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**WEATHER:**

Today - Mostly sunny,  
but colder. Northwest  
wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight - Increasing  
cloudiness. Low 10 to 15.

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## Smith names Moeser UNL chancellor

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

An organist with Midwestern roots will be the next chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as it moves into the next century.

James Moeser, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, will fill UNL's top seat Feb. 1.

Moeser, 56, was named the 18th UNL chancellor Monday by NU President Dennis Smith. He said he planned to stay for five to seven years. Moeser's yearly salary will be \$158,000.

Moeser will push for higher admission standards and a separate honors college, he said, and he will work to improve undergraduate

education.

Nebraska should become an import, not an export, state by recruiting quality high school graduates from around the world and keeping them here, he said.

The new chancellor said he also would enforce academic control of the athletic department and evaluate the character of potential coaches before they are hired.

He was impressed with the quality leadership at UNL, he said, and stressed that faculty members are the core of a university.

"The university is not a place," he said. "It is not a campus. It is not a physical university."

"It is a group of people engaged together for the truth," he said, "... and to push for what we believe."

He said he looked forward to directing the UNL administration.

"I'm not only an organist, I'm a choir direc-

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### Selection sparks positive reaction

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

The new chancellor will pursue a strong vision for UNL in academics and undergraduate teaching, NU regents and university representatives said Monday.

James Moeser, 56, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina, was named to the post Monday.

All said NU President Dennis Smith had to choose from three highly qualified candidates. Regents, students, administrators, faculty and staff met the candidates during visits in late November.

Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien said she was impressed with Moeser's knowl-

edge of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"He has a lot of vision," she said. The regents are scheduled to approve Smith's recommendation at their Saturday meeting, and O'Brien said the approval should go through.

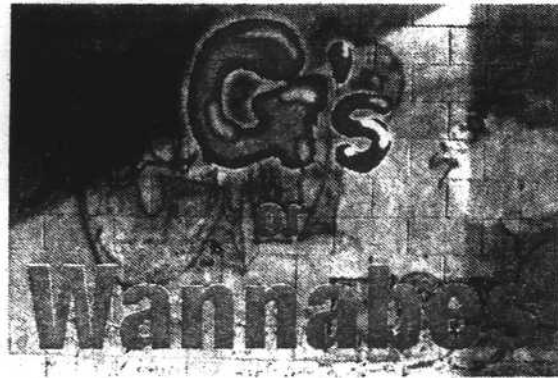
Regent Robert Allen of Hastings said he thought all the candidates were qualified, even if they "are all white males."

"At first, I told Dennis (Smith) I liked every one of them," he said, "but I told him today, if I had my druthers, it'd be Moeser."

He appreciated Moeser's emphasis on undergraduate teaching and music education, he said.

"He has a strong background in the arts

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## I GANG SIGNS in LINCOLN



A man who claimed to be a Gangster Disciple family member of the Folk nation shows his tattoos near 25th and W streets. The six points on his necklace star mean life, love, loyalty, wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

Ten years ago, a group of kids in red jackets and bandannas would not have seemed suspicious walking near 24th and W streets.

Strutting east near a midtown McDonald's, they would not have been followed or even noticed.

Today, the neighborhood is nervous.

Even if the kids are Nebraska Cornhusker fans going for a Big Mac, their chances of getting stopped by police rise with every minute after sundown.

"Black dudes with bandannas on, I knew we were gonna get

stopped," said a teen-age boy, moments after he and his friends were recently questioned by police.

Gangs are increasingly on the minds of residents, police officers and politicians in Nebraska's second-largest city. Fueled in part by fears that gang problems in neighboring Omaha are spinning out of control, Lincoln is taking steps to see that Baggy Boys, Bloods, Crips and Vice Lords don't get a foothold in the community.

"We all better hope it doesn't come here," said Lincoln police Sgt. Larry Nelson, who tracks Lincoln's gang activity in the department's crime analysis unit.

It's too late, say those who live in the neighborhood. Their streets already ring with drive-by shootings, break-ins have become routine and their walls are marred by gang graffiti.

But those who study the problem say Lincoln's demographics would make it difficult — if not impossible — for the Capital City to become a gang-infested city.

Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, cities across the country felt the same way, until more and more young kids were being gunned down and buried with their red and blue

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### STREET GANGS

Today, the Daily Nebraskan begins a three-day look at Lincoln's growing gang dilemma. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, cities across the country wrestled with increasing gang violence.

In 1994, police first publicly acknowledged that Lincoln had a growing number of gangsters. Will Nebraska's Capitol City become a gang-infested city?

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## Public access to stay

By John Fulwider  
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Public access was saved Monday in a narrow City Council vote.

CableVision's Channel 20 will operate as it has in the past without any changes. Lincoln Community Cable Television, also known as community access, will continue to run on Channel 8.

Both Mayor Mike Johanns' proposal to eliminate public access and Councilman Ken Haar's alternative proposal failed on a 4-3 vote, Council Chairman Jerry Shoecraft said.

Haar's proposal would have preserved public access but allowed CableVision some control over content.

The vote ended a long debate over public access' existence, sparked in part by a September public access program in which Scott Harrold of Lincoln was seen masturbating on camera.

Councilman Curt Donaldson cast the deciding vote against both the Johanns proposal and the Haar alternative.

Donaldson said he favored neither proposal. He said he had tried to get Council support for an amendment that would have suspended public access for one year. But Donaldson said he couldn't get the votes, so he didn't introduce the amendment.

Shoecraft said public opinion influenced his vote against the Johanns proposal and for the Haar alternative.

"All we heard was, 'keep public access,'" he said. "And that swayed me a lot."

He said he received one phone call six months ago asking him to eliminate public access. No calls against public access came in after that, he said, making him wonder why such a big deal was being made.

"It appeared that we were making a mountain out of a molehill," he said.

Johanns said he was disappointed his proposal failed.

"I wish something would've come

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