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Peters accepts vice chancellor position at Tennessee-Knoxville

By Lisa Vernon
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Arts and Sciences will soon be losing 20 years of experience following the resignation of the college's dean, John Peters.



Peters

Last week, Peters accepted an offer from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville to become its vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Peters' resignation from UNL is effective on July 31. He will assume his duties at Tennessee in August.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to join UT as the chief academic

officer," Peters said. "UT is an institution very similar to UNL in many aspects, so I think I will feel very comfortable there."

In his position at Tennessee, Peters will be responsible for 13 academic and professional colleges, academic planning and budgeting, faculty development and student recruitment and retention.

He said UNL prepared him well for the duties he will assume in Knoxville.

"I feel I have great experience for my job at UT because of my job as dean here," Peters said. "The Arts and Sciences College at UNL is the largest college in the state, so I work with numerous amounts of people, just like I will need to at my job in Tennessee."

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said he wished Peters the best in his new position at Tennessee.

"The university has been extremely fortunate to have had John Peters as a

talented faculty member and dedicated administrator for 20 years," Spanier said. "He has been one of the university's most visionary and able leaders."

"I know he will provide excellent leadership for the University of Tennessee. We congratulate him on this impressive appointment," he said.

A professor of political science, Peters has been a dean since 1989. He joined UNL in 1973 as an assistant professor of political science, and was promoted to associate professor in 1978 and to full professor in 1983.

During his years at UNL, Peters has been recognized and praised for his work by his colleagues.

"He made a very bright contribution to the teaching and researching side as well as the excellent job he did on the administrative side," UNL political science professor David

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NU weathers long budget storm

By Jeff Zeleny
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After five months of wrangling over the state's budget, the 93rd Legislature adjourned Tuesday with good news for the University of Nebraska.

On a 37-9 vote, the Legislature voted to override Gov. Ben Nelson's Monday veto, which would have cut \$3.9 million from the NU Budget in the next biennium.

"The Legislature and governor have agreed on 99.9 percent of the

budget—the one-tenth is higher education," Sen. Scott Moore of Seward said. "We might as well just have 100 percent of the issue we agree on."

Moore, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said the disagreement between the governor and the Legislature was slight, but important enough to push for the override to preserve higher education in Nebraska.

"Every time I go to graduation parties, the graduates said they're going to out of state schools because they don't think the university is that hot of a place," he said during closing arguments. "Let's override and put our money where our mouth is and keep higher education in place."

The override also saved \$557,564

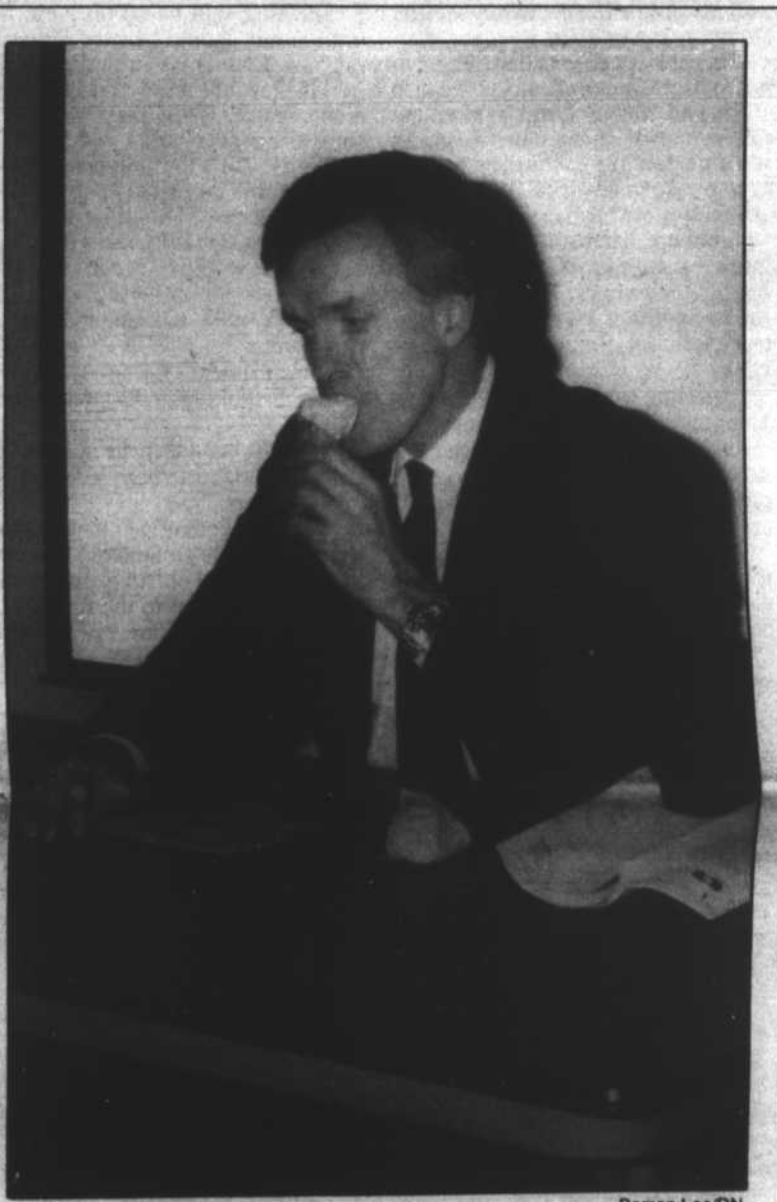
from the state college budget and \$598,933 from the community college system.

The university was targeted for cuts the entire legislative session. In January, during Gov. Nelson's State of the State Address, no university cuts were proposed. The Appropriations Committee announced a \$13.98 million cut in February.

In April, the cuts, which represented five percent of the total NU budget, were cut in half by the Appropriations Committee.

Chris Peterson, former lobbyist for the Government Liaison Committee, said the original cuts probably weren't realistic, but were taken seriously.

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Damon Lee/DN

Senatorial Bite

U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) eats an ice cream cone from the UNL Dairy Store while talking to reporters last Friday. Kerrey was on hand to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of UNL's Food Processing Center on East Campus.

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Graduation rates improving for Nebraska athletes

The graduation rate for student-athletes who received first-time financial aid in 1986-87 as compared to the graduation rate of all students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Source: Al Papik, senior associate athletic director

Scott Monroe/DN

Nebraska athletes make the grade

By Carma Loontjer
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Not only do Nebraska athletes get the spotlight for their physical abilities, but they are showing they deserve it for their academics as well.

In a recent report on graduation rates for University of Nebraska-Lincoln athletes who received scholarships beginning in the 1986-87 school year, UNL athletes had a 14 percent higher graduation rate than the rest of the students who started taking classes in that year.

Overall, these rates were also 14 percent higher than the 1983-84 and

1984-85 athletes on scholarship.

Sixty-five percent of the male and 59 percent of the female student-athletes who started in 1986-87 school year have graduated, the report said.

This is significantly higher than the rates for the student body overall. Only 48 percent of men and 53 percent of women in the general student body have graduated during the same time period, which averages out to a graduation rate of 50 percent for students who are not on athletic scholarships.

Roger Grooters, director of academic programs for the UNL Athletic Department, said a sophisticated support program for student athletes was

one reason the graduation rate was higher.

"All freshmen athletes and those athletes with a GPA of less than 2.0 are required to go to study table every day during the academic year," Grooters said. "They can either study, work with tutors that the university provides or have graduate assistants help them in their learning," said.

Even before receiving an athletic scholarship, the athlete must show academic potential, Grooters said. Athletes must have an ACT score of at least 17 or a combined SAT score of 700. They must also have a cumula-

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