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## REEL SKILL



Jon Waller/DN

Jerry Cash of Lincoln spends a relaxing afternoon fishing at Holmes Lake. Using corn and colored miniature marshmallows, Cash caught four rainbow trout in 30 minutes.

## Suspending scholarships hurts students, regent says

By Matthew Walte

Senior Reporter

Melinda Horkey would be in Dayton, Ohio, today if not for the Walter Scott Engineering Scholarship, which is awarded to six UNL and UNO students each year.

Horkey, a junior chemical engineering major, chose UNL over the University of Dayton because of the \$3,300 scholarship.

But Regent Robert Allen of Hastings confirmed a report in Sunday's Lincoln Journal-Star that the issuance of new scholarships would be suspended until the University of Nebraska resolved the debate over a new college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"There are a lot of young people being hurt while they play hard ball," Allen said from his home.

No new scholarships will be awarded, but students like Horkey who are currently on the renewable scholarship would not be affected.

Horkey said she was sorry to hear the scholarship was pulled because it attracted top students to UNL's engineering program.

"If you start letting the best people go out of state, it's easy for them to not come back," she said. Horkey said the "brain drain" in Nebraska, where the top students go out of state for college, would only get worse without the Scott scholarship.

The scholarship was named for Walter Scott, former chairman of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc. The corporation provides funds for the scholarship. His son, Walter Scott, is the company's current chairman, and he made the decision to suspend the scholarship. Scott could not be reached for comment Sunday.

A coalition of Omaha engineering businesses, of which Scott is a member, has said a separate college would provide continuing education to their employees and an economic boost to the state.

UNL has Nebraska's only engineering college, but administers some classes at UNO.

Opponents to the new college have said UNL's program is under-funded, and a new college would be too costly.

Horkey said she opposed a new college and felt UNL's program was already financially disadvantaged.

Many out-of-state schools have better facilities and better funding than Lincoln, she said.

"There's a lot that's not good about engineering here," Horkey said. "The money is not around here, and it's the Walter Scott Scholarships that bring scholars here."

Angie Lucking, also a scholarship winner and a junior chemical engineering major, said the move by Scott was an attempt to put pressure on NU to establish a separate college.

She said it was his money, but it looked like Scott was trying to wield influence.

Lucking and Jennie Akerlund, also a Scott scholarship winner and junior chemical engineering major, said the scholarship also drew them to UNL, like Horkey.

## Few problems found on safety walk

### Committee plans more lighting, tree trimming on campus

By DeDra Jansson

Senior Reporter

Deb Pearson said she didn't expect to be impressed on Saturday when she walked across campus at 4 a.m. But she was.

Pearson, a member of the police advisory committee at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was part of the biannual campus safety walk across City and East campuses.

The safety walk is designed to help UNL officials identify safety problems on the campuses, such as poorly lighted areas and overgrown trees and bushes.

UNL Police Sgt. Bill Manning said members of the Campus Safety Committee, the Police Advisory Committee and the Parking Advisory Committee participated in the safety walk. No students took part in the walk, Man-

ning said.

Pearson, director of circulation services at Love Library, went on the walk for the first time since it began about three years ago. She said she expected to find several safety problems.

"What I'd heard from several colleagues and students was that there were a few areas that really were uncomfortable to walk in at night," she said.

Pearson said she found few safety problems. The campuses had adequate lighting, she said, and more lighting is planned for areas needing it.

For example, she said, the area opposite the Beadle Center on 19th Street was not lighted last year. Two lights were installed in the area, and more will be added soon, she said.

Pearson said she was concerned how well the area near the library was lighted. A few street lights were out in the area, she said.

"Other than that, it was well lit," she said. Pearson also said she was impressed by the number of emergency phones on campus. Manning, who is chairman of the campus

safety committee and who also attended the walk, said lighting improved last year, especially on East Campus.

The area near Memorial Stadium, a past safety problem, is well-lighted, he said, and trees and bushes in the area were trimmed.

Manning said the group identified some burnt-out light bulbs that needed replacing.

Jay Schluckebier, assistant director of landscape services, also went on the safety walk. He said he noticed areas where lights needed to be relocated because trees blocked them out. Another option would be to trim or remove those trees, he said.

He said the group checked areas considered to pose safety problems, including the south side of Architecture Hall and the south side of the Dental College on East Campus.

A new sidewalk on East Campus was not lighted, Schluckebier said. Original plans for the sidewalk included lighting, he said, but there was no money.

"In my opinion," he said, "they shouldn't have built the sidewalk then."

## Engineering education task force sends report to Smith

By Sean McCarthy

Staff Reporter

The report from a task force on engineering education in Nebraska is in the hands of NU President Dennis Smith.

The nine-member task force charged with creating a plan for engineering education in the state delivered its report to Smith Friday. The report also includes a plan that would implement a separate engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Smith said that after he studied the report, he would give it to the NU

Board of Regents and anyone else who wanted it. He is expected to give his recommendation to the board in December.

Regent chairman Charles Wilson said Smith would need time to review the report. Once he is comfortable with the report, he will bring it to the board, Wilson said.

"The report will come to the board in order to address some of these questions in the report," he said.

Wilson said the board would vote on the proposal in early December and that he saw nothing to delay a vote.

He said the board had set aside December 9 and 10 for discussion.

The first meeting will allow time for a public hearing, he said.

Regent Robert Allen of Hastings said he expected lengthy debate. That debate will not end with a December vote, he said.

"It won't be over with, it will carry over to the next year, regardless of where the vote goes," he said.

If debate extends into next year, Allen said, it would have positive implications for both universities. Two incoming regents, Chuck Hassebrook and Drew Miller, will have new ideas on how to resolve is-

sue, Allen said.

Wilson said he was frustrated that the issue was being presented as a Lincoln vs. Omaha matter.

Though that conflict has been the "political flash point" of the issue, Wilson said, it is not the essential question.

The key question, Wilson said, is how best to meet the need for engineering education throughout the state.

"It seems to be an inappropriate thing to focus solely on a separate engineering college," Wilson said.

### DEVELOPMENTS

■ NU President Dennis Smith received the report from the task force charged with developing a plan for engineering in the state.

■ Walter Scott, who provides money to fund engineering scholarships in his father's name, announced no new scholarships would be awarded until the engineering debate was resolved. Scott is chairman of the Omaha engineering firm, Peter Kiewit Sons Inc.