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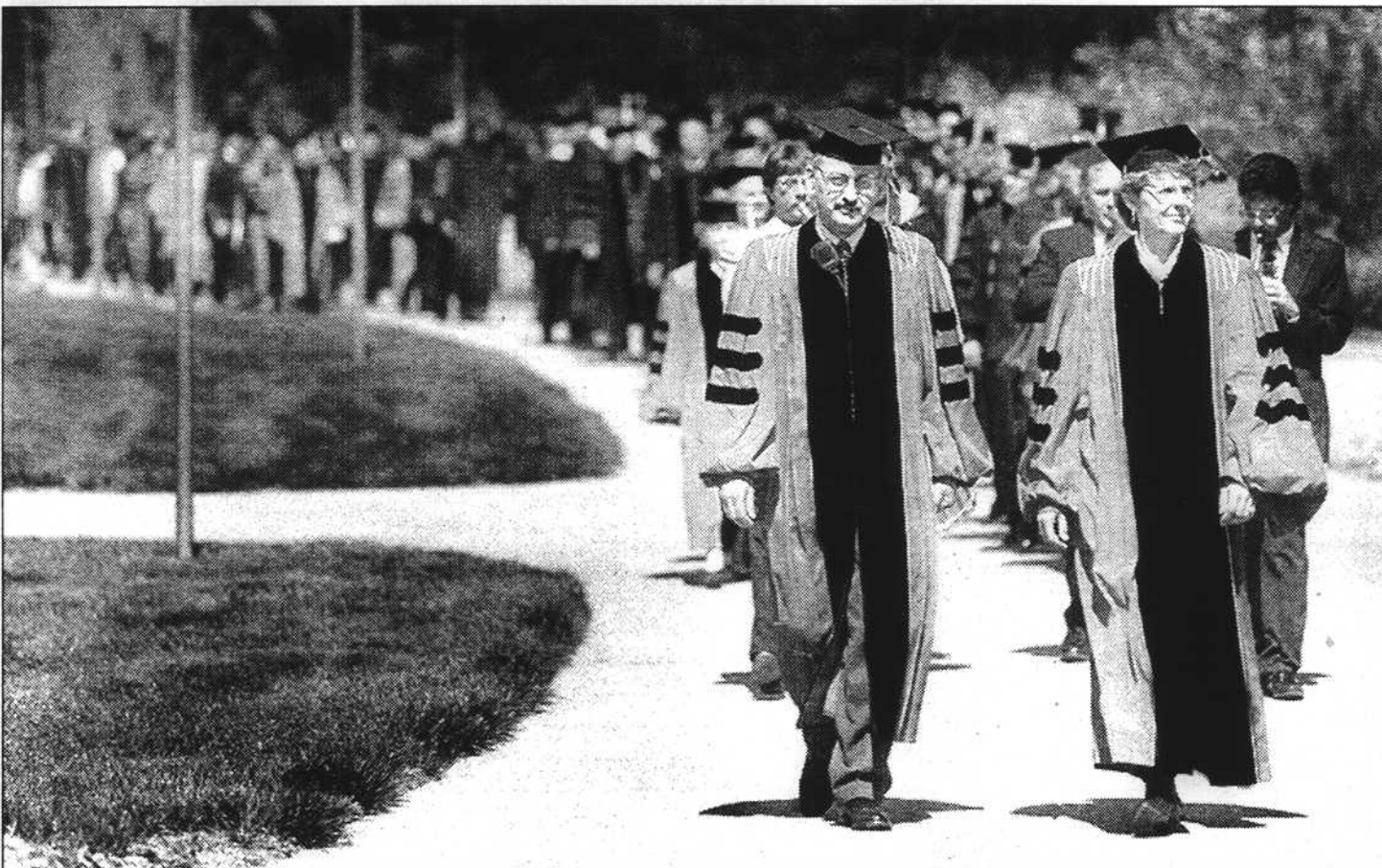
WEATHER:

Today - A 30 percent chance of rain. Northwest wind 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight - Mostly clear, and cold. Low near 30.

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STEP IN TIME



A procession for Chancellor James Moeser's investiture makes its way through campus Friday afternoon. About 160 people took part in the procession that was led by a Dixieland band. Matt Miller/DN

UNL installs Moeser as chancellor

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

Administrators, wearing full academic regalia, paraded with a Dixieland jazz band through campus Friday to welcome James Moeser as UNL's 18th chancellor.

Moeser was officially installed as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during an investiture ceremony at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

About 160 people, including members of the chancellor's cabinet, regents, deans, Gov. Ben Nelson and officials from other universities came to greet Moeser.

A series of speakers, including Nelson and NU President Dennis Smith, praised Moeser for the qualities he will bring to UNL. They then turned the podium over to the new chancellor.

During his speech, Moeser told of his recent travels throughout Nebraska. Resi-

dents speak about UNL with pride, he said. "People are proud of their university," Moeser said. "People are proud to send their children here."

The university's history is rich, he said, and UNL should use the past to prepare for the future.

In 1896, when the university was founded under the Morrill Act, everyone, regardless of race and gender, was allowed into UNL, Moeser said.

Now, UNL should accept challenges rather than fear them, Moeser said.

"The greatest danger of this university is the tendency to grow complacent," he said. "This is not a university in crisis. We are headed in the right direction."

The university's challenge, he said, is itself.

"Our greatest enemy is walls that separate department by department, college by college. We must resist the tendency for col-

leges to contain specific segments of knowledge.

"We must find ways to turn walls into permeable membranes."

During his speech, Moeser also revealed his vision statement for the university. While previous chancellors' statements had been pages long, Moeser's statement was only a few paragraphs.

His primary vision, he said, was quality, affordable education for all Nebraskans.

"I envision the university as a community whose scholars enjoy learning, whose textbook is the world. We must prepare for the future."

For his vision to become a reality, Moeser said, everyone must pitch in.

"We need assistance from everyone who loves and cares about the university. It will take every ounce of energy and strength I have to do justice, to love and to walk humbly with our God."

Regents say tuition hike kept minimal

By Erin Schulte
Senior Reporter

UNL students will likely face a 3 percent tuition increase next year under a plan proposed Saturday to the NU Board of Regents.

For an undergraduate student paying in-state tuition, that would mean paying \$75 per credit hour instead of the current \$72.50.

Regent Chairman Don Blank of McCook said he thought the proposal would pass.

"We did what we had to do to keep the raise at a reasonable level," Blank said. "We'd like not to raise it at all, but the dollars had to come from somewhere."

UNL Student Regent Eric Marintzer said the tuition increase was reasonable because NU President Dennis Smith had previously considered raising tuition as much as 7 percent.

"Administration has made a heck of an effort to make sure the tuition raise was low," Marintzer said. "I commend them for their effort."

UNL Chancellor James Moeser agreed that the proposal was fair.

"I see it as a modest increase," Moeser said. "Trends in tuition raises have been at about 4 to 5 percent."

Under the proposal given by Smith, UNL faculty will receive a 3 percent pay increase next year. The tuition increase will help raise part of the \$3.2 million needed for faculty salary increases. The tuition increase roughly equals the rate of inflation, Smith said.

"We do not believe it is appropriate this year to put the burden of making up the shortfall in salaries on the university's students," Smith said.

He said last year's tuition increase of 6.5 percent was higher than the national average for public institutions.

"That is a ranking in which we do not aspire to be above average," Smith said.

The university needed funding for faculty salary raises after Gov. Ben Nelson vetoed \$2 million from the university budget, Smith said. Because taxes and tuition are the only sources of funds for its day-to-day operations, he said, it was necessary to raise tuition.

The regents are scheduled to vote on the proposal at their June 1 meeting.

UNL provides communication, social skills for officer

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

Only eight months out of school, Lincoln Police Officer Robert Branch has already benefited from his University of Nebraska-Lincoln degree.

Of 900 applicants, Branch was one of 15 accepted into Lincoln's police academy last year.

Applying to be a police officer is a long, selective process, Branch said. Applicants perform in test after test and are heavily screened.

Those who make the thin cut, like Branch, usually credit their college degrees for giving them the skills police departments want.

Branch said his years at UNL gave him two assets that helped him maneuver through the selection process.

Strong written and oral communication skills provide an advantage for police applicants, Branch said. On the job, officers must document almost everything they do.

Branch also learned personal relations. In college, students are surrounded by each other, he said, so they

automatically learn to meet and work with people.

Police officers must be able to deal with the public, whether they are assisting people or making an arrest, Branch said.

Personnel Sgt. Jim Hawkins said he looked for applicants who were involved in a lot of student groups and activities and have developed those people-oriented skills.

Branch's criminal justice degree helped him in the academy when learning criminal law, but, he said, any degree is helpful when trying to become a police officer.

Hawkins said a majority of LPD's college-educated officers have degrees in criminal justice, but the department also needed degrees in business, law and communications.

"A degree helps," he said, "but one in criminal justice doesn't necessarily make a good officer." Regardless of the degree, Hawkins said, general college skills are important from the first stages of applicant testing.

After applicants meet the basic job

See POLICE on 8

From citizen to police officer

Applying for the police academy and officer training is a long process that takes about a year and a half.

1. Requirements

Applicants must meet five basic requirements to be considered for police employment. They must:

- be 21 years old,
- be a legal U.S. citizen,
- have a high school diploma,
- have a record free of felony offenses,
- have a valid driver's license.

2. Testing

Applicants must pass two test:

the QB test which measures language and communication skills

the Police Attitudinal Factor test, which measure the applicants' disposition for police work.

(only half of all applicants continue.)

3. Get physical

Applicants must pass a 480 yard physical agility test by climbing walls and weaving around obstacles in 64.9 seconds

4. Face to face

Applicants are scheduled for an interview with the personnel Sgt. to discuss their education and background

6. Screening

Applicants undergo a polygraph test, drug test and psychoanalysis.

(the applicants are rated and a final cut is made)

5. The Perceiver interview

In a phone interview, the applicants answer questions based on their perception

7. Police academy

Cadets attend nearly four months of police training at the Lincoln Police Department

8. Field work

Rookie officers are evaluated on the job by superiors who rate their performances after six months. Those who perform well are assigned to a team and given standard pay