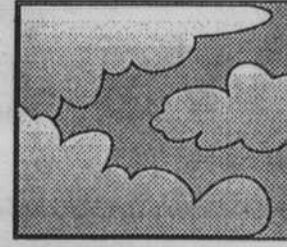


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High around 50.

## Changes and challenges

UNL architecture dean combines work, advising with worldwide travel

By Sarah Scalet  
Staff Reporter

A high school teacher first sparked Cecil Steward's interest in architecture by explaining to him the field and its possibilities, thinking it might interest him.

His teacher was right.

Since that introduction, Steward, the dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture, said he has never had a moment's doubt about architecture.

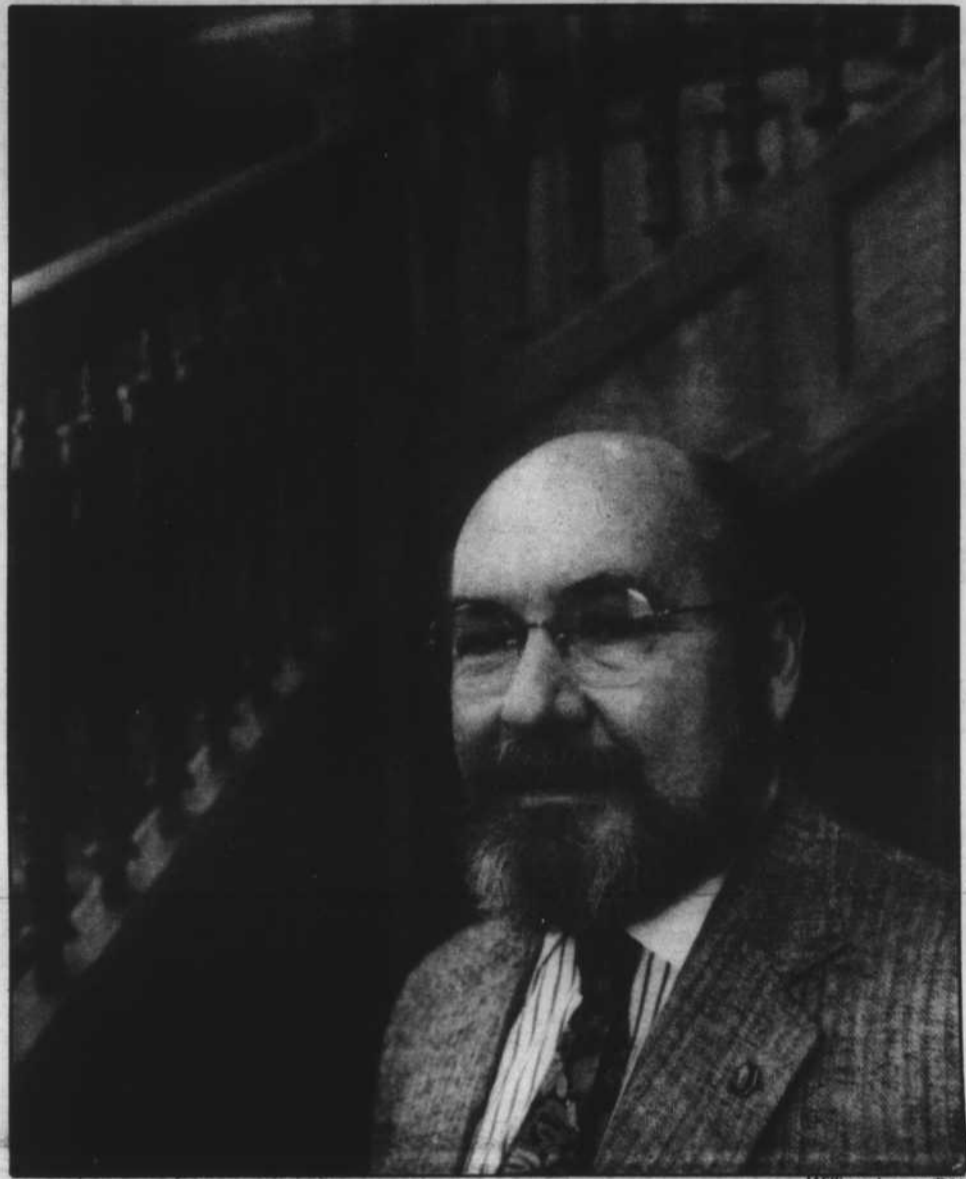
And next month, Steward's achievements will be recognized when he becomes the first full-time educator to preside over the American Institute of Architects, an organization based in Washington, D.C., with 57,000 members nationwide and a \$30 million budget.

Steward's official inauguration in January is among the activities at the AIA's "Accent on Architecture" annual public celebration. Steward said President Bush will attend the event, held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Being the first president who is a full-time educator extends beyond the personal honor for Steward, 57.

"It reflects... the change of attitude that education and practice must work together more closely for the benefit of the entire profession," he said.

A Texas native who earned his professional degree from Texas A&M University and his graduate degree from Columbia University in New York, Steward said he enjoys the constant challenges and



William Lauer/DN

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, has been chosen the first full-time educator to preside over the American Institute of Architects.

changes of the architecture field. No other discipline is as broad and as changeable as architecture, Steward said. "An architect must constantly be aware of the changes of society and culture," he said.

The field is marked by constant changes in design and technology, he said. In the past decade, computer-aided design and computer-generated images increasingly have been used.

Steward, who said he was always interested in administration, has been dean of the College of Architecture since it separated from the College of Engineering and Technology in 1973. Prior to that, he was a member of the architecture faculty at Texas A&M University.

Steward has worked for several architectural firms, including Matthews and

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## Spanier says victims of harassment need options

By Wendy Navratil  
Senior Reporter

Until sexual harassment at UNL is eradicated, victims must have a clear-cut system they can turn to with their complaints, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said.

Spanier said he's not sure the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has such a system now.

"Obviously, something isn't working now," Spanier said. "I haven't looked at specific cases, but I do know there are a number of women on campus who feel the climate for women needs to be improved."

Jane Close Conoley, chairman of the Faculty Senate ad hoc committee on sexual harassment and a UNL educational psychology professor, said the university needs to make a coordinated effort to provide universitywide education about sexual harassment.

She also said step-by-step grievance procedures need to be established and known by both alleged victims and alleged offenders, and informal mediation opportunities should be available for those who do not wish to file formal grievances with the Affirmative Action Office.

"People have their own sets of judiciary boards and steps" to deal with sexual harassment currently, Conoley said. "I'm not sure anybody really handles it."

At a meeting of the UNL Academic Senate last week, Conoley presented a report on sexual harassment that the committee prepared last spring. She asked the senate to take a leadership role in investigating sexual harassment because leadership in dealing with sexual harassment problems had been inadequate.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, asked the senate at that meeting to delay action until Spanier could meet with the group to discuss the issue.

Spanier has since planned a meeting for early next week with various groups on campus that deal with or are concerned about sexual harassment, Howe said.

Spanier indicated that UNL must devise a system that would simplify the courses of action victims of sexual harassment can take.

"We can't give them five or six options — people need to know, 'here's what you do,'" Spanier said. "And people need to know that their complaints will be handled confidentially and sensitively."

He said he plans to review the Affirmative Action office as part of his study of how UNL handles sexual harassment complaints.

Conoley said that faculty have felt that Affirmative Action procedures do not preserve their rights when they are named as offenders in a sexual harassment complaint. The alleged offenders may not know they are being inves-

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## Closed meeting permissible, officials say

By Alan Phelps  
Senior Editor

A closed University of Nebraska Board of Regents subcommittee meeting last week was not subject to the open meetings law, university officials said.

Richard Wood, NU general counsel, said the open meetings law, which bars closed meetings of public bodies such as the regents except when they are discussing personnel matters, does not apply to subcommittees as long as they are not holding hearings, making

policy or taking formal action on behalf of the full body.

"The distinction here is the fact that this was a subcommittee," he said. "There have been occasions on which subcommittees have been given authority to take action; in that case, they would have to comply."

The subcommittee met Thursday at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

J.B. Milliken, NU corporation secretary, said the meeting was closed to facilitate discus-

sion on coordinating lobbying efforts among representatives from NU campuses.

"The purpose of the meeting was to have an uninhibited, no-holds-barred meeting on how well we communicate among ourselves and between different campuses on lobbying issues," he said. "We did not want to inhibit discussion of possible problems."

Milliken said the meeting included discussion on how well the campuses respond to pressure from specific interest groups and how

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## Post-Cold War military facing cuts

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories that will address the future of the U.S. military on campus.

By Sean Green  
Staff Reporter

Since the end of the Cold War, Congress has taken a serious look at defense budget cuts that could hit all levels of the military, including ROTC programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

How much of a crunch there will be is still being debated.

But after the political dust clears, all people involved are going to have to tighten their belts, said Lt. Col. Joe Johnson, a spokesman for the Lincoln-based Nebraska National Guard.

Reductions could limit opportunities for young recruits, ROTC students

"And once the method (for deciding what to cut) is determined, we'll go through a period of turmoil," he said. "It won't last very long, but it will not be painless."

For young men and women considering joining the military, he said this budget-tightening could translate into less incentive because there would be less opportunity for advancement and higher pay.

At UNL, 75 students are in Army

ROTC, 66 are in Air Force ROTC and about 110 are in Navy ROTC.

"We're going to need some major incentive to get people to wear a uniform for the prime years of their lives," he said. "Especially when they face having to retire and start a new career."

However, Johnson said there also is good news for those considering joining the military.

"The G.I. Bill, the State of Nebraska tuition-assistance program, and other programs that help students pay for college by serving will not be cut," he said.

And while competition will be tougher for both scholarships and officer commissions, Johnson said the need to recruit young people is as strong as ever.

"Colin Powell (chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) explained the need for young men and women best in a recent speech," Johnson said. "He said that he needs to recruit today the platoon sergeant who will succeed on the battlefield in six years."

The same changes that may deter potential recruits will have a more profound impact on those closest to the chopping block.

"The proposed cuts are already having a destabilizing effect," Johnson said. "The rules about retirement are

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TUESDAY

Correction: In an article on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in Friday's issue of the Daily Nebraskan, the titles of Kim Phelps and Paul Carlson were incorrect. Phelps is the director of the budget, and Carlson is the director of operations analysis. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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