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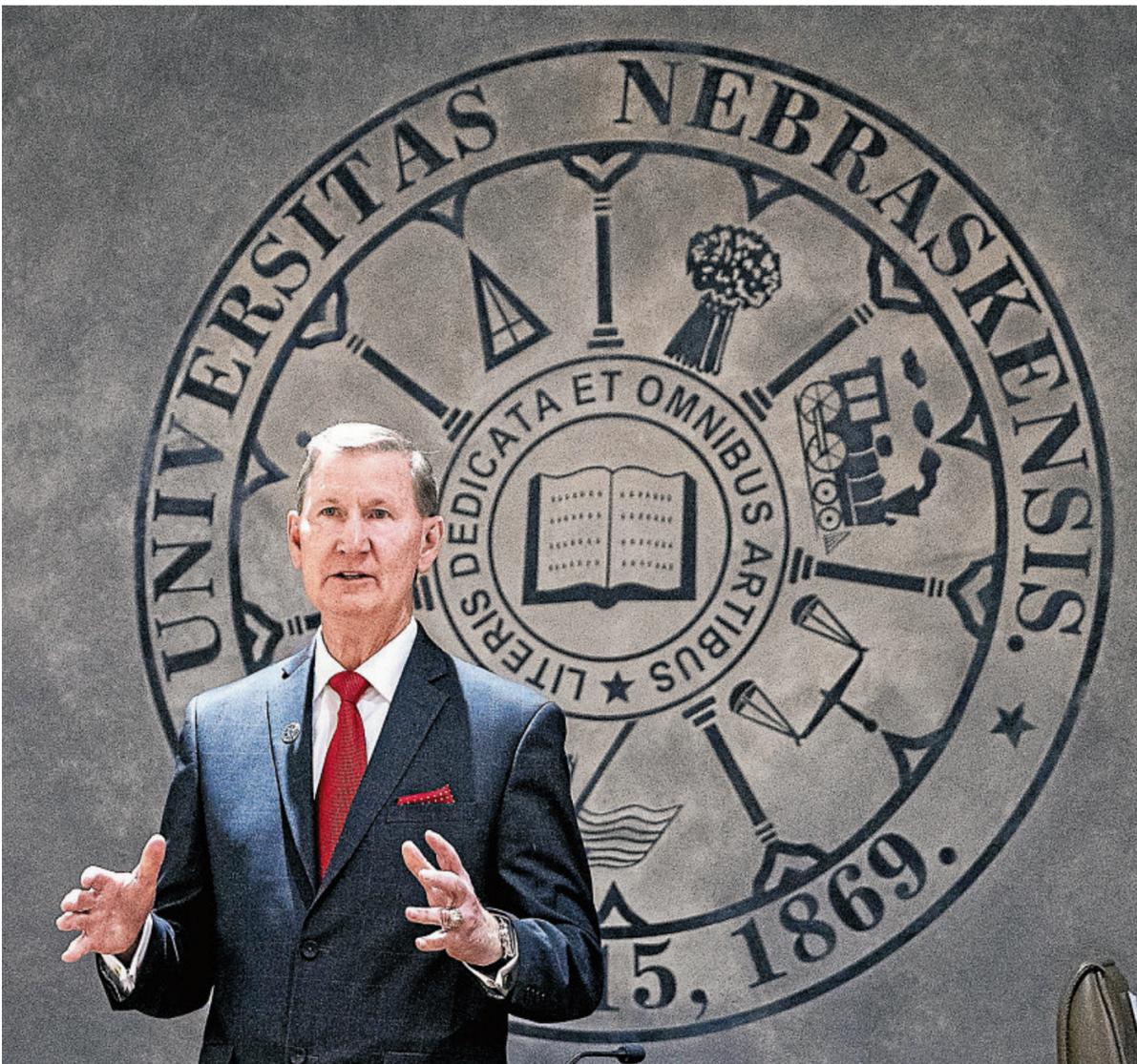


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Carter, review period underway, is a heavy favorite to become next NU president



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Walter "Ted" Carter, the finalist for NU's presidency, at a press conference in Lincoln. Regents will soon decide whether he's the right man for the job.

After stops across Nebraska, finalist likely to land in NU's top job next

By RICK RUGGLES
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Walter "Ted" Carter's crash course in Nebraska will soon end.

The "priority candidate" — that is, the only finalist — for the University of Nebraska system's presidency has spent the past couple of weeks touring the state, talking to groups and answering questions.

The decorated naval aviator served for five years as superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland and one year before that as leader of the U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island.

Carter has a 30-day public review period before the NU Board of Regents decides whether he's the right man for the job.

He and his wife, one-time substitute teacher Lynda, have been to central Nebraska, eastern Nebraska and southeast Nebraska. They

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

UNO grad student Hameidah Alsafwani asks Carter a question at UNO's Thompson Alumni Center. Carter had made 18 appearances across Nebraska through Friday.

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Fire union: Mayor tried to tamper with witness

Bacon said Stothert wanted him to pull letter backing union leader fired by city; Kleine didn't file charges

By TODD COOPER
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Omaha's firefighters union wanted Mayor Jean Stothert charged with felony witness tampering over comments she made to a character reference who went to bat for an embattled fire union president.

The character witness the fire union says Stothert tried to tamper with: Rep. Don Bacon.

Under state law, a person tampers with a witness if they attempt to induce a witness to "testify falsely or withhold any testimony, information, document or thing."

Michael Dowd, an attorney for the Omaha fire union, said it was tampering for Stothert to urge Bacon to pull his letter of support for the union president, Steve LeClair, who had been fired by the city after a bizarre off-duty incident with a woman.

Eventually, Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine declined to file charges against the mayor. Stothert said last week that the issues being raised weren't new.

Bacon wasn't the only one targeted over statements in support of LeClair, Dowd said.

Three current or former Nebraska state senators "testified (to)

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Victim, 13, and five suspects feel effects months after shooting



Erin Grace

COLUMNIST

J'Tavion Smith sat in an orange Douglas County Corrections jumpsuit in Courtroom 501, waiting on this dreary day to hear how much of his future would be behind bars.

This was a moment of reckoning for a 19-year-old with a rap sheet that until now had been handled in the softer, gentler juvenile court system.

J'Tavion had messed up and gotten breaks. He'd messed up and gotten help. He'd messed up and helped himself, graduating from high school and planning to enter Iowa Western Community College in the fall.

Now, after being accused of shooting and injuring a 13-year-old boy, J'Tavion was in adult court. Having pleaded guilty to two felonies in connection with the shooting, he was waiting to be sentenced. And he was facing a judge who appeared to be in no mood for

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High school net gains
All six classes were crowned at the state volleyball tournament. **Sports**

Big growth at Children's
The latest sign: a "skybridge" linking the hospital and clinics to an office campus. **Money**

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