



Trask: Quality Of Teachers At University On Decline

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of four articles by Julie Morris, senior staff writer, on why University faculty members leave Nebraska for jobs at other universities.

The University staff is de-

clining in quality year by year, according to Dr. David Trask, associate professor of history.

Trask, who is leaving the school after this semester, said in an interview that "in the past the University has been able to replace faculty, but that day is past because

we've had three straight inadequate budgets."

One of 20 permanent University faculty who are resigning this semester, Trask said the school's budget is inadequate because the administration has a "lack of leadership" and has failed to

communicate with the people of the state.

Absence Of Funds
While resigning faculty have said that low salaries is not the single reason why they leave the school, the overall absence of adequate funds has a tendency to hurt the University in every area, they have said.

Faculty interviewed have tended to lay the blame for lack of funds on failure of the University to communicate with the state.

The University "attempts to manipulate rather than inform the public," Trask charged. The entire public relations emphasis of the University, he said, is on "peripheral topics" and does not focus on the academic and educational purposes of a college.

Trask said the blame for the University's failure to "make known its real needs" to the state is due not only to the administration but to the faculty as well.

He said the University staff "have to go out and explain to people" what the University is trying to accomplish if the staff expects any type of support from the state.

"Many people in Nebraska do not know and do not really understand the University," he said.

Trask affirmed a belief that the University is presently on a definite downward course. "Unless something is done," he said, "what is now a mediocre University is going to be a lousy University."

Not Understood
Another faculty member, on the staff of the College of Agriculture, supported Trask's statements. "We don't really understand the state and the state doesn't understand us," he said.

There is a "lack of confidence on both sides," he continued. Because of the resulting lack of good will among the people of the state, he added, the University doesn't get "the support that is necessary for it to grow" either in the dollars and cents cate-

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sible.

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PRESENTING HER VIEWS . . . to the members of Vox Populi, Cindy Cherry addresses those who attended the meeting of the party Tuesday night.

Vox Populi Slates Senate Candidates

Twenty-seven candidates for ASUN Student Senate were slated for the Vox Populi ticket Wednesday night on the basis of interviews held Tuesday.

"We chose the people we felt would make excellent senators," commented Mike Gottschalk, a Vox Populi organizer, following the slating caucus.

He explained that the 35 old members of Vox Populi voted on this year's slate after reading application forms and hearing the ideas of the 56 students who applied.

Each candidate briefly presented his ideas and was then open to questions from the floor. The interviews lasted for four and one half hours, Gottschalk said.

Thirteen students applied for slating from Business Ad-

ministration, of which four were slated. They are: Gerry Olson, sophomore; Tom Morgan, freshman; Dave Piester, freshman; and Tom Rubin, freshman.

Three incumbents are included in the seven-member slate for teachers College — Kris Bitner, sophomore; Karen Westerberg, junior; and Pam Wood, sophomore.

The other four teachers candidates are Kathy Costello, sophomore; Ann Evans, sophomore; Kathy Kuester, freshman; and Ken Powell, junior. Twelve candidates in all went through the interview for the seven slots.

Although five people went through interviews for the four possible seats from Agriculture and Home Economics,

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ZBT Motion Defeated

A recommendation by the Interfraternity Council executive committee that Zeta Beta Tau fraternity be allowed to recolonize on the University was defeated at the Wednesday night IFC meeting.

The addition to the by-laws required a two-thirds majority. The vote was 15 for and 8 against with one abstention.

National Support

In its recommendation the executive committee noted that ZBT, a Jewish fraternity, has the support of the national fraternity and alumni in the Lincoln and Omaha area. They also noted that ZBT owns its own chapter house at 1345 R, currently occupied by Chi Phi fraternity.

Charles Baxter, Delta Sigma Phi, said the problems that are to be answered are the effect on Chi Phi and the effect on Sigma Alpha Mu. He said that Chi Phi has known for four years that their lease would expire this year.

Bob Harris, Sigma Chi, said that this is a bad year in which to allow the recolonization of ZBT and that ZBT should wait one year and then be allowed to recolonize.

"You would be adding one fraternity at the definite risk of losing three," he said. "Give Chi Phi another year in the house they so badly need."

Chi Phi

Noting that Chi Phi must have a large pledge class in order to fill the house when they move into the complex, Jim Cook said, "It will be hard for us to get a good pledge class if we don't have a house."

Gail Burbridge, IFC expansion chairman, said that ZBT has exhibited the strength that it needs to colonize. Adding to this, John Kenagy, IFC vice president, said ZBT is a strong national fraternity and they don't want a weak colony.

"Good Jewish men will go elsewhere if we don't let them

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SIXTEEN INVITED MEMBERS . . . met Tuesday night to form the Nebraskans for Peace in Viet Nam, designed to be a "specific action group" to seek alternatives to present U. S. Policy.

New Peace Group Organizes To Seek Solution In Viet Nam

A statement of purpose was drafted at the organizational meeting of the Nebraskans for Peace in Viet Nam held at the Wesley Foundation Tuesday night.

The Rev. Bruce McSpadden, associate pastor of the foundation, directed the discussion among the sixteen invited members.

A previous committee to found the group was composed of Dayton Olson, Nebraska Wesleyan chaplain; Kenneth Ford, of the Wesley Foundation; Robert Sansted, assistant professor of plant pathology at the University;

and Carl Davidson of Students for a Democratic Society.

The group's purpose is defined in part as "urgently seeking a peaceful solution to the tragic conflict in Viet Nam."

"We believe that a just peace is possible and that the United States should be pursuing peace more diligently than it now is. We are deeply concerned over the continuing destruction of human life," the statement continues.

Toward these ends the group will present issues to the people of Nebraska, cooperate with other organiza-

tions who seek the same ends, and bring about a change of United States policy through direct contact with persons in positions of authority and by exploring alternative solutions, according to the statement of purpose.

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Senate Hears Bookstore Report

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A report suggesting the establishment of a co-operative bookstore on the University campus was presented Wednesday before Student Senate.

Sen. Ron Neel, chairman of the ASUN bookstore committee, reported that his committee had already begun a study of co-operative bookstores on other campuses and had decided it "is the best method for the student" to buy textbooks at low prices.

The report included statements of the problems involved in the area of bookstores and textbook prices. They are:

- High prices of new books;
- Low resale price of used books and high price of buying used books;
- Frequent change of texts for courses which "cuts out the opportunity of buying used books;"

- Relationship between the student and the bookstore by which the "store controls the student;"

- The lack of competition between the bookstores.

The report continued that the main problem, however, was "getting needed books to the student at the lowest possible price."

Investigations leading up to the report included examining the Alpha Phi Omega book exchange, the private bookstores and the University-owned bookstore. The following conclusions were reached:

- The Alpha Phi Omega book exchange "has a great deal to offer and is essentially very good," but should be expanded on this campus;

- The students "receive too little for their books" at the privately-owned bookstores, "but since business is profit-oriented, it is difficult to get practices changed and resale prices raised;"

- A re-evaluation of the University-owned bookstore's policies should be held as "prices are comparable in all stores for both new and used books" and, therefore, the store did not serve to lower the cost of textbooks.

Neel noted that because of problems

of location it would probably take "two or three years" to actually establish a co-operative bookstore, but that his committee had left a "confidential report" to help subsequent committees with the project.

Sen. Terry Schaaaf reported that within the next couple of weeks, student senators would be voting on a proposed method of selling football tickets.

According to the information distributed by Schaaaf and Sen. Bob Samuelson, the system would allow full-time University students to purchase their football tickets in May and non-full-time students on campus could purchase tickets in the fall with the new students and entering freshman.

"This procedure is Jim Pittenger's (University ticket manager) suggestion," said Schaaaf. "There are other alternatives available that also should be considered. Probably the second week we are back from vacation, Pittenger will attend the meeting to discuss any concrete suggestions."

"There is a definite need for a change," he added.

In other business, the Senate passed a motion by Sen. Bill Hansmire establishing a minimum number of votes to be elected to Student Senate.

He explained that the electoral commission has suggested that a candidate, whether on the ballot or write-in, must receive at least 25 votes to be elected.

"If someone won with less than 25 votes, he wouldn't be representing anyone anyway," said Hansmire.

He explained that the measure was needed "to take care of the problem arising in the Graduate College where only three people have filed for six seats."

"This is the fairest way to eliminate difficulties arising from what could be a wild-cat write-in," he added. "And the rule shouldn't interfere with the other colleges where winning candidates usually poll more than 100 votes."

Speaker of the House Bill Coufal noted that the exclusion of a minimum number of votes clause in the ASUN constitution "may have been an over-sight that should be taken in hand next year."

CFDP Proposes 'Bill Of Rights' Platform

The Campus Freedom Democratic Party (CFDP) met in an open convention Tuesday night declaring "We're here to talk about issues, not to do gladhanding."

The party's ASUN candidates, Steve Abbott for president, Frank McClanahan for vice president, and Larry Grossman for senator from Arts and Sciences, each presented statements of the party's proposed platform and aims.

Abbott said the party expects to win "not on popularity or personalities." He attacked the ASUN candidates who campaign on the slogan that they have served in the Student Senate. "What's so difficult about student government?"

He also attacked the Vox Populi party, which, he said, "keeps chanting 'vote Vox Pop.'" "Have they ever said why vote Pop?" Abbott asked. "If you say what you believe, maybe somebody will be offended. We're not going to be afraid to put ourselves on the line."

Abbott spoke briefly on the proposed Student Bill of Rights, which will become the party's platform if approved by its members.

Grossman said CFDP's "most basic principle" will be that "student government at the University is ineffectual due to lack of power in its present structure." Grossman explained that the constitution of ASUN gives it the power to rule in student affairs only to the extent that this does not interfere with rules established and enforced by the Board of Regents.

The basic point of the proposed Student Bill of Rights, Grossman said, is that "students should have the final say over all things that gov-

ern them outside of the classroom."

Another point in the Bill of Rights, Grossman noted, is "we feel that a student should be free of double jeopardy." He explained that under the present system a student may be prosecuted by the city or state law enforcement officials for violation of a law and may also be prosecuted by the University.

"Students in a university are to be recognized as adult participants in a scholar's world," Grossman said.

Abbott said that if he is elected, he will "do everything in his power" to present the Student Bill of Rights to the Student Senate and to have it ratified by the Senate. The document, he said, would then be presented to the dean of Student Affairs. The dean, Abbott said,

"would have two choices, he could either accept it or veto it." If the bill was rejected, Abbott continued, the senators could stage a walk-out in the Senate and call for new elections to show the dean that the student body supported the Bill of Rights.

Abbott noted that the Student Senate has been working on a Student Bill of Rights this past session, but that it was not presented to the dean of Student Affairs. "This was not because they were afraid," he stressed. Various circumstances prevented the presentation of the document, Abbott said.

Abbott said he felt too many student senators are in ASUN because they are gunners."

The candidates stressed the idea that there cannot be "shared responsibility," something the administration

has discussed frequently this year, "without shared power."

If the provisions of the Student Bill of Rights were accepted by the administration, Abbott said, ASUN would have the first power, but other student organizations would not be subject to ASUN restrictions unless their constitutions did not agree with ASUN regulations.

Carl Davidson, one of the organizers of CFDP, said that if students want to see a change in their standing "now is the time." "University administrations all over the nation 'are running scared,'" he said.

The party set up committees Tuesday night and will begin completion of its platform and the establishment of its constitution over vacation.



CFDP "JUG BAND" . . . leads students in protest songs at a meeting of the proposed Campus Freedom Democratic Party.