

Legislative Poll Will Indicate Solon's Views on Tax Study

The results of a poll to determine whether or not the state legislators are in favor of a series of University sponsored tax institute workshops will be released later this week according to Jim Wenger, vice president of Think and Act, Inc., a Grand Island organization which conducted the poll.

Wenger said he did not have an exact tabulation of results yet, but that of all the senators who had responded to the poll to date, all but two were opposed to the tax study.

Meanwhile, three senators have gone on record during the past week as being in favor of the workshops. They are Sens. Kenneth Bowen, George Knight and Joe Vosoba. Sen. Richard Marvel had approved the project earlier after a conference with Everett Peterson, professor of agricultural economics.

Both Bowen and Marvel had questioned the propriety of the tax workshops. Bowen, chairman of the Legislative Council tax study committee, also released favorable comment after a conference with Peterson.

Workshops

"Since land grant colleges are authorized to conduct educational workshops, I believe a study of the effect of different systems on Nebraska's economy is as important as any could be," Bowen said.

Dr. Peterson has assured me these workshops will be for the purpose of educating, not advocating the effects of various taxes," Bowen said. "They will give information on both advantages and disadvantages of not only our present tax system, but those of other systems, such as the sales tax and an income tax."

"In addition to informing community leaders on the backgrounds of these various taxes, the workshops will enable them to reach decisions once they have the facts, and then show them how to make their decisions known to governmental agencies with taxing and spending authority."

"I am sure the University will approach these workshops on a strictly scholarly, educational basis," he concluded.

Sens. Knight and Vosoba voiced their approval of the tax workshops in response to the poll conducted by the Think and Act organization.

Questions

The group sent these two questions to all state senators:

(1) Do you feel that tax money budgeted to the University should be used to conduct public, off-campus workshops on an issue as controversial as taxes?

(2) Do you, as a legislator, feel a need for guidance on tax matters from the University faculty?

In both cases, a yes or no answer is required, with space allotted for comments.

With the two questions were copies of radio talks given by Think and Act President Bill Moore and Vice President Wenger.

Sen. Knight wrote Think and Act that "I am a tax conservative and would base all taxes on ability to pay. To do otherwise is confiscation of property for income as the only source available."

"Now who is to work out the solution for this problem?"

Tax Study

"I welcome any attempt on the part of anyone to make a complete study of the tax systems here or elsewhere and their impact on our economic structure."

"The motto of the research department of any university must be 'What are the facts?' Somewhere there is an answer and I will welcome any contribution the University may make."

"We must keep all channels of communication open at all times . . . I believe that our people are alert enough to detect any ulterior motive or slanting of the facts in such a seminar and would react accordingly."

"The University does research in other lines that have been of tremendous value to the state and I look for

them to give us a factual study that will assist all of us in thinking through the tax problem." Knight concluded.

Vosoba criticized the Think and Act group for the manner in which it expressed opposition to the tax workshops. He also added that he did not think the University should be criticized for undertaking to educate Nebraskans on taxes they are paying.

Information

Vosoba, in a letter to Moore, stated that his "sole source of information of the tax seminars is what I have read in the newspapers."

"Based on that information, my experience in the Legislature and as an interested citizen of Nebraska, and the scripts of two radio broadcasts which you sponsor, I think you are all wet on this matter."

Vosoba said he found the two radio scripts "are distortions, misleading and illogical propaganda which (while probably not intended) is very effective at destroying public confidence in vital public institutions."

"Any intelligent person knows that one's education is never complete, and anyone with experience in government certainly knows that a lack of knowledge by a citizen about his own government is one of the real sources of danger to this country."

Disagree

"If you disagree with this position of mine, then you must believe that education for the public is wrong, that only a certain self-appointed few should know what is going on in government. This I will never subscribe to."

"I will tell you also, frankly and sincerely, that I believe the University is a great institution and is one of the great things in our state. I do not agree with everything done by or at the University, and when any person has facts and grounds of fairness to criticize that institution, then it should be criticized."

"But I certainly do not think it should be criticized for undertaking, as part of its broad over-all program of educating Nebraskans on the taxes they are paying, in the same manner that it educates farmers on what they are growing," Vosoba said.

Vosoba said the Think and Act group should continue expressing its opinions even though he (Vosoba) may disagree with them. "This right to express opinion is vital to our system of government," Vosoba said.

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They can do this merely by silencing some men on Capitol Hill who would otherwise publicly support him, just as the pressures in his own Massachusetts district silenced him when, as a young Congressman, he privately yearned to speak out against McCarthyism.

Any leader the new extremists may place in Washington would have a glorious booster-stage ascension on the magic carpet known as Page One, quickly followed by a sputtering descent. For he would be obliged both by his supporters and his opponents to specify, to name names, to prove the existence of traitors in high places; and he would end up, as McCarthy ended up, proving the opposite.

The real battlefield in the war with Communism, of course, is outside, not inside this country. And the real issue inside this is not between those who believe and those who do not believe that we have Communists in high office. The issue is between those who believe that the Russians have limited aims, that Communism is chiefly a concept of life that must be opposed by a more attractive concept, that conciliation can end the cold war — and that those who believe that the Russians have unlimited aims, that Communism is chiefly a weapon for political aggression, that we must vigorously prosecute the cold war by every possible means from local negotiations to local force, if we are to stop both the cold war and its cause, which is Communist aggression.

The President warns against belief in "total victory." Even among those who follow the second line of argument few believe in that, in the sense of eradicating Communism in its heartlands. They do believe in victory in the sense of preventing or eradicating Communism in areas critical to us.

True enough, as the President begs the people to understand, the problem is complex. But the art of leading and organizing the will of a vast and diverse nation has more to do with simplifying than with complicating. There is something to be said for Goldwater's plea that the President make the plain declaration that we intend to win this world struggle.

When the leader does not simplify in responsible manner, frustrated citizens will simplify in responsible manner, which can be a foolish and divisive manner as the aforementioned extremists are demonstrating.

Zoology, Physiology Will Merge

The Board of Regents has approved a merger of the department of zoology and anatomy with the department of physiology to form a new department of zoology and physiology.

Dean Walter Militzer of the College of Arts and Sciences said members of the two departments desired the merger. It is scheduled to take effect next February and will allow the pooling of resources between the two departments.

The Board also approved renaming of the department of mathematics and astronomy to the department of mathematics. Dean Militzer said the University no longer offers astronomy because of the limited interest in the field and the need to strengthen other areas of mathematics.

The University's astronomy equipment will be cared for and used by the department of physics, he said.

In other action, the Board:

—Approved a leave of absence for Thompson Stout, associate professor of geology, who will do basic research on fossil rodents and geologic sections at the Basel Museum, Switzerland, and the Munich Museum, Germany, from Jan. 31-June 9.

—Accepted the resignations of Florence Hansen, assistant director of the department of social science at the College of Medicine; and Ray-fred Stevens, assistant professor of geography.

—Approved the appointment of Brian Deverall as assistant professor of plant pathology. Deverall is a Harkness Fellow of the Commonwealth Fund of New York. He will be doing research in the area of physiology of host parasite relations.

—Named 15 faculty members as Summer Research Fellows, carrying a stipend of \$1,000 for the summer of 1962. Those receiving the grants are Robert Beadell, music; John Birch, Douglas Guy and Gary Meisters, mathematics; William Bosky, Robert Forster and Jack Sosin, history; Richard Gilbert, chemical engineering; Robert Hough, Louis Leiter and John Robinson, English; Harold Manter, zoology; John Staba, pharmacy; Reino Virtanen, romance languages; and Peter Worth, art.

—Accepted the low bid of \$25,862 from Braun-Brumfield of Ann Arbor, Mich., for the manufacturing of 12 books by the University Press.

Judging Team Wins International Second

The University livestock judging team finished their college judging careers by placing second in the top judging competition in the country, the International Livestock exposition, over the Thanksgiving vacation.

The first five finalists of the 38 team field are: Oklahoma State University, University of Nebraska, University of Illinois, Michigan State University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Meetings

The Student Council activities committee will meet today at 8 p.m. in 349 Student Union. All Student Council associates who are working on this committee are asked to attend.

Theta Sigma Phi will not meet today as scheduled. The next meeting will be Dec. 5.

A film and other entertainment will highlight the French Club meeting at 7 p.m. in 320 Burnett tonight.

Board members and workers of the Women's Athletic Ass'n. will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in Grant Memorial Hall.

Jed Johnson, national field representative for the Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUN), will speak to interested students tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. He will discuss the CCUN program in general and also the possibility of forming a chapter on this campus.

Nebraska's coach R. B. Warren said the team scores and the individual scores were among the highest ever posted in the history of the contest.

Oklahoma State's team garnered a total of 4,731 points out of a possible 5,000. The Husker team received 4,657 points.

In individual competition among 190 contestants, Nebraska placed four men in the top ten. They were: Jerald Loseke 6th with 954, Vance Uden 7th with 948 points, George Alschwede 8th with 947 points, Herb Kraeger 9th with 945 points.

The 5th member of the NU judging team is Ron Christenson.

Coach Warren said that in past years a score of 930 was usually sufficient to place in the individual judging.

Nebraska's team placed first in the sheep judging event, and 4th in the beef cattle and swine judging.

During the program, Coach Warren was elected president of the International Intercollegiate Livestock Coaches Assn.

University of Nebraska teams compete yearly in the international judging contest along with several national contests. An NU team also placed second in the contest in 1958.

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Second Year Law Students Complete First Moot Round

Results of the first competitive rounds of the Allen Moot Court competition have been announced.

Twenty-seven Lincoln attorneys judged the second year Law College students who will compete this spring and again next fall when they will be narrowed down to two teams who will compete before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The results are:
Sharon Hackett and Ivan R. Ashleman defeated Glen Burbridge and Ronald Svoboda.

Jess Johnson and Carl Kpines defeated Richard Wood and Donald Sass.

Dean Dalke and William Hemmer defeated Guy Bush and Harold Hoff.

Thomas Wagoner and Herbert Brugh defeated Dennis Winkle and Peter Hemstad.

Fredric Kauffman and Richard Spaedt defeated Claris Robinson and John Wightman.

Robert Battey and Harvey Neal defeated Earl Alschwede and David Maser.

Lonnie Bayer and James Gilsdorf defeated Delbert Dirrim and Gary Gustafson.

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After college, I did what I thought was expected of me and joined a solid, Manhattan-based insurance firm. I soon found office routine wasn't for me. I lived only for

lunch hour when I could walk to the Battery and mentally sail with the ships that stood out in the Narrows . . . and for the summer weekends when I could go sailing. Fortunately, the company I worked for is one of the leading insurers of yachts and after two years I was transferred to their Yacht Underwriting Department. Enjoyment and interest in my work improved immediately 100%.

After World War II, I started my own yacht brokerage firm and yacht insurance agency in Miami, combining my marine insurance background with an even closer relationship with boats.

My only problem ever since has been a feeling of guilt that my work was too easy. I love boats and boating people. That affection has paid me rewards way beyond the financial security it has also provided.

The moral's obvious. You have an odds-on chance for success and happiness working at what you enjoy most — what comes naturally! And if it's not just frivolous, your life's work could well be what you now consider just a pastime. It's certainly worth thinking about, anyway!"



Richard Bertram, while still in his early thirties, became one of the country's leading yacht brokers. Today he heads up eight companies covering yacht manufacturing, insurance, repair, storage, finance and brokerage. A resident of Coconut Grove, Florida, Dick became a Camel fan while still in college.

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