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Committee starts search for chancellor

BY JILL ZEMAN

With resignations and retirements running rampant among UNL administrators, the university faces the daunting task of filling each slot as it is vacated.

The first step in filling the biggest position was taken Friday as NU President Dennis Smith named members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor search committee.

The group will review and recruit candidates vying to fill the top slot on campus, vacated by James Moeser in July.

Harvey Perlman, former University of Nebraska law dean, is acting as interim chancellor.

The committee is headed by Jim Van Etten, plant pathology professor, said Joe Rowson, NU director of communications.

Van Etten has been a UNL faculty member since 1966 and is a nationally recognized in his field, Rowson said.

The committee is composed of students, community leaders and faculty members, he said.

"The intent is to have representation by major groups who work directly with the chancellor," Rowson said.

Van Etten said he has never served on a search committee of this magnitude but has been a member of several vice chancellor search committees.

The group must first meet with Smith to discuss plans for the search and then will recruit candidates, as well as review nominations submitted, Van Etten said.

The committee will narrow its choices to about 12 candidates, who will be interviewed off campus, he said.

The first round of nominees will be cut to between two and five. The finalists will be brought on campus and formally interviewed, he said.

Van Etten said he has no time frame for when the new chancellor may be selected, although he hopes to get it done as quickly as possible.

The new chancellor must be able to adapt to universitywide issues facing different campus groups, said Diane Wasser, project assistant in agricultural economics and a member of the search committee.

Wasser represents NU office personnel and said the president of office personnel is part of the chancellor's cabinet, which meets weekly.

Wasser said Moeser was the first to include office personnel in the cabinet, and she hopes this type of cooperation will continue with the new chancellor.

"We want the chancellor to be aware that we're here, and we have issues that need to be addressed," she said.



Officer Tyler Schmidt's reflection shines on the gas cap of the UNL Police Department's new motorcycle. The motorcycle was leased for a two-year trial basis. The University Police is the only department in Lancaster County with a motorcycle.

UNL Police gets its motor running with new Hog

■ One officer is trained to ride the new motorcycle, which was bought to aid law enforcement on campus.

BY JOSH FUNK

This weekend, the Spartans, the Huskers and a Hog will see action for the first time.

As Nebraska faces San Jose State on the football field, the Hog, the University Police Department's new Harley-Davidson, will face off against the traffic.

For those who can't wait for the weekend, the latest addition to the university's police force will be on display at the State Fair law enforcement booth this week.

The motorcycle was leased on a two-year trial basis for its maneuverability and traffic enforcement virtues, University Police Chief Ken Cauble said.

"A motorcycle is a lot better to get around on campus," Cauble said. The university leased the police

model Harley from Frontier Harley-Davidson June 1. Modifications, including the installation of sirens and radios, were completed this week.

Right now, Ofc. Tyler Schmidt is the only officer trained to ride the motorcycle, and it will be used for Schmidt's first-shift duties and events with large crowds.

Earlier in his career, Cauble was a motorcycle officer with the Lincoln Police Department, but now the university police will be the only department in Lancaster County with a motorcycle.

At one-third the cost of a regular police cruiser, the motorcycle is an economical option. Cauble said the Harley will cost about \$6,000 in the first year with the lease and purchase of sirens and radios. The second year it is expected to cost \$3,000.

"Compared to cars, motorcycles are a lot cheaper to operate," Cauble said. "The only thing you can't do on a motorcycle is transport people."

Scott Lewis, who was the interim vice chancellor for business and finance last spring, said leasing the

motorcycle was a simple decision.

"Chief Cauble came forward and said this would be something that would improve the department," Lewis said.

Another reason police wanted to try out the motorcycle was to plan for the future, Cauble said.

The Antelope Valley project, along with the campus master plan, will re-route 16th and 17th streets around campus and turn Vine Street, from Memorial Stadium to 17th Street, into a grassy mall.

Those traffic flow changes could be a problem with the University Police station in its current location — where 16th and 17th streets meet Holdrege Street.

"One of the reasons we considered (the motorcycle) is Antelope Valley, which will put a road between us and campus, which will make it tough to respond to emergencies," Cauble said.

If the motorcycle works well for the department, Cauble said, he may add another after a year.

Lewis, who still works in the busi-



The new UNL Police motorcycle was modified to include lights and sirens and university logos this month. The motorcycle is on display at the State Fair in the law enforcement booth.

ness and finance office, said that other locations for the University Police station, such as inside one of the new parking garages, have been considered, but there are no plans to move it now.

"I think where the station is located under the master plan is a little bit of a problem, but it's not like all of the officers are sitting at the station waiting for calls," Lewis said.

Nebraska prisoners' cases compared to Mandela's

■ Activists called for the release of the men, who have been incarcerated for 30 years.

BY JOSH FUNK

Supporters of David Rice and Ed Poindexter compared the two men's cases to Nelson Mandela's at a rally marking the 30th anniversary of their incarceration.

Two internationally known "warriors in the fight against injustice" joined Nebraska activists on the capitol steps in calling for the release of the two men.

Poindexter and Rice, who later changed his name to Mondo we Langa, were both Black Panther leaders in Omaha during the late 1960s. Their supporters argue that the two men were jailed for their politics, and not for any role in the suitcase bombing that killed Omaha Police Ofc. Larry Minard.

"(These men) have been incarcerated three decades on evidence so flimsy that people around the nation can see that they were victims of a frame-up," said Angela Davis, a former Black Panther.

Charlene Mitchell, a human rights activist, and Davis headlined the capitol event, which also included former Gov. Frank Morrison, Leola Bullock and Cantor Michael Weisser.



Internationally known human rights activist Angela Davis speaks to a crowd of about 175 people on the steps of the Capitol on Monday. Davis and Charlene Mitchell headlined the rally to raise awareness of Black Panther leaders Ed Poindexter's and David Rice's case on the 30th anniversary of their incarceration.

Important evidence in the case such as the tape-recorded 911 call that summoned police to the bombing scene was not available until after the trial.

Supporters said the FBI suppressed the evidence as part of an organized campaign to eliminate

the Black Panther party.

"Times have changed. What was considered radical in the 1960s and 1970s is now common sense," Davis said, citing racial profiling as an example.

Davis, who was also a member of the Black Panthers and the

Communist Party, gained notoriety when she was imprisoned for 16 months in the early 1970s and later acquitted of charges that stemmed from a shoot-out in front of a California courthouse.

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University Police chief leads world campus-police group

BY JOSH FUNK

As part of his job description, he unlocks doors, deals with drunks, handles Ph.D.s and teaches life lessons.

Now he will share the wisdom he's learned through those tasks worldwide.

University Police Chief Ken Cauble has the opportunity to help other campus security agencies as president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

"There are so many more opportunities here to be a positive influence," Cauble said of the difference between campus and municipal law enforcement.

The campus environment presents special challenges for police, but Cauble's temperament and philosophy have helped him meet those.

Scott Lewis, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, whose office oversees the university police, said Cauble brought valuable experience to the job.

"Ken is not easily excited ... With a chief of police, you want someone who thinks things through and doesn't overreact," Lewis said.

As head of the international organization, Cauble, who spent

12 years on the Lincoln Police force, is charged with coordinating the group's functions and acting as a spokesman.

One of the group's most important functions is providing a venue for member departments to share lessons they have learned and keep members informed about new developments such as legislation, Cauble said.

"We communicate back and forth when something happens on one campus, so others can look at it," Cauble said.

The organization offers a support structure and a sounding board for campus law enforcement administrators to learn from others and test new ideas.

University Police departments deal with a population that is similar in age but diverse in almost every other way, said Fred Behr, director of public safety at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and current president of the organization's sixth region.

Because of this diverse population, campus officers must be skilled in handling the public, said Behr, who has known Cauble seven years.

To be eligible to run for the group's presidency, Cauble served three years on the board of direc-

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