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Student chosen for SEAL training

By Angie Schendt
Staff Reporter

Senior art major Scott Mazankowski knows how to overcome the odds.

The UNL NROTC midshipman from Columbus was one of two people in the nation selected for the Special Warfare program in the U.S. Navy, taking the first step in his seven-year goal of becoming a Navy SEAL and a commissioned officer.

He is the only person from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln NROTC to ever be selected into the program, which serves as training for the SEAL's Sea, Air and Land, an elite division of the U.S. Navy.

"Scott found the needle in the haystack," said Mark Bertsche, NROTC executive officer and commander, who helped Mazankowski through the three years it took to get into Special Warfare.

"It was like earning the lottery," Bertsche said. "You don't win anything here, you earn it."

The odds of getting into the special Warfare program were against Mazankowski from the start. No one from UNL had ever been selected, but many had applied. Only two spots were open to graduating officers from 66 NROTC units across the nation. The other spot went to a student from the University of Arizona.

Selection was based on leadership potential, high academic success and physical tests.

Being selected means taking a three-week Mini-BUDS (Basic Underwater Demolition School) class, making the odds even tougher.

Mazankowski attended the class last summer in San Diego, which is where he will attend a year-long BUDS class in April.

He was one of 22 people who completed the Mini-BUDS class. Thirty had started.

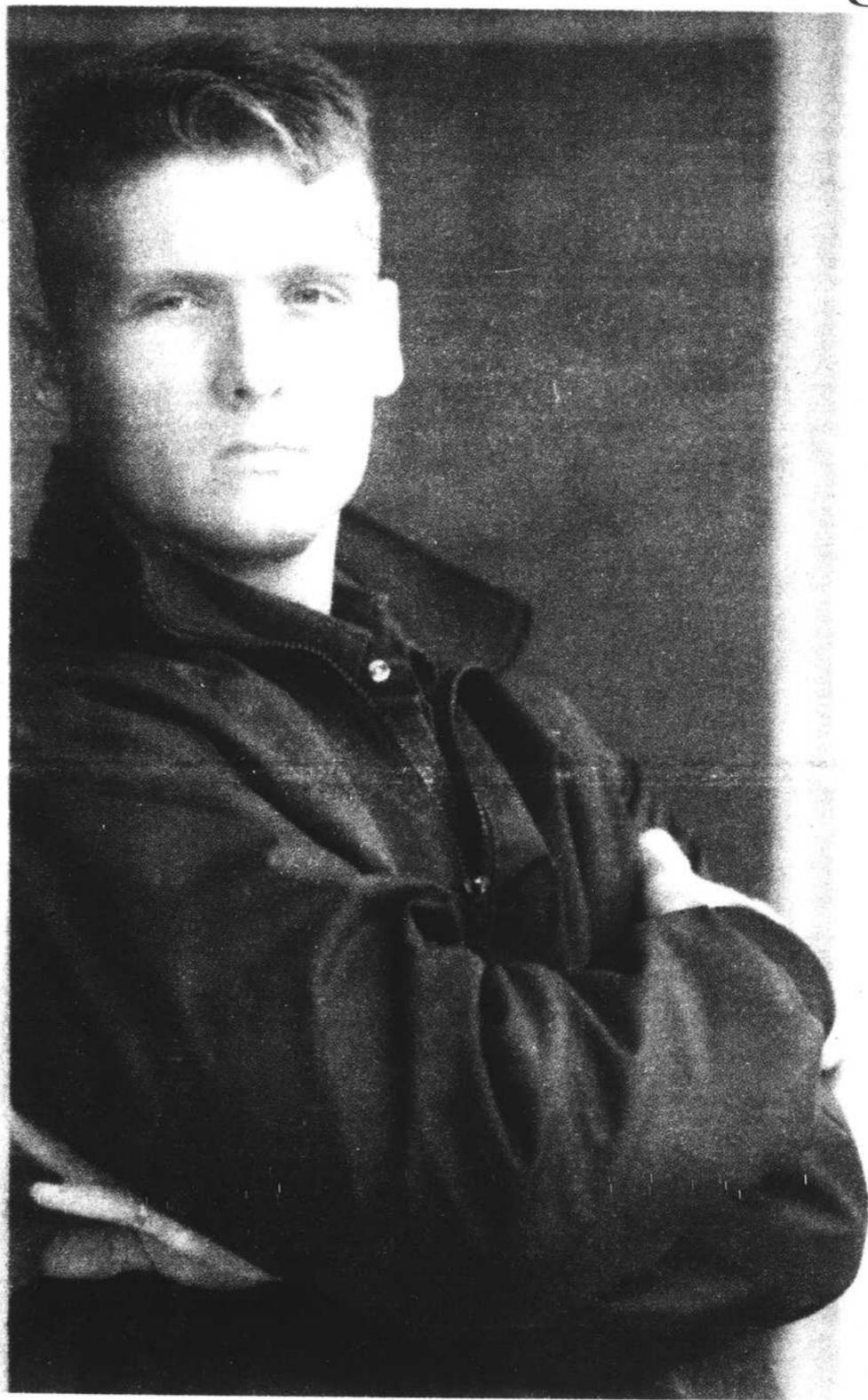
"It is one-tenth of what BUDS will be," Mazankowski said.

Only 30 percent of all who start the BUDS class finish it, he said. The two Special Warfare officers are expected to finish and help others finish, too.

Those who quit are there for the wrong reasons, Mazankowski said.

"It has to come from your heart," he said, "not because it is macho or cool, but because it is something that is treasured."

Mini-BUDS and BUDS training are physically demanding, but they



Jeff Haller/DN

Scott Mazankowski, a senior art major, is the first officer from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln NROTC to be selected into a Special Warfare program and train as a Navy SEAL.

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Campus welcomes Kozak

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Two months after Gratia T. Spanier accepted the president position at Pennsylvania State University, Iowa State Provost John Kozak quizzed him about the UNL chancellorship.

"I congratulated him and I asked him, 'Is it a double position?'" Kozak recalled Thursday. "His response was, 'I did it.'"

About six months after that brief telephone conversation with Spanier in May, Kozak visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as one of three finalists vying to become the next chancellor. UNL President Dennis Smith will recommend a new chancellor as early as next week.

As Kozak walked through the halls of the Canfield Administration Building Thursday and met with the chancellor's cabinet, he said he was fully aware of Spanier's success during his four years at UNL.

"He did some popular things," Kozak said, stressing that he was in Lincoln to replace the chancellor, not to be a Spanier substitute. "I can't make a judgment about his legacy."

Kozak, 55, is the first candidate to visit the university. He began his career as an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Notre Dame in 1968.

In 1988, he was appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia. He has held his post at Iowa State since 1992.

The remaining two candidates from the nationwide search will take a tour similar to Kozak's next week.

James Moeser, University of South Carolina provost and vice president for academic affairs, is scheduled to be in Lincoln Monday. Thomas George, Washington State University provost and academic vice president, arrives Tuesday.

After breakfast with members of the University Foundation Thursday morning, Kozak spent the day in private meetings with dozens of university administrators.

He met publicly with faculty and staff for about 90 minutes at an informal reception in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. Kozak shook hands and chatted briefly with more than 60 members of the faculty and administration.

His wife, Catherine, moved around

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New community channel polishes public access

By John Fulwider
Senior Reporter

The blue screen on Lincoln CableVision Channel 8 will disappear Dec. 1.

It will be replaced by Lincoln Community Cable Television, sponsored by CableVision. Rick Kiolbasa, CableVision director of human resources and public relations, confirmed the channel's launch at Thursday's Cable Advisory Board meeting.

In an interview after the meeting, Kiolbasa clarified the new channel's purpose.

"This channel will be available to carry almost all the programming that

is currently on public access," he said. "There has been some programming in the past aired on public access that would not air on the community channel."

Kiolbasa did not specify which programming would not air on the channel.

The public access channel has drawn much public criticism and media attention recently.

Scott Harrold, known as the "Closet Comedian," is the most frequently mentioned controversial producer. In September, Harrold masturbated on camera while dressed in clown makeup.

See CABLE on 9

UNL fills vice chancellor post

By Ted Taylor
Staff Reporter

After a 19-month search, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has chosen a Marquette administrator to be the new vice chancellor for business and finance.



Jones

Melvin W. Brooks, vice chancellor for financial affairs and treasurer at Marquette University in Milwaukee, was selected Wednesday from a list of four finalists.

Jones will take over for John

Goebel, who left the position in January to become the new dean of the College of Business Administration.

Paul Carlson, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, will remain interim vice chancellor until Jones arrives Feb. 5.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and political science from the University of Iowa and his doctorate in public administration and finance from the School of Business and Public Management at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Jones worked for five years at Howard University in Washington D.C. as vice president for business and fiscal affairs and treasurer before coming to Marquette in August 1992.

He was not available for comment Thursday.

Interim Chancellor Joan Leitzel said she was looking forward to Jones' arrival.

"He will bring strong management skills and experience in budget strategy that is different than what we've used here," she said.

"He has a very rich background in both government and academic positions."

Jones' duties will include overseeing all of UNL's accounting functions, the budget, internal audits, UNL police, facilities management, human resources and transportation services and auxiliary services such as printing and mail services and the University Bookstore.