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UNL continues vice chancellor search

Hines leaves post after changing mind

By DeDra Janssen
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln still does not have a vice chancellor for research.

Anthony Hines formally accepted a position as the new vice chancellor for research last Friday, but about two hours after he accepted the position, he changed his mind.

Mike Mulnix, executive director of university relations, said Hines declined the position for personal reasons.

Hines is the dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Missouri.

"There's a lot of speculation why Hines changed his mind," Mulnix said. "The chancellor has not had an opportunity to talk with him yet. Right now we're just accepting the fact that he

declined the position, and we won't press the issue.

"We regret the fact he didn't accept. He was definitely the top candidate."

Hines was offered a salary of \$127,500.

Mulnix said that the search committee for the new vice chancellor, which has been reviewing approximately 100 nominations and applicants for the position for the past two years, will be reconvening within a few weeks.

"They will be talking about the process," Mulnix said. "They have a variety of options."

The Committee may decide to reopen the search or bring back finalists, he said. It will make a recommendation to Chancellor Graham Spanier.

Herb Howe, a member of the search committee, said he thought it would be most advisable to restart the process.

He said the next step would be deciding whether the search commit-

tee will be the same, or whether a new committee will be chosen.

"The old committee has been working on this for two years. We can't impose on their time anymore," Howe said. "But the old committee is experienced and they know what they're doing, so the chancellor may decide to give them another shot."

The search was stopped once before when previous UNL Interim Chancellor Martin Massengale, a member of the committee, became president of the university. It was decided that it wouldn't be a good idea for him to be an interim on the committee.

"Hines declining the the position has definitely set us back," Mulnix said.

The administration had hoped to fill the position by August 1, when the new vice chancellor for academic affairs will be installed.

"It would be nice to have the position filled before the beginning of the school year," Mulnix said.

Agricultural education is new and improved

System will allow teaching over air

By Sam S. Kepfield
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Heralded as the beginning of a new era in agricultural education, the Agricultural Satellite Corporation was formally dedicated last Friday at the Nebraska Educational Television Center.

Milton Wise of Clemson University presided over the dedication ceremony, and said that in three years of operation, AG*SAT has already "ex-

ceeded our dreams and hopes."

AG*SAT, headquartered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a consortium of 23 land-grant universities in partnership with the USDA, and is funded by the federal government. The primary purpose behind AG*SAT is to broaden the curriculum available to agriculture students at land-grant universities by teaching courses via satellite.

Because of budget cuts at some institutions, certain courses have been dropped; AG*SAT provides an inexpensive means of vastly increasing the courses available to students. It is expected to be extended to all 72 land-

grant universities.

John Patrick Jordan, a USDA administrator who spoke via satellite from Washington D.C., said an attractive feature of AG*SAT was that its courses were taught by experts in various agricultural fields.

"Distance learning can be at least as effective as the traditional classroom," Jordan said.

But, Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, also joining via satellite, said perhaps the most important aspect of AG*SAT is that it displayed the leadership of land-grant universities in meeting the

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UNL pursuing sports equity

Nebraska athletics attempting to provide equality for sexes

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

Gender equity in sports is a challenge that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is meeting, an official said.

Barbara Hibner, assistant to the athletic director in charge of women's sports, said the university has done a good job of providing equitable services for women athletes.

She said there is equality in sharing of facilities, medical services and coaches.

But, Hibner said, inequities do occur in the shortage of women in top administrative positions and in a lack of resources for recruiting.

Recently, the Chronicle of Higher Education released figures showing that, while 50.3 percent of the county's college students are women, they only make up 30.9 percent of college athletes.

At UNL, 44.6 percent of the students are female and 25.7 percent of the athletes are

women.

Officials said football accounts for most of the disparity at UNL and other Division I colleges.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association allows 92 scholarships for football, which is more than all of the scholarships allowed for women's sports.

Disparity exists despite federal Title IX legislation that is supposed to ensure equity in athletics and education.

Title IX, signed into law in 1972, states that there should be no discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that receives federal financial assistance.

The Federal Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights conducts periodic audits to enforce the law.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, said that traditionally, athletic departments leave football out of the equation when determining compliance.

He said the general interpretation is that there should be equity in facilities, opportunity and coaching, but not necessarily equity in raw

Athletic scholarship expenditures

	MEN	WOMEN
Colorado	1,461,444	559,013
Missouri	918,485	406,936
Nebraska	1,168,541	528,869
Oklahoma	1,022,073	530,058
Iowa State	1,198,730	611,830
Kansas State	729,479	267,363
Oklahoma State	886,966	278,241

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education

numbers of participants and scholarships.

Hibner said the predominance of football is not a major concern for her.

"We as administrators and coaches have got to understand there will be sports afforded more popularity," Hibner said. "Would we have what

we have without football?"

In fact, Hibner said, the football program's national reputation helps with the recruiting of women athletes.

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Kevin Harding of Lincoln spends his Tuesday afternoon putting metal seals around the windows of the Apothecary Building, 140 N. 8th St. Harding works for Firestone Sheet Metal and Roofing Company.

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