

NU executive vice president Jones among 4 finalists for Montana job

By Jerry Guenthe
Senior Reporter

Lee Jones, University of Nebraska executive vice president and provost, has been selected as one of four finalists for commissioner of higher education in Montana, the chairwoman of the subcommittee conducting the search said Sunday.

Elsie Redlin, who also is vice chairwoman of the Montana Board of Regents, said Jones and three other finalists were chosen from eight semifinalists Friday.

The four finalists will be interviewed in Montana in mid-January, Redlin said. The new commissioner will be chosen shortly after the interviews.

The current commissioner, Carol

Krause, announced his resignation effective in June, Redlin said.

Montana's commissioner of higher education gives professional guidance to the regents, works as a lobbyist in the Montana Legislature and helps coordinate education among institutions in the state, Redlin said.

Montana has six four-year institutions, five vocational and technical schools and three community colleges, Redlin said.

The state also has seven tribal colleges located on American Indian reservations that the commissioner doesn't supervise, Redlin said, but works with to coordinate overall educational opportunities.

Redlin said Jones has a strong understanding of higher education and good systems experience work-

ing at NU.

"He got simply glowing recommendations from his colleagues," she said.

Redlin said Jones initially didn't apply for the position on his own.

"It is my understanding that he was nominated and agreed to apply," she said.

Jones could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Redlin said the other finalists are Warren Fox, vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Nevada system; Joseph Olander, president of Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.; and Harry Peterson, executive assistant to the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"We're just elated with the quality of all the applicants," Redlin said.

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Students lack current events knowledge

Group proposes course to fill gap

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

A UNL official said he is "skeptical" about a recommendation to require students to take at least one course in international relations since World War II before they graduate.

The course would help students understand current world changes, according to a report of the Atlantic Charter, a national group that recommends policy on problems shared by democratic nations.

Franz Blaha, interim director of the Institute of International Studies, said he doesn't think the proposal will help students understand all the world changes. But he said any required class on international relations wouldn't hurt.

"Students might learn the material, but one year later, if they don't keep up, everything will have changed," he said. "But it might stimulate students to keep up with current events."

Blaha said the students' lack of knowledge about international affairs is not caused by an educational deficiency.

"Students have a general deficiency about world events because they are concentrating on their own country," Blaha said. "The problem is a cultural phenomenon, not an educational phenomenon."

Students have problems understanding world affairs because they don't have the background in subjects like history and geography, Blaha said.

"History and geography are the databases for understanding these issues," he said. "The lack of knowledge is accompanied by the lack of knowledge of geography and history."

William Avery, a UNL political science professor, said he thinks the proposed requirement is a "good idea."

Avery said he regularly encounters students who don't understand all

the changes that are happening in the world.

"We live in an increasingly shrinking world," Avery said. "We're in a global village, and all events are having an impact on our lives."

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Tassels, said the group has made no plans to end balloon sales.

"There's a point behind the complaints," Skinner said. "But everyone feels and I feel that... only six to eight times a year is pretty insignificant in the total amount of garbage that's produced in Nebraska."

Nebraska produces 200,000 pounds of garbage a day, Skinner said. The 10,000 balloons released at each home football game amount to about eight pounds, he said.

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Matt was doing a fantastic job," she said.

Mohling said she and Wickless will work together on next semester's budget because they both will hold the same position between semesters.

Approving a new vice president

When deciding if the balloon sales should end, Skinner said, UNL officials should take into consideration the portion of the profits Tassels donates to charity.

He said Tassels donated about \$2,500, half the proceeds made from balloon sales, to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation this year.

Tassels began selling balloons about 20 years ago, he said.

"I don't foresee any change in the near future, but we might be willing to look at alternatives," Skinner said. "It's hard to stop tradition."

will be one of the first things RHA does when senate meetings resume in January.

Mohling said her major goal as RHA president will be motivating all RHA members to work together on projects designed by different committees.

anyone.

If ASUN approves the proposal, it will be sent to James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs who would decide whether to include it in his 1991-93 budget request.

Hill said the idea will be presented to the senate some time during the spring semester.

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\$15,000, Karnopp said, or less for part-time workers.

Hill said staff members could be moved to the new office from the City Campus office or new employees could be hired. Karnopp said that either way, additional staff members would need to be hired because the City Campus office cannot spare

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