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University police chief fired

A source close to the UNL department says Ken Cauble was forced to resign.

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University of Nebraska–Lincoln Campus Police Chief Ken Cauble was fired Thursday, an anonymous source close to the police department told the Daily Nebraskan.

Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Christine Jackson forced Cauble to resign late last week, the source said Sunday. When contacted about the firing, Jackson was tight-lipped.

"Chief Cauble has handed in his resignation," Jackson said. "And we've made no comment because he asked for the opportunity to meet with his staff."

The Daily Nebraskan could not reach Cauble for comment.

Cauble had served on the UNL police force since 1983, according to the department's Web site.

Before coming to UNL, Cauble spent 12 years with the Lincoln Police Department.

He was elected president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in August, after serving three years as regional president for the organization.

According to the anonymous source, UNL police officers met with the university's Department of Human Resources in December to express any complaints about the way the department was being run.

The source said Jackson met with Cauble on Thursday with a list of things to change within the department, and Cauble "blew her off," which the source said led to the chief's firing.

The police department is a unit of the Office of Business and

Finance, which Jackson has headed since June.

According to the anonymous source, officers were notified Friday the locks on university buildings, including keyless ones, had been changed to deny Cauble entry.

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman refused to comment on Cauble's resignation or whether it was voluntary or involuntary on Cauble's part.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady, who said he makes it a habit "not to lie to reporters," also refused to comment.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said he knew nothing about the resignation.

In August, Cauble was lauded by members of the international campus police officers' group he heads.

Several campus officers from around the country attributed Cauble's success in campus law enforcement to his work ethic and easy-going attitude.

"You have to be flexible in this type of business," Jerry Garrett, police chief at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, said in August. "Ken has the ability to handle multiple tasks at the same time and still be able to do the job he was hired to do." Cauble's wife, Lisa, also works in the police department – and has since 1985 – as the Victim Services coordinator.

A press release concerning Cauble's resignation is scheduled to be distributed today, Jackson said.

The anonymous source said officers will meet with Cauble tonight to discuss his resignation.

Despite Cauble's position as president of a campus police group, the source said members of the UNL Police force would not shed tears about Cauble's departure because many were unhappy with the chief's performance.

Peru State near UNL sparks ire

BY JILL ZEMAN

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A four-year college will open a branch within walking distance of UNL's city campus, and some university administrators say there's reason to be concerned.

Peru State College, based in Peru, will open its doors this fall at 11th and 0 streets at Energy Square, where a branch of Southeast Community College is also located.

The new branch was approved Thursday by the Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education. Peru, which already has a branch campus at Southeast's campus at 88th and 0 streets, will offer a bachelor of technology degree at its downtown location. UNL doesn't have a technology degree program, but the





Speakers call research a 'holocaust'

BY LINDSEY BAKER

Below freezing temperatures didn't stop 2,000 anti-abortionists' fight for life Saturday.

The annual Nebraska Walk for Life focused on banning research using aborted fetal tissue, which is conducted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"May we not back off when we stand in defense of our children," Lincoln Sen. Mike Foley said.

Foley was one of four state senators to speak at the the rally, which began at the Capitol and continued at the Nebraska Union after the march.

Speakers encouraged marchers to pray for those questioning the legality of abortion, which causes what they refer to as the "American Holocaust."

Omaha Metro Right to Life President Bob Blank said he supported the comparison of Nazi Germany to the use of aborted fetal tissue for research.

"The logic that (doctors) are using is exactly the same," he said. Blank proposed that doctors and researchers at UNMC find study alternatives to fetal tissue or that federal funding for such research be stopped.

Executive Director of the Nebraska Family Council Guyla Mills said she agreed. Mills was the driving force behind Initiative 416, Nebraska's so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

"We are all pro-research," she said. "But do not desecrate the lives of the least among us."

Mills asked why human tissue was needed, she said when monkey or mouse tissue could be alternatives for the research. She called for march participants to communicate with state senators to end the use of fetal tissue with a quote from Edmond Burke.

"'All that is necessary for evil to flourish is for good man to do nothing," Mills said. "I want you to make prayer a priority. Talk and talk often with your state senator. Success on this is only going to come when we do our part of prayer and action."

"I've always been against the death penalty," marcher Kara Slaughter said. "I've come to realize the logical inconsistency of being anti-death penalty and pro-choice. So if I know killing is wrong, then it's wrong in all situations."

Marcher Sandy McCarty said she supported adoption over abortion, which she said is not a "quick-fix" for unwanted pregnancies.

Mills was hopeful that President George W. Bush would rid the nation of legal abortion.

"All life is precious from conception to natural death," she said. "We need to pray for our president that he can rescind the present system. We will persevere. Life will again be held in high esteem."



David Clasen/ DN Demonstrators from the far corners of Nebraska held a rally to stop abortions at the steps of the Capitol on Saturday.

And they're off ... ASUN campaigns already gearing up

BY MARGARET BEHM

Student election groups are scurrying to polish their campaign slogans as the weeks until election day wind down.

As of Sunday, five parties have expressed their intent to run in the upcoming Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections.

Two parties, The One Party and No Mo Ho, couldn't be reached for comment on Sunday.

Arts and Sciences Sen. Nathan Fuerst, who is running for president with the Score! Party, said he was pleased with the number of parties competing. "Competition is good," he said. "It keeps everyone on their toes."

The deadline to run for senator, second vice president, first vice president and president is 4 p.m. on Jan. 31. The election will be held Feb. 28.

It is important for people who want to run in the election to be aware of the time commitment, Fuerst said.

"I just hope that every single person who has their name on the ballot knows that this will take up some of their time," he said. "This is something that they have spent time on."

Arts and Sciences Sen. Angela Clements, who is running for president with the NUFORCE party, said that she had taken a leave of absence from her job to ensure she had enough time to campaign. She planned to work 25-40 hours a week on her campaign.

Former Arts and Sciences Sen. Andy Mixan, who is running for president with the NO BULL party said he planned to spend 25-30 hours a week on his campaign.

Although students can run without a party affiliation, Fuerst said he decided to run with senators.

"If you're working with a senate that has the same goals as you do, it's a lot easier to reach those goals," Mixan said.

Clements said it had been difficult finding senators for her party because of ASUN's negative reputation.

"It's hard to find people who are willing to run for senate, which in itself says something about ASUN," Clements said.

Mixan said his party was still recruiting senators.

"I'm just looking for the best people who will work hard and be committed to the organization," he said.

If a student wants to run for senate, he or she needs to collect 35 to 50 signatures, depending on his or her college, said ASUN President Joel Schafer.

To run for president and vice-president, students need to collect 400 signatures from the student population. To run for second vice president, a student needs to collect 200 signatures.

Anyone who wants to run for a position should to go to the ASUN office at 136 Nebraska Union to pick up an information packet.

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c o m p e t i t i o n with Peru, but Peru shouldn't open a campus in the middle of downtown Lincoln," Edwards said.

UNL Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman said he agreed with Edwards because Peru could duplicate UNL's courses.

"It's a concern because there are a lot of educational needs (in Nebraska)," Perlman said.

"Why duplicate them within a four-block distance?"

Ben Johnson, Peru State College President, said it was important Peru open a branch because it could help community college students continue their education after obtaining their associates' degrees.

With Peru and Southeast in the same building, it could be easier for students to continue taking classes, Johnson said.

"We found if we bring the programs to them, they'll keep going with their education," Johnson said.

Another reason Johnson said the new branch was important is because each state college in Nebraska has a provider area it's able to cover.

Peru's provider area consists of 19 counties – including Lancaster County – that it's responsible for academically.

Criminal justice, business and teacher's education are other programs Peru would like to add on to its downtown campus eventually, Johnson said.

UNL offers these programs, and Edwards said the university could lose students to Peru because of the similarity in courses and proximity of Peru's downtown branch.

Johnson said he didn't think UNL should worry about competition caused by Peru's new campus branch.

"All we're doing is the same thing we've done just down the road," Johnson said, in reference to Peru's branch at 88th and O streets.

"The university just doesn't want to compete with poor little ol' Peru."

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