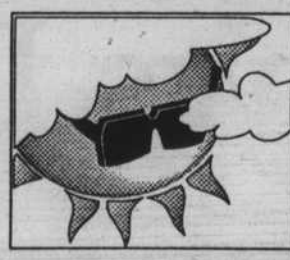


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## Officials examines UNL peer group

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

UNL's peer group could change if a chancellor's committee determines that it does not reflect the university, an official said Tuesday.

Herbert Howe, associate to the chancellor and chairman of a committee formed this fall to evaluate UNL's peer group, said the committee was prompted by questions raised in the Legislature about UNL's peer group.

"The process we're in now is trying to decide what comparative groups are used for and what they are not used for," he said. "Once that's done, we'll move forward with an examination if the current peer group is the correct one."

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's peer group — Illinois, Iowa State, Maryland, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Purdue, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin — is used to evaluate UNL's performance against other universities.

Faculty salaries are one area of comparison. Last spring, Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, chairman of the Legislature's appropriations committee, expressed reservations about determining UNL's faculty salaries based upon its current peer group, saying that the institutions were not similar.

Moore cited report findings that place UNL below its current peer institutions in student enrollment, research expenditures, tuition, salaries and in degrees awarded in some fields.

He said then that he hoped a new group could be formed on which both the Legislature and UNL could agree.

Howe said that he thought salary considerations had played a part in the decision to examine UNL's peer group.

"That certainly was a part of it," he said. "I suspect it (the motivation) varies with different individuals, but some of the concern came out of the appropriations committee."

George Tuck, president of the Academic Senate, said many faculty members support the retention of UNL's current peer group.

"Faculty, to a large extent, still believe the existing peer group is a realistic one because it recognizes the fact that institutions in the group are the ones we compete with for faculty," he said.

Tuck said he thought it would be incorrect to attack UNL's peer group as a way of attacking faculty salaries.

Committee member Michael Mulnix, interim assistant to the chan-

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Mammoth task

Chip Gossett, a freshman architecture major, sketches a mammoth in Morrill Hall for a beginning drawing class.

Kiley Timperley/DN

## NU press helping European transition

By Adeana Leftin  
Senior Reporter

### Director says teaching needed

The University Press hopes to continue teaching survival lessons to Eastern European university presses that want to know how to cope in market economies.

Within the past 12 to 15 months, staff members from the University Press have traveled to the Charles University Press in Prague, Czechoslovakia to set up desktop publishing computers.

And Daniel Ross, assistant director and editor of the University Press, said the Nebraska publishing company is reaching out to other countries.

NU press officials have been sharing their knowledge about selling books with representatives from Prague.

"We're showing them how to gear

up for survival in a universe where they have to sell their books and have to compete," Ross said.

Because of the press's success in Prague, Ross said he thinks it is time to invest in other countries.

Besides setting up computers, the staff members also showed the Prague press how to write contracts with authors, set up and meet payrolls and handle shipping orders to bookstores.

"They had never had to do that because the state took care of everything," Ross said. "It gives them a lot of responsibility, but it gives them a lot more room to fail."

But, he said, the Czechoslovakians were quick learners and often asked questions that were over the heads of officials from the University Press.

"They are very ready to rejoin the rest of the world," Ross said.

The university may be interested in targeting Lithuania and Romania next, he said. The two countries have old, established universities, Ross said, and before the Iron Curtain fell, both had university presses.

Before any commitments are made, however, Ross said the NU press would have to do more research to establish Lithuanian and Romanian needs and interest in gaining advice.

Also, he said, the University Press must receive another grant of more than \$30,000 from the U.S. Information Agency that financed its work in Czechoslovakia.

Ross said the University Press

became involved with Czechoslovakia by chance. He said a press staff member met with Czech officials visiting the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The officials mentioned needing computers, and the press stepped in by helping them acquire and set up the desktop publishing computers, Ross said.

NU also gets something out of the exchange of information, Ross said. Now that the press knows more about Czechoslovakia, he said, it has considered printing a series of books about the country and its culture.

He said the Prague press would be able to put the University of Nebraska in contact with Czech authors and researchers who might be interested in publishing in the United States.

"It's nice to know that you can be of help to someone," Ross said.

## Foundation's private status valid, letter states

### State official says some organization duties public, though

By Chris Tipton  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska Foundation's status as a private organization is not affected by its involvement in managing university funds, according to an opinion recently issued by the Nebraska state ombudsman.

In a Nov. 22 letter to Lee Booker, president of the Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Nebraska, Marshall Lux stated

that "the foundation is a private corporate entity and I do not believe that this status can be said to change simply because the foundation acts as trustee for property or funds donated for the benefit of the university."

The coalition had questioned whether the foundation was a private or public entity and therefore subject to Nebraska public open meetings laws.

Lux's opinion said that because the foundation is a private corporation, it is not subject to divestment statutes, public records law or public open meetings law.

"It's essentially a private foundation," Lux said.

However, he said that in the course

of investigating whether the foundation is a public or private organization, he discovered instances in which funds belonging to the university were being managed by the foundation. Those funds are considered state funds and subject to divestment and public records laws.

Those funds include the Minorities Scholarship Fund, the Woods Scholarship Fund, the Wolfe Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Broady Scholarship Fund and the Martin C. Hemsworth Scholarship Fund.

Paul Olson, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln English professor and member of the coalition, said he welcomes Lux's recognition that some

funds managed by the foundation are public.

"My understanding is that, in the past, public money has been handled (by the foundation) in closed meetings," Olson said.

The foundation needs to establish two boards to handle public and private monies, he said.

Theresa Klein, director of public relations for the University of Nebraska Foundation, said that in 1967, the NU Board of Regents passed a resolution encouraging all private funds to be given directly to the foundation.

Terry Fairfield, president of the foundation, could not be reached for comment.

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## Post-game celebration costs \$6,300 in damage to stadium

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The removal of two goal posts and damage to one of the 25-second clocks Friday at Memorial Stadium will cost \$6,300 — \$3,000 per goal post and \$300 for the time clock, a UNL police official said.

The damage occurred when fans rushed the football field after Nebraska defeated Oklahoma, 19-14.

L.L. Mylo Bushing said the removal of goal posts is illegal and considered criminal mischief, but asked, "Who's the guilty person

when so many people are involved?"

"Our objective is to keep people from tearing down the goal posts at least until the game is over and be concerned that nobody gets hurt," Bushing said.

The tearing down of the goal posts has been a tradition at UNL, he said, and UNL police don't have the manpower to prevent it.

"As of now there is no solution for this problem in the future," he said. "Things will stay the way they are for now."

"Spectators want to enjoy the victory and have part of a souvenir."