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Pettit will return to UNI to teach two seminars

Teacher participates in march

By **TIM MAJERUS**
News Editor

Tom Pettit, a UNI graduate and former vice president of news at NBC, has agreed to teach in the communications department this summer, according to G. Jon Hall, department head of communication and theater arts.

Pettit, a 1953 graduate who is now a reporter for NBC News, will teach two two-week seminars in July, according to Glenn Hansen, dean of continuing education and special programs.

The courses, each worth two credit hours, will be titled National Election Coverage Methodology and Public Affairs Reporting Methodology, Hall said.

Hansen said the first seminar will be held daily from July 6 to July 17 and the second from July 20 to July 31. Each will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hansen said the seminars will be 100g level courses for juniors, seniors and graduate students.

"But we're hoping to offer it also for non-credit, so it's really open to anyone," he added. "Our feeling is there may be some interest on the part of professional journalists in the area and around the state who might like to take a course from Tom Pettit."

James Martin, vice president and provost, said he first spoke to Pettit about teaching at UNI when Pettit spoke on campus last semester.

"I had written him and arranged to have lunch with him and said we'd be very much interested in him teaching this summer," Martin said.

"He said he was interested and also that he might be interested, after he leaves NBC, to come and teach here.

"He's committed to NBC to cover the '88 presidential elections. After that we're hoping he'll come here and join the faculty and teach courses in broadcast journalism," Martin continued.

He said he thought Pettit was ready for a career move.

"I think Tom has done everything and seen everything, not that he's becoming bored with Washington or New York, but there aren't many new experiences left for Tom. I think he's at the stage of his life where he'd like to do some teaching," Martin said.

"I think he'd probably like to write a book about some of his experiences. I think he's looking for a change of pace. I don't think being a Washington correspondent or U.N. correspondent has the appeal to him that it used to," he continued.

Martin said he thought Pettit would do an excellent job teaching.

"I know he's given a lot of lectures," he said. "I don't know whether he's taught any formal courses or not, but he's a natural born teacher, I'm sure of that."

By **JILL HOLBACH**
NI Staff Writer

Orlando Dial, a Waterloo East High School teacher, was one of 25,000 blacks and whites who converged on Forsyth County, Ga., Jan. 24 to protest racism in America.

"It's a shame that in 1987 I had to go to Atlanta representing the thoughts and wishes and prayers of people all over America and particularly Black Hawk County," Dial said Wednesday afternoon in the Hemisphere lounge.

The march, which organizers originally thought would attract about 2,000, was called after rock-throwing Ku Klux Klan supporters broke up an earlier riot. However, more than 2,000 state troopers were on hand to protect the marchers.

Dial said he wasn't able to get within 100 feet of the Martin Luther King Center because of all the people. By the time the march began more than 25,000 people had been involved and the line of marchers was more than two miles long, Dial said.

Dial said he was lucky to finally get to the march because of all the difficulties with transportation. Not only did his plane arrive in Atlanta late, but on the way to the march his bus broke down 20 miles outside of Forsyth County.

Dial was pleasantly surprised when the cars behind the bus stopped and offered rides to the march. He said he didn't know the people he rode with and they didn't know him. He said it didn't seem to matter that they were strangers because "everybody had the spirit of the march."

According to Dial, about one third of the people marching were white. "The civil rights movement has always been just that, you know," he said. "It wasn't called a black march, it was called a civil rights march for all the people in America."

Dial said the marchers sang freedom songs at the start of the march, but the more they sang the louder the protesters shouted.

"It ended up being a silent march on our behalf. We wanted those people to know that we did not intend to agitate them, we just wanted to shape up their consciences," he said.

Dial heard on the news that all the handguns, ammunition, and almost all the liquor in Forsyth County was sold that day and that

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Orlando Dial was one of 25,000 demonstrators who participated in a civil rights march in Forsyth County, Georgia. He spoke at a podium in the Union Wednesday about his experience.

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