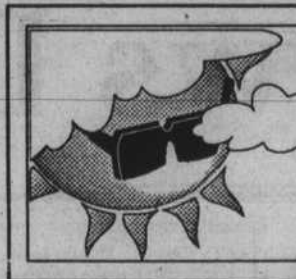


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tuesday, partly sunny with a high near 70.

Consultants suggest new UNL peer group

Peer group comparison

NU Board of Regents will take a closer look at the proposed schools

CURRENT PEER GROUP	NEWEST RECOMMENDED PEER GROUP
Ohio State Purdue Iowa State Illinois Minnesota Missouri Maryland Penn State Wisconsin Michigan State	Ohio State Purdue Iowa State Illinois Minnesota Missouri Colorado State Colorado Iowa Kansas

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Report merits more review, officials say

By Dionne Searcey
Senior Editor

Officials at the NU Board of Regents meeting Saturday said they would take a closer look at the peer group recommendation before they decided whether to approve it.

In January, the university system hired three consultants, all former university presidents, who revealed their choice Saturday for a new UNL peer group.

If officials approve the new group, four schools that the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln now compares itself with would be replaced with four others.

The consultants included Bryce Jordan, president emeritus of Pennsylvania State at University Park, Robert O. Marston, president emeritus of the University of Florida at Miami and Edward J. Boling, president emeritus of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

The consultants recommended that Colorado State, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa State, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State and Purdue become UNL's new peer group. Colorado State, Colorado, Iowa and Kansas would replace Maryland, Penn State, Wisconsin and Michigan State.

George Tuck, Academic Senate president, said officials should not act in haste when deciding whether to support the recommended peer group.

"I think the report bears more careful rec-

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Forum gathers input on new disability act

Extent, cost of changes unknown

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Questions of how the University of Nebraska-Lincoln must change to comply with new federal disability legislation and the cost of these changes were raised at a forum Friday in the East Union.

The American Disabilities Act self-study committee, appointed by former Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity officer Brad Munn in December, called for the forum to answer questions about and solicit input on the ADA.

Nine people attended the forum. The ADA, a federal law that went into effect Jan. 26, requires that public institutions make all their programs — but not necessarily all their facilities — accessible to disabled Americans. It requires public institutions to conduct self-evaluations to determine what steps they need to take to comply with the law.

"This forum is part of that process so we can get input from the university," said Carmen Maurer, acting Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity officer.

Rich McDermott, director of facilities management at UNL and co-chairman of the self-study committee, encouraged the audience to voice its concerns, which he said the committee would include in its report.

Ted Hartung, associate vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, asked the committee how far off UNL was from requirements, and when the deadline for compliance was.

"I suppose the concern is the unknown," he said.

McDermott said he did not anticipate "a great list of tens of millions of dollars (in changes) on the building side."

Before the ADA was passed, he said, UNL already was subject to the federal Rehabilitation Act, which

required public institutions to make their federally funded programs accessible.

With the passage of the ADA, McDermott said, UNL now must make all its programs, but not necessarily all its facilities, accessible. He said the ADA required public institutions to have their programs accessible by January 1995.

Carol Fritz, an administrative assistant in the biological systems engineering department, asked who would pay for any changes UNL had to make — the university or the state.

Committee members said they were not sure who would pay the bill.

"Right now, we are certainly hoping the state will help," McDermott said. "We'll know how much we're hoping the state will be there after we finish the self study . . . and we know how much it will cost."

"I guess the only answer to your question is the people of the state of Nebraska."

Fritz also asked what kind of training or education would be given to UNL faculty and staff to help them comply with the ADA.

Committee member Christy Horn, coordinator of services for students with disabilities, said educating people was a major obstacle that UNL faced.

UNL has more of a problem with attitudes than facilities, she said. The university must create an understanding of what kinds of attitudes exist and how they can be changed, she said.

"I think we've done a lot," she said. "We still have a lot to do."

Maurer said in an interview that she thought people were unnecessarily concerned about the degree of cost and change the ADA would require.

"People are concerned that this is going to take lots of money to change facilities," she said. "But the spirit is to make simple, creative changes to provide accessibility."

Maurer used the example of a class that was held on the third floor of a building that did not have an elevator. To make it accessible, she said, the class could simply be moved to the first floor.



William Lauer/DN

Ride 'em cowboy

Lee Hetletved, a competitor from South Dakota State University at Brookings, charges after a calf during the calf-roping event Saturday at the 34th Annual College Rodeo. See story on pages 6 and 7.

Three women among candidates

From Staff Reports

Three of the five candidates for senior vice chancellor of academic affairs at UNL are women, the search committee's chairwoman said Sunday.

Jean Aigner, executive dean of international affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said she was pleased that the list of finalists included three women.

"We had not factored (gender) in our review of people," Aigner said. "We feel very comfortable with the group we've selected."

The candidates are:

- Robert Altenkirch, dean of the engineering college at Mississippi State at Starkville.

- Madeleine Goodman, assistant vice president for academic affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

- Joan R. Leitzel, director of the Division of Materials Development, Research and Informal Science Education at the National Science Foundation and professor of mathematics at Ohio State at Newark.

- Ann Morey, dean of the education college at San Diego State University.

- A. "Ravi" Ravindran, professor of industrial engineering and associate provost at the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Starting next week, Aigner said, each finalist will visit UNL for several days. The candidates will interview with Chancellor Graham Spanier, Academic Senate executive committee members, vice chancellors, deans, directors and others.

Ravindran will visit UNL next week, she said. Morey, Goodman and Altenkirch will visit the first week in May, and Leitzel will visit sometime in mid-May.

MONDAY

Correction: A photo in Friday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly identified Ron Fuller as a staff assistant for the UNL Police Department. Fuller is with Parking Services. Also in Friday's Daily Nebraskan, an article incorrectly identified James Zank as an office manager at the Environmental Resource Center. Zank is a member of Ecology Now.

An article in Friday's Daily Nebraskan should have said that a peer group up for discussion by the regents had not yet been identified.

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