



**Painter, paint thyself**

Senior art major Jeff Smeltzer touches up a self-portrait at Richards Hall on Monday morning.

William Lauer/DN

**New committee to aid minorities**

By Adeana Leftin  
Senior Reporter

Identifying minority concerns on NU campuses will be the first priority of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents new committee to address minority issues, an official said Friday.

Regent Chairman Don Blank of McCook, said with the help of the regents minority issues forum Oct. 18 and the other committee members, "we should be able to sit down and identify (concerns) without too much of a problem."



Blank and former Deputy Attorney General Gene Crump will head the committee.

Although Blank said he has not yet conferred with Crump or the other committee members, he has some plans for the committee.

After identifying minority concerns, he said the committee would identify what has been done on campuses so far and what's working.

The third step would be to devise a strategy to address the problems, Blank said. Finally, the committee would recommend a practical plan to the NU Board of Regents.

"How close we come between (steps) three and four will determine how successful we are as a committee," he said.

Blank said the October forum was helpful and that he hoped committee members from various backgrounds would be able to offer the committee a total picture of minority concerns. But, he said, it would take time.

Depending on when he and Crump can meet and the availability of the other members, Blank said he still hopes to do something this semester.

"I'd start tomorrow if I could," he said.

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people," Munn said. "(Qualified minorities) are a commodity, a prized possession."

The affirmative action office is often attacked for the relatively low number of minority employees at UNL, Munn said, but the

problem is rooted much deeper.

"Trying to hire minorities will be a struggle for a long time," he said. "The situation will not change or improve until the nation focuses on this problem."

Nebraska's small minority population also makes it more difficult to recruit minorities, he said.

"It's not easy to be a minority in what has

been called a lily-white institution," he said.

The answer to the problem is recruiting, mentoring and educating, said Betty Mendoza, an administrative technician with the affirmative action office.

"Young people will go through these programs and then become part of the hiring pool," Mendoza said.

**Director search narrows for registration and records**

By Sarah Scalet  
Staff Reporter

The search for a new director of registration and records at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been narrowed to 14 candidates, an official said Friday.

Peg Blake, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said a selection committee reviewed 48 applications that were sent to UNL in response to advertisements for the position in two national publications.

The 11-member selection committee, made up of students, faculty and staff, rated each applicant's character and experience, she said.

Experience managing a large budget, supervising staff members and working in a registration office were included in the committee's ratings, she said.

Because UNL may upgrade its computer system, each applicant's

knowledge of current technology was also considered, Blake said.

During the next few weeks, committee members will contact remaining candidates to see if they are still interested in the position, she said. Members will then contact each candidate's references.

The committee will pick three to six candidates Dec. 11 to recommend to James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, Blake said. Griesen will decide who to bring to UNL for an interview, she said.

Interviews will be conducted in January. Blake said she hopes the decision will be made by mid-February.

The new director will replace interim director Bob Reid as soon as his or her current job allows, she said.

Ted Pfeifer, former director of registration and records, took a position Aug. 1 at the University of Texas at Austin, Blake said.

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Beginning midnight Friday, Nov. 22

9:57 a.m. — Two-vehicle non-injury accident, East Campus loop, \$1,200.

10:23 a.m. — Two-vehicle non-injury accident, East Campus loop, \$800.

10:24 a.m. — Two-vehicle non-injury accident, East Campus loop, \$1,150.

10:24 a.m. — License plates stolen, parking lot at 19th and R streets, \$15.

11:44 a.m. — Female fainted, Harper-Schramm-Smith food service.

2:23 p.m. — Vehicle fire, meter parking lot west of Memorial Stadium, \$3,000.

2:34 p.m. — Hit-and-run auto accident, parking lot at 10th and Avery streets, \$100.

3:50 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Memorial Stadium, \$25.

4:12 p.m. — Bicycle stolen, Nebraska Hall, \$360.

5:29 p.m. — Hit-and-run auto accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith parking lot, \$700.

Beginning midnight Saturday, Nov. 23

11:00 a.m. — Hit-and-run auto accident, 1125 N. 16th St., \$300.

11:28 a.m. — Flute stolen, Westbrook Music Building, \$1,525.

11:46 a.m. — Hit-and-run auto accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith parking lot, \$50.

1:08 p.m. — Convertible top slashed, parking lot at 19th and R streets, \$500.

Beginning midnight Sunday, Nov. 24

2:10 a.m. — Third-degree assault, man pushed woman, Abel Residence Hall.

4:07 a.m. — Third-degree assault, two men fighting, man injured wrist, Abel Residence Hall.

4:45 p.m. — Two-vehicle non-injury accident, parking lot at 16th and R streets, \$400.

5:08 p.m. — Purse stolen from auto, parking lot west of Memorial Stadium, \$50.

7:26 p.m. — Wallet stolen, 905 N. 16th St., \$25.