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A bicyclist is viewed through the 10th Street bridge fence as he makes his way to class Tuesday.

Deans say residency rules lax

By Bill Stratbucker
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's residency policy should be stricter, and such a change would not hamper enrollment, two college deans said.

Will Norton, dean of the College of Journalism, said he doesn't think making it more difficult for out-of-state students to achieve residency would greatly impact his enrollment.

"It's the in-state students — that is our bread-and-butter folk," he said.

Regents are considering a stricter residency policy that would make it more difficult for out-of-state university students to achieve in-state tuition rates.

Currently, most out-of-state students must live in Nebraska for only six months before achieving residency.

Morris Schneider, acting dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said he also doubts if a stricter policy would affect recruiting of engineering students.

"The students that come from out of state would come anyway," he said.

He said most out-of-state engineering students come to UNL because of a family tie or are foreign students.

In order to pay in-state tuition rates, he said, "Maybe it shouldn't be as

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Official: Legal problem plagues UNL faculty retirement plan Regents put off discussing program

By Steve Pearson
Staff Reporter

The much criticized and delayed proposed faculty retirement incentive program was kept off the Board of Regents' agenda again by a legal problem, NU Vice President and General Counsel Richard Wood said.

Wood said a provision of the proposed program would violate the Federal Older Workers Benefit Protection Act.

The plan as originally worded would have given faculty members between the ages of 55 and 66 the option to cut their workloads to no more than 50 percent. Seven years after voluntarily entering the program, faculty members would be forced to retire.

"The legal problem is putting an upper age limit on the program," Wood said. The program was taken off the regents' agenda in April, May and June.

Wood is exploring a way to make

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the program comply with the law. It should be ready for consideration at the regents' September meeting, he said.

"One alternative under consideration," Wood said, "is to place a time limit on the program itself rather than enforcing an upper age limit, keeping the program open for one year, for example."

The program came under sharp criticism by some faculty members last spring. Former Academic Senate President James McShane said at the time that the "program is deeply troubling to the faculty."

Current Academic Senate Presi-

dent George Tuck said he does not think the Board of Regents is stalling consideration of the program due to the criticism.

"I think they are trying to be very careful about it," Tuck said. "I do think the university is making a good faith effort to come up with a good plan. I don't think they are trying to stall."

The change in the retirement policy was proposed because NU policy calls for tenured faculty members to retire at age 70, which may be illegal after 1993.

An exemption to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 allows mandatory retirement ages for tenured faculty members, but the provision will expire at the end of 1993.

Tuck supported elimination of the mandatory retirement age.

"I think they (professors) ought to be around as long as they are good productive members of the university," he said.

Review team to tell regents ag college support needed

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a "sound investment" for the state and should continue to be administered by UNL, a review team will report to the regents Saturday.

The review team will tell the NU Board of Regents at its meeting Saturday in Kearney that improvements have been made at the Curtis campus since the school's closure and resurrection in 1988.

"The state of Nebraska should continue to support the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture as a sound investment for the economic development of the state and service to the people," the team report states.

The Curtis campus, which is under the authority of Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources

at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, closed down in 1988, only to be revived by the Nebraska Legislature the same year.

The review team said administration through UNL's ag institute is "the important key to the success and recovery of NCTA."

At their meeting, the regents also will be asked to approve a major in environmental studies at UNL. The major would be offered by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the College of Arts and Sciences, with students choosing a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The major's goal would be to educate students in the fundamentals of environmental science and social sciences and make them familiar with opportunities for environmental solutions, according to the regents' agenda item.