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Med center to control dental college?

A joint committee of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the NU Medical Center is exploring the possibility of putting the dental college in Lincoln under ad-

ministrative control of the medical center.

A similar proposal was made by the college's executive committee two years ago and endorsed by the faculty. It never was acted upon.

Oral surgery and pediatric dentistry already are at the medical center in Omaha.

"That committee report simply was ill-timed," said Dr. Eugene Merchant, assistant dentistry dean who heads the new joint committee. Both the medical center and UNL were changing administrators about that time, Dr. Merchant noted.

No concrete recommendations have come from the

new group yet, he said, and it has no deadline. Faculty input will be sought later, he said, although some dental faculty members already have voiced objections to the plan.

Dr. Richard Bradley, dental college dean, emphasized that there are no plans to move the dental college from Lincoln to Omaha, as had been rumored several years ago.

Dr. Bradley said the plan might facilitate training in the medical professions and aid research by using a team approach. All but two or three dental colleges in the U.S. are units of medical centers, the dean said.