

Commission

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mission, said the disagreement between the commission and university officials should not be taken personally.

"People should not misinterpret differences of opinion to reflect relationships," he said. "We are all professionals."

"We simply have to agree to disagree," he said. "Half of working with people is understanding."

The mission of the coordinating commission is more than just to coordinate higher education, Stahl said. It is to regulate it as well.

"Although we are coordinating, we are a regulating body," he said. "That's hard for most people to understand."

Massengale disagreed, saying that the group was set up strictly as a coordinator.

"As long as they stay in coordinating position, (there's) no problem," he said. "My own personal feeling was they were getting into governing."

Because the commission is a new organization, Stahl said, the regents as well as other education governing boards felt threatened.

"If I was in their case, I would feel imposed upon if that autonomy was totally taken away," Stahl said. "If I was in their place, I wouldn't like it."

The power of the commission, Stahl said, hasn't affected how members do their jobs.

"It's important to remember never to be a jerk; you've got to use good judgement," he said. "This is not a power play on anyone's part — that's very inappropriate."

Regardless of the two governing boards' motivations, having two lists looming over the the university ultimately will cause confusion, Sen. Scott Moore of Seward said.

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Executive director of the
commission

Moore, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said legislators would look at both lists when determining university appropriations.

However, he said, "it would be simpler if we were singing out of the same hymn book."

The commission and regents used different methods when comprising their peer lists. The regents hired three former university presidents with no ties to UNL to determine their list. They selected universities with similar budgets, programs and salaries.

Faculty salaries weren't a consideration on the commission's list.

"We've refused to let faculty salaries get involved; it's irrelevant to what we're doing," Stahl said. "We did not structure the concept of salaries into what we did."

Budget review, tuition fees study and program review were the main objectives for the commission's list, narrowed down from 150 institutions selected by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems of Boulder, Colo.

Massengale said the regents selection group had a background in higher education, and the commission's process primarily used numbers. He also was concerned with the exclusion of faculty salaries.

"If you are making budget (comparisons), faculties are a major part," Massengale said. "You can't leave it out."

Commission officials said they weren't concerned with the universities' specific structures.

"We examined the institution. We did not worry about labels," Stahl said. "We virtually were blind to names."

"We weren't thinking what they were called. If they're similar, they're similar."

Stahl said some people's fears that the commission's list would hamper UNL's future growth were unfounded.

"(People are saying) this list is like building a fence around UNL, they aren't going to grow," he said. "That's completely inaccurate."



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Along with the wish-list letters, Doyle said UPC event directors would go to the different student organizations and tell the groups about the events and activities UPC has planned.

"This will be a major time commitment from everyone," Doyle said.

"It will be impossible for the event directors to meet with all the groups. That's why student volunteers are so important," he said. "Student volunteers are the key to this policy being successful."

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Beginning midnight Thursday

12:27 a.m. — Non-student assaulted, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, 715 N. 16th St.

9:25 a.m. — Stereo stolen, parking lot at 17th and R streets, \$100.

12:17 p.m. — Speakers/tapes stolen, parking lot at Harper-Schramm-Smith, \$260.

2:45 p.m. — Backpack/purse stolen, Home Economics Building, \$144.

3:30 p.m. — Bike stolen, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, 1425 R St., \$125.

3:39 p.m. — Books stolen, Love Library, \$102.

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3:52 a.m. — Mirror stolen, Burr Hall, \$150.

4:43 a.m. — Fire bell stolen, Schramm Hall, recovered, no loss.

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8:59 a.m. — Bike stolen, Pound Hall, \$400.

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