

## Doctorate

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Students may be seeking a vocational education career in primary and secondary education, higher education or in business and industry, Holder said. Faculty will prepare them for any of those areas, she said.

Faculty in vocation education have brought more reputation to the program by reaching top leadership positions in the American Vocational Association, a group of 40,000 members.

Within the past ten years, UNL professors have served as two national presidents and two division vice presidents, Holder said.

James O'Hanlon, dean of the Teachers College, said the education administration doctoral program at UNL had been ranked in the top 54 of 250 to 300 programs by the University Council of Education Administration.

O'Hanlon said the strength of both programs was their ability to match up with the needs of the fields.

Sang Lee, chairman of the business management doctoral program, said business management had been rated high in faculty research, research grants and faculty leadership.

A study of research productivity at Big Eight schools placed UNL second in management information

systems, fifth in management science and fourth in general management.

UNL's management professors also have drawn the most external research funding in the past five years among the Big Eight and Big Ten — a total of \$2.8 million.

Management program faculty have earned high positions in professional organizations, Lee said.

Management professors have served as presidents of the Academy of Management, an international association with 10,000 members, and the Decision Sciences Institute, which has 7,500 members around the world.

The strength of faculty has given students positions as professors at the University of Washington, Notre Dame, Colorado State and Texas A&M, Lee said.

"The student is our ultimate product," he said.

The management doctoral program is also well recognized internationally, Lee said.

Its reputation has led to endeavors in Asia and Europe, such as a recent undertaking with Deutch Telecommunications in Germany, Lee said.

Deutch Telecommunications, comparable to AT&T in the United States with 230,000 employees, is taking management training via television from the UNL management department, he said.

"Those are some indications of how well-regarded we are."

# Overcrowding clogs prison

## Governor wants to alleviate problems

By Joshua Gillin  
Staff Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson expressed concern Thursday about overcrowding in Nebraska's prisons, and said the state needed to build new units to help alleviate the problem.

At a press conference Thursday morning, Nelson said he wanted to implement three measures: building three new modular units for prisoners, which would add 300 beds to the Nebraska State Penitentiary; organizing a work camp for non-violent, first-time offenders; and constructing a youth facility in Omaha.

Nelson said the cost of constructing the three modular units in 1997 would be \$5.3 million. Operating costs in 1998 would be \$3.2 million.

The governor said his concern for prison overcrowding was caused by a lack of support in the Legislature to fund the new units.

Lawsuits by inmates about prison living conditions have also been a topic of debate.

Nebraska has tried to dismiss lawsuits brought by inmates who claim conditions at state facilities violate their constitutional rights. So far, a U.S. District Court judge in Lincoln has rejected those measures.

"The prison population is growing, and our system is simply feeling the growing pains," Nelson said. "Those growing pains could turn into a significant ache if steps aren't taken now."

Jack Falconer, assistant director of administrative services for the Nebraska Department of Corrections, said the increasing prison population should be dealt with soon.

"We seem to be in a growth industry," he said. "People are being locked up for longer sentences, and there are fewer paroles."

The Nebraska prison system is op-

erating at 143 percent designed capacity, and overcrowding is expected to reach 174 percent by 1998, Nelson said.

He said the new units would not be a long-term solution but were still necessary.

"We've never said this will solve the problem (of overcrowding)," he said. "This is a matter of money. This is a matter of funding these programs."

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee rejected the modular unit proposal recently in favor of developing a plan for a permanent facility.

But Nelson said the state could not wait for a plan to be developed. He said the units, which would be built by inmates, could last up to 50 years.

The Appropriations Committee plans to take another look at Nelson's proposal Monday.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Raise

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level.

Senators agreed that low pay may be holding state government back.

"We have a salary structure that prevents so many qualified people from running," said Sen. George Coorsen, a board member.

Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha said that 10 senators ran for office unchal-

lenged this year, possibly because potential opponents could not support themselves and their families on a senator's salary.

Many times, only retirees, wealthy people or those with affluent spouses can afford to run, he said, which turns the government into an exclusive club.

Lindsay said when he made the decision to run for office four years ago, the low salary almost made him change his mind.

Even when the Legislature is not in session, Lindsay said, he spends about half his working days on government projects or serving constituents.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said he would not expect anyone with a family to be able to support themselves on the salary of a legislator.

The amendment is scheduled for a board vote early next week. The last pay raise the legislators received was in 1988.

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