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Van Horn named V.P.

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

James C. Van Horn will be recommended to the NU Board of Regents to become the vice president for business and finance for the University of Nebraska, NU President Martin Massengale announced Wednesday.

Van Horn is expected to be confirmed Saturday at the regent's monthly meeting. He has held the position of interim vice president since May 1992, when Alan Seagren vacated the position to return to a professorship in the UNL Teachers College.

"We conducted a thorough, na-

tional search for a person to fill this crucial position," Massengale said in a statement, "and we interviewed a number of outstanding candidates."

Joe Rowson, director of NU public relations, said three candidates made the final cut for the position. Dr. Richard L. Margison, associate vice president for business and finance at the University of Illinois and Roy M. Merolli, vice president for finance and administration at Eastern Connecticut State University were finalists.

Van Horn said he has known about the permanent position since Mon-

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Student recovering from accident

By Jeff Zeleny
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Summer renovations at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house turned into tragedy last week for Eric Lindvall.

Lindvall, a member of the fraternity, became pinned under 1,400 pounds of drywall sheets after trying to get into his room Sunday, June 6.

The fraternity is undergoing construction, and was not occupied by students at the time of the accident.

Construction workers rescued him after being pinned against a wall for 13 hours, police reports said.

Lindvall, 20, a junior secondary education major, was listed in fair condition Wednesday at Lincoln General Hospital. He was upgraded from critical condition and moved from the intensive care unit to modified intensive care, nursing supervisor Kathy Peregrine said.

Kevin Hervert, a senior advertising major and Lindvall's roommate, said Wednesday that Lindvall's condition was improving.

Family, friends and fraternity brothers have been by his side constantly since the accident, Hervert said.

"He has a lot of close friends in the house and also from Kearney," Hervert said.

Lindvall lost his left leg below the knee in the accident, Peregrine said, but the chances of saving his right leg were good.

Tim Umshler, an American Family Insurance casual field claim examiner, said Wednesday that Robison Construction of Lincoln was remodeling the fraternity house.

"We do insure Robison Construction and we are making an investigation," he said. "It's too early to tell if there will be a claim."

Hervert said the state of shock Lindvall's family and friends felt last week was diminishing, but they were still finding it hard to believe the accident happened.

"They are just coming out of the initial stages of shock," he said. "I just felt like he's going to walk in any minute and tell me what to do."

Lindvall was the Delta Upsilon summer rush chairman, and Hervert said he will try to remain active in rush.

"We're going to try to get him involved as much as possible," he said.



Damon Lee/DN

Sharon Kuska takes a break on the porch she designed for her family's farm home near Exeter. Kuska, who is an assistant professor at UNL's College of Architecture, recently received her PhD in civil engineering from UNL.

Family, academic life balanced

By DeDra Janssen
Staff Reporter

Imagine being a teacher, student, wife, mother and commuter.

Sharon Kuska does them all.

Kuska, an assistant professor in the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, received her doctorate degree in civil engineering from UNL in May as

her husband and three children watched.

Since 1988, Kuska has pursued her doctorate degree, and it hasn't been easy, she said.

"It's tough, but you can make it," Kuska said. "It can only make you a better person; the light at the end of the tunnel isn't a train," she said.

Kuska received her bachelor's of science and architectural studies from UNL in 1982 and her master's of science and civil engineering from UNL in 1984.

In 1986, after she married her husband Galen, Kuska accepted a job at UNL as an assistant professor of ar-

chitecture.

Kuska said she started working toward her doctorate in 1988, but she had to put it on hold until 1990 to have her three children: Casey, 5, Allee, 4 and Megan, 3.

"I kept having to drop my classes," she said.

But from 1990 to 1993, Kuska balanced her family life, job and studies.

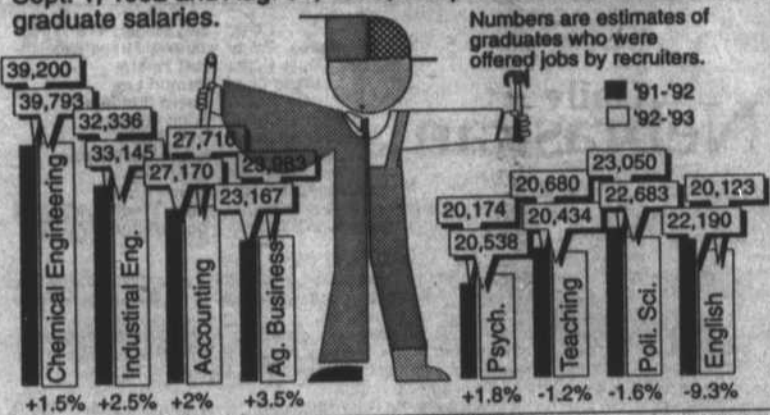
Kuska said that she would spend the day at work from 8 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m. Then she would make the one-hour drive home to

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Pay for graduates

National starting salaries for students who graduated between Sept. 1, 1992 and Aug. 31, 1993, compared to 1991-1992 graduate salaries.



Source: College Placement Council's Salary Survey, March 1993

Scott Monroe/DN

Graduates face lower salaries

By Mindy Leiter
Staff Reporter

Students preparing to graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the future might face a two-tiered problem after receiving their diplomas.

According to a recent report by the College Placement Council, jobs found through recruiting have been slim. And those fortunate enough to be offered a job should not plan to see much of an increase in starting salaries from last year.

They also might see a decrease in starting salaries, depending on their degree and field they enter.

While the inflation rate continues to grow, Larry Routh, UNL's director of career planning and placement, said the job market remained static for those who have recently graduated or are soon planning to graduate.

The job market for graduating seniors is "tougher and more competitive" than it has been in years, Routh said.

"An ad in the paper with a basic bachelor of arts requirement and not a very narrow description of required skills will draw 200-300 applications," Routh said. "Employers are easily receiving as many as two times the applications as they would three or four years ago."

Routh said the tighter job markets for graduates are because of conservative hiring practices of Fortune 500 companies, coupled with the dismantling of numerous positions.

"With the downsizing of the military, you have military people in the job market looking; then you have part time and temporary workers who want full-time work," Routh said.

Routh said the recent growth of people in the job market has not left graduates unemployed, but has left them underemployed in jobs with few benefits and low pay.

"Unemployment still has not

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