates.

Gene Hemp, currently the interim provost, and Michael Baer, dean of arts and sciences at the University of Kentucky, received the next highest number of votes during the Oct. 27 meeting, the Alligator reported.

According to the Alligator, other top vote-getting candidates being considered include Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Shirley Clark, vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Minnesota; Frank Franz, provost at West Virginia University; and Barbara Hansen, vice president for graduate studies and research at the University of Maryland.

UF is located in Gainesville and has an enrollment of 34,500.

## Author: Processes, not single events, cause revolution

By Roger Price  
Staff Reporter

Although economic problems caused some Islamic nations to become more fanatic after World War II, worldwide changes in the 1980s could improve their relations with the West, a prominent writer said Thursday.

Robin Wright, who has written about Islamic revolutionary movements, said failures of post-war communist and capitalist systems led to disillusionment and caused Islamic nations to develop a heightened sense of nationalism and ethnicity.

Wright, who addressed more than 200 people at the first-ever public presentation at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, said oppressed people find religion to be a "last refuge of dissent." Such dissent has made the current period the "world's most secular era," she said.

Islam is unique in this age of dissent, Wright said, because it provides a spiritual foundation that also lays down laws for governing a state.

But Wright cautioned that not all nations based on Islamic beliefs should be thought of as the same.

"Islam is not a monolithic movement," she said. "It is different in every nation."

Ten years after the overthrow of the Shah of Iran by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran still is in a state of revolution, she said.

"Revolutions are processes, not single events," Wright said.

Wright said that from 1979 to 1982, Iran's first three years under Khomeini's rule, the government was fighting to survive and consolidate its hold over opponents, including Iraq.

By mid-1982, she said, Iran was secure enough internally to begin exporting revolution, she said.

Wright said that between 1982 and 1986, the Iranian government reached its peak, and was able to pay off its entire foreign debt, which reached \$7.4 billion at its height.

At the same time, the United States was becoming the largest debtor nation in the world, she said.

But in 1986, Iran's economy was hurting because of its war with Iraq and because of international sanctions in effect since the Shah's overthrow. As a result, Iran began implementing reforms, which included re-opening ties with Western nations, allowing theater performances and relaxing the dress code for women.

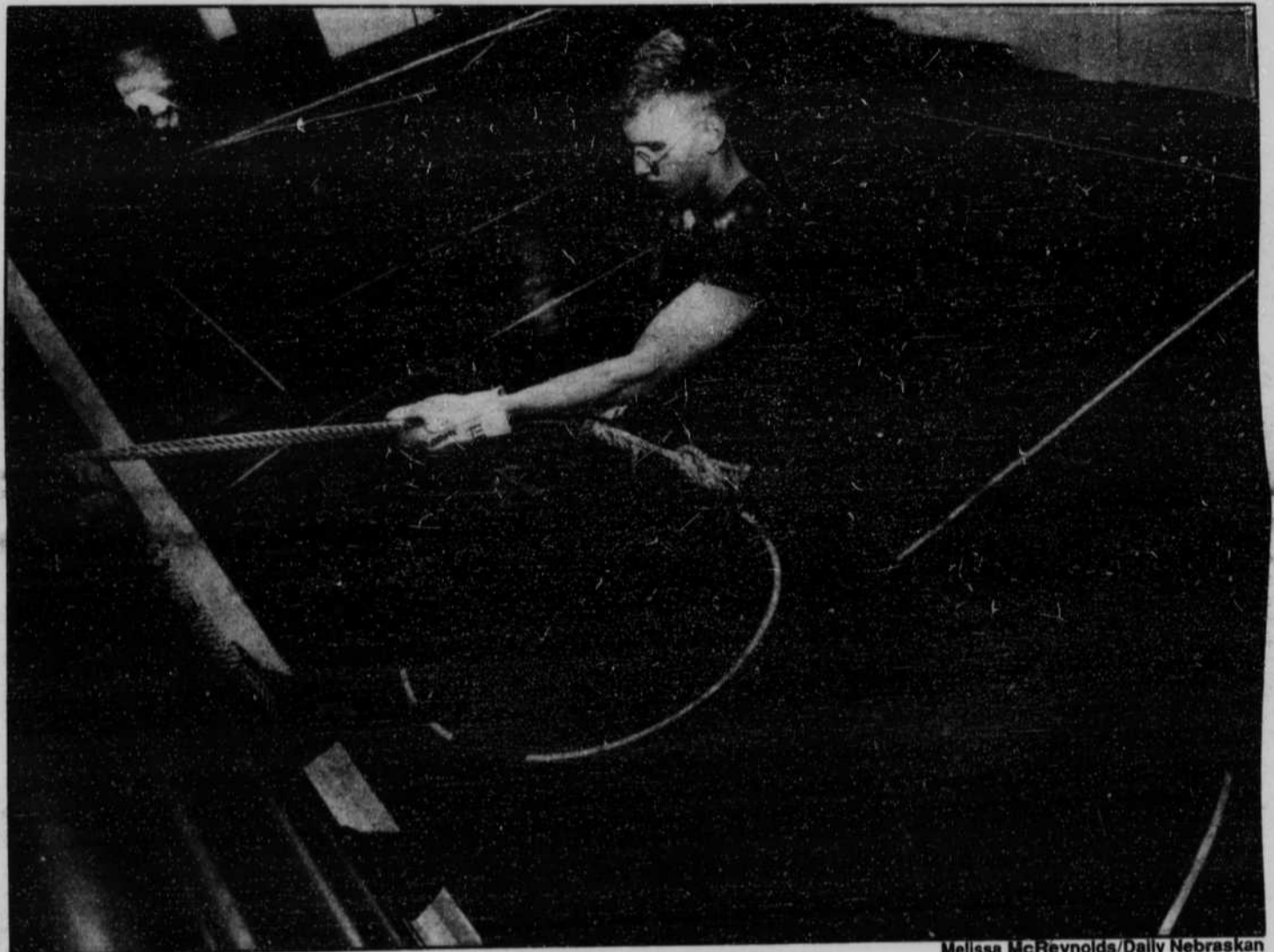
Khomeini, however, felt that the reforms were moving too quickly and ordered an end to them. At this point, Wright said, he issued the death sentence for author Salman Rushdie.

Since Khomeini's death, she said, President Rafsanjani and Prime Minister Khamenei have both been more open to reform, recognizing that Iran will not survive without economic change. They have instituted a five-year economic recovery plan.

Wright said these changes have made her optimistic about the possible release of American hostages in Lebanon.

But, even though Iran would like to see the release of Americans, Wright said, the country no longer has complete control over the militant groups it formed.

"They have created a monster," she said.



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### Climbing the walls

Phillip Ristvedt, a junior speech communications major, practices rappelling as part of Army ROTC lab Thursday afternoon.

## Hill: Hometown support needed for vote

By Jana Pedersen  
Senior Reporter

Encouraging students to drum up hometown support, members of Students for the Right to Vote held an information session Thursday for students wanting to lobby for an official student regent vote.

Bryan Hill, University of Nebraska-Lincoln student regent and member of Students for the Right to Vote, told students at the information session that getting "grass-roots" support for an official vote is vital.

Concerned students should tell their parents and other hometown residents why a student

regent vote is important, he said, because getting an official vote will require a constitutional amendment, which must be approved by Nebraska voters.

The ex-officio vote student regents have now isn't enough of a voice on the NU Board of Regents, Hill said.

Without an official vote, he said, student regents don't have any bargaining power.

An official vote would not mean that students will get extra representation on the board, Hill said, because students are encouraged to bring their problems to their student regent, not their hometown regent.

Russ Johnson, chairman of Students for the Right to Vote, said the group wants to lobby for one student regent voting member, either appointed by the governor or rotated among the NU campuses.

The timing for lobbying for an official vote has never been better, Johnson said, because many changes currently are happening with higher education in Nebraska.

"We're feeling that we've never had a better opportunity," he said. "The time has come, and we've got to take the chance."

About 20 students attended the information session.

## AIDS services to be advertised to students

By Cindy Wostrel  
Staff Reporter

To increase awareness about AIDS testing services, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is advertising the University Health Center's AIDS program.

Gerald Fleischli, medical director at the health center, said the health department requested the health center's approval to advertise the services available to University of

Nebraska-Lincoln students.

Tim Timmons, a registered nurse and AIDS program supervisor for the health department, said the college-age population is especially at risk.

Studies have shown that nationwide, one in every 500 college students tested for the HIV virus was infected with the disease. This gives the county health department extra incentive to advertise counseling and testing services for UNL students, he said.

Fleischli said a health center nurse told him

that she has noticed an increase in the number of students using its AIDS services.

In response, the health center will consider expanding its services to AIDS patients, he said. First, officials must determine if there has been a large enough increase in the number of students using the AIDS counseling services, he said.

"We're planning to meet soon and look at the stats," Fleischli said.

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