



R. Neale Copple

New group causes controversy

A new University-wide Academic Planning Committee, approved just last week by the Faculty Senate, has already created controversy.

The problem concerns membership. Nine of the group's members will be either faculty members or administrators. The tenth designee will be the president of ASUN or his representative.

The 10-member group will be concerned primarily with areas and programs that by nature are interdisciplinary or intercollegiate, according to R. Neale Copple, chairman of the Faculty Liaison Committee.

The group will assess, on an institutional basis, academic programs and their functions to suggest more effective coordination and rearrangements.

"This lack of student representation is contrary to a lot of things we've talked about in the last few years," commented Bill Chaloupka, ASUN President.

ASUN shouldn't have to go out and campaign actively for student representatives on various committees, he added. "It should come automatically."

Dr. Paul Byerly, associate professor of physics and faculty advisor to ASUN, is unhappy with both the committee structure and the actions of student leaders.

"I don't feel there is equitable stu-

dent participation, and I told ASUN senators and executives they ought to do something about it," Byerly said. "They didn't."

ASUN failed

Chaloupka admitted that ASUN really failed in getting out and talking to faculty members in an attempt to change the situation. Chaloupka, or his representative, will serve on the committee.

Both Chaloupka, Byerly, as well as other faculty members feel the committee can be valuable and influential.

Because of the members on the committee, it can be fairly prominent and it has the potential to be important, Chaloupka said.

Besides four faculty members, the group will consist of the Dean of Faculties, Dr. C. Peter Magrath; one faculty member selected by the Graduate Council; two academic deans from the Council of Deans; and Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Harry Allen.

Byerly feels the committee, if it accomplishes its purposes, can perform a much needed service.

The committee is motivated by a desire to improve teaching on this campus, Copple said. The group will work with current problems and as well as on advance projects, he added.

"We really can't predict the exact

direction the committee will take," Copple continued.

Committee assesses future

The committee, for instance, could choose to assess the academic future of the University with emphasis on inter-collegiate programs, Copple suggested.

The general purposes of the committee, according to the official proposal approved by the Faculty Senate, the Liaison Committee and campus President Joseph Soshnik are:

To continually assess, with faculty participation, academic programs and their functions in order to suggest more effective coordination or rearrangements;

To define areas of teaching and research where new or significantly altered programs are required to meet the academic goals of the University. The Committee should be concerned with areas not within the exclusive province of a single college.

To suggest priorities for needed programs of both an immediate and long-range nature, and estimate costs in manpower and physical facilities.

To make recommendations and state conclusions to the president and to assist the administration in the implementation of programs presented to either the Regents or the Legislature, or to both.

Richard S. Harnsberger, professor

of law, is sold on the committee's potential value.

"The committee should consider where we are now academically and where we are going," he said. "In short, if the committee functions properly it should keep our academic arteries from becoming sclerotic."

Committee has diverse elements

It has enough diverse elements, from students to faculty and administrators, so it will have an impact, he added.

When the Academic Planning Committee was approved at the Faculty Senate meeting last week, the only real opposition concerned the structure of the group.

One professor moved to drop the deans from the committee but the motion failed.

Copple asserted that the committee felt that a couple of members from the Dean's Council would give thrust to the committee.

Byerly proposed that student participation be increased to four, but his motion failed.

"The committee is already of pretty good size," Copple said. "I am concerned about size and continuity."

On a legislative type committee, there should be proportionate representation, Copple said, but the Academic Planning Committee would not be legislative in nature.



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Lottery proposal advances

Senate liberals in favor of drastic draft reform agreed Tuesday to permit the Nixon Administration's draft lottery proposal to be rushed through the Senate without amendments. The move virtually assured the bill's passage.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and other reformers agreed to the procedure in a meeting with Chairman John C. Stennis, D-Miss., of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Kennedy said Stennis' assurance that he would make every effort to pass a comprehensive draft reform bill next year convinced him that he should forego the right to offer amendments.

Stennis and the committee promised to hold extensive hearings no later than Feb. 15 on draft reform proposals including changes in deferments, conscientious objector status, methods of classification and make up of local draft boards.

The proposal, which calls for random draft selection from a pool composed mostly of 19 year old males, has already been passed by the House.

Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense, will be invited to testify in brief hearings on draft selection, Stennis said.

Stennis said he believes the Senate will approve the measure but warned he will withdraw the proposal if senators attempt to "clutter the bill up."

BLAC stages sit-in at Omaha campus

by Diane Wanek
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"I'm sorry, I apologize to the University of Nebraska, to the Board of Regents, and to the State of Nebraska. I would have done anything so this wouldn't have happened."

This was the reaction of Dr. Kirk E. Naylor, President of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to the sit-in staged by the Black Liberators for Action on Campus (BLAC) Monday morning.

The confrontation between the demonstrators and the administration resulted in 54 arrests.

Last Friday Naylor had an appointment with Robert Honore, president of BLAC.

"When he came to my office he brought along fifty members of BLAC," Naylor said in an exclusive interview with the Daily Nebraskan.

"He presented a list of demands, which I was supposed to read and react to immediately, but I refused to read them and react to them at the time," he said. "I told them I would give the demands a great deal of consideration, and we would meet again Monday morning at 11:30."

BLAC first demanded the resignation of Frederick Ray, director of student activities, and his assistant, Mrs. Thelma Engle.

BLAC charged that Mrs. Engle and Ray had been "condescending" and had not provided the students with control of their own activities in the Student Center.

No resignations expected

Naylor said the University has not

asked for the resignations of the administrators, nor does it expect to receive them.

Other demands included student control of the Student Center and its employees; BLAC participation in setting up a Black studies curriculum, selection of Black speakers, and hiring of Black instructors; increased benefits for athletes; an increase in University spending for black-oriented extracurricular activities; and reimbursement for funds lost during a BLAC dance Friday night.

Naylor said in a written statement that the students should carry their concerns through the proper channels.

Honore, a senior majoring in law enforcement, said in response to Naylor, that the President was putting off BLAC by "directing that our demands be channeled through one of his red tape committees."

Naylor also noted that there are

students on the Student Center policy board, there are several Black studies courses, and that BLAC was given \$750 from the Student Activities Fund to finance a "black festival."

When they met Monday morning, Naylor first read a formal response to the demands, then took a few moments to try to establish "a rapport" with the BLAC group.

"I wanted to show them how interested I was, that I was willing to listen and spend whatever time was necessary to help them and explain things," he said.

Naylor told the group he was willing to continue discussions on an informal basis. "Honore said to me, 'Is that all you have to say?' and I said, 'Yes, that is all.'" Naylor said. "The group felt my response was 'inadequate'. They didn't cut me off, but they broke off the communication, I didn't."

BLAC sits in offices

The BLAC group then staged the sit-in in the administrative suite, which consists of the President's office, a reception room, and the Regents' room.

Honore told Naylor the group would stay in the administrative suite until Naylor "capitulated."

Naylor said he felt justified in asking the demonstrators to leave within 15 minutes, and when they didn't leave, he summoned the police. "I

had no intention of capitulating," he said.

The police arrived, and the 54 demonstrators were arrested and booked with "willfully refusing to leave the property of an educational institution upon being requested to do so by an administrative officer."

Each demonstrator posted \$25 bond and was released. The bond was put up by "a group of organizations and individuals in the black community," said Honore.

When asked whether he thought the action of the BLAC group disruptive, Naylor said, "They were disruptive in the sense that there were so many of them around. They sat on the floor, and it wasn't possible to carry on normal operations."

Naylor added he has given no consideration to dropping the charges. Honore has said the BLAC "will use every means possible to get the charges dropped."

Communication breakdown

"The major cause of this was a breakdown in communication," Naylor said. "If there is an answer to campus unrest it is in communication. I hope the avenues of communication can be opened wide enough so that something like this won't happen again."

"I have no idea what the future holds," he added. "I hope the problem won't escalate."

In a press conference Tuesday

morning, the BLAC representatives hinted that there would definitely be more action if Naylor didn't drop the charges and if Ray and Mrs. Engle weren't asked to resign.

There was some rumor that the BLAC representatives would consider asking for the resignation of Naylor. Naylor said in reaction to the rumor, "Firing me would be the prerogative of the Board of Regents. I am sure that the Regents will support me."

Honore said the rumor was erroneous. "At the present time there is no intention of violence," he added when asked about future BLAC action.

Honore said he believes the demonstrators have solid backing on the U.N.O. campus.

Naylor, too, believes he has support. "I wish you could see the countless signed petitions, telegrams, and telephone calls I've received. There is not a negative voice among them," he said. "They were all in favor of my action, with complete confidence, urging me to continue the same line of action."

Resolution for committee is approved

The Nebraska Union Board approved a resolution Tuesday calling for the formation of an ad hoc committee with ASUN to explore suggestions for increasing direct student participation in the Student Union.

Last week ASUN approved a similar resolution.

The ad hoc committee's purpose is to examine the Union's administrative structure, programming aspects, and financial arrangements. The committee is to make periodic reports of its findings.

The Nebraska Union's resolution stated that the committee be composed of two ASUN Senators, two Union Board members, and four interested students — two appointed by the Union Board and two by ASUN.

The Nebraska Union Board tabled several amendments to its governing code until its next meeting. These include:

—Changing the number of members from seven to twelve. The proposed amendment states the 12 members shall consist of the director of the Union, three faculty members, and eight students. This is a change from four students and two faculty members.

—Changing the selection of the student members. The proposed amendment calls for three to be selected by the City Campus Program Council from its membership, one by the East Campus Program Council from its membership and four by the ASUN Senate from the student body. Previously ASUN could not select any members to the Union Board.

Grape workers' plight portrayed in film

A film describing the working conditions and attitudes of the grape workers, "Decision at Delano," will be shown Wednesday afternoon at UMHE.

The half hour film will run continuously from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Committee soliciting faculty help

Faculty cooperation is needed now as work on the spring faculty evaluation book begins, according to Ken Wald, Faculty Evaluation Committee chairman.

Letters are now being mailed to faculty members requesting their support and giving information on evaluation procedures, Wald said Thursday.

The Teaching Council has passed a resolution supporting the evaluation book, but the Faculty Senate has yet to consider such a motion, Wald said. He added that the budget has been reduced from \$5,500 to \$5,000 because of anticipated advertising revenue.

Wald also attacked critics of the evaluation book. He noted some people have said students are unduly harsh in their evaluations or aren't able to properly judge professors.

Wald referred to studies that show students are generally quite fair in their evaluations. There is no correlation between a student's grade and his evaluation of the professor, he added.

"Students are the ones best able to evaluate teachers," he said. "They see the professor every day in the classroom. They know whether or not they're learning."

Questionnaires were compiled from a faculty evaluation form prepared for Princeton University by the Carnegie Institute and amended for NU use by the Evaluation Committee.

The questionnaires will be sorted and sent to each department. Departments will distribute the forms to each class. Professors can either have students fill out the forms in class or fill them out later and return the forms to the professor.

The evaluation sheets will be returned to the department and then given to the Evaluation Committee for computer processing. The compiled information will be sent to the printer and the books are scheduled to be distributed in early February.

Voboril: fraternities dying as social group

by Gary Seacrest
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Fraternities will soon be obsolete if they continue to exist only as social clubs, the president of the University's Interfraternity Council said Tuesday.

Joe Voboril said, "The idea of a social club is outgrown. I would like to see an educational living situation in the houses somewhat like the Centennial College." He added that fraternities that stress only the social aspect will become obsolete.

The IFC president thinks fraternities will have to "resemble the Centennial College if they are to survive."

"There will have to be changes in fraternities. They will have to complement the education students receive in class if they are to attract incoming freshmen," he said.

The social aspect of fraternities will have to be de-emphasized, according to Voboril. "It's not bad for fraternities to have a social program, but they are wrong in making it the essence of their existence."

Voboril contends that the Centennial College will put much pressure on the fraternity system. He said that 50 more Centennial scholars would have gone through Rush Week this year if there had been no Centennial College.

He said the Centennial College is simply a co-ed fraternity and "there wouldn't have been a need for Centennial College if the fraternities would have developed better student-



Joe Voboril

faculty relations. Centennial College is doing the things we failed to do."

The IFC president said he believes fraternities are in a perfect position to implement a Centennial College type of program in their houses. He said the fraternity system

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Lounge experiment to be attempted soon

The coed lounge experiment will get underway within a week in Sandoz and Abel South Halls, according to Abel-Sandoz Residence Association officers Brad Brooks and Necia Baker.

Schramm, the third dorm participating, is awaiting IDA approval of floor lounge conditions before implementing the experiment. Joseph Zannini, Schramm residence director, said Tuesday.

Individual floors in all three dorms are drawing up specific plans within the general guidelines issued Oct. 29 by IDA committee on coed lounges.

Three floors in Sandoz and two in Abel have submitted their plans for approval by the residence director, Miss Baker said.

One Abel floor voted to have open lounge every night, with strict controls — no unescorted girls and suspension of the experiment for any violation. Another floor in Abel will experiment the first week to determine which nights are most convenient for residents, according to Brooks.

Sandoz proposals are allowing open lounge about three times a week, Miss Baker said.

The IDA guidelines, approved by housing director Ely Meyerson, have five broad provisions.

—Each floor must elect one or two residents who will take full responsibility for maintaining floor rules and be on the floor at all times during open lounge hours.

—Maximum hours are 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m. on week nights, 7:30 p.m.-12 midnight on weekends.

—The residence director must be notified of floor provisions for coed lounge.

—Each floor may decide whether or not to participate at all.

—A "desirable atmosphere must be maintained for open lounge," meaning clean lounge walls, clean and operable light fixtures, adequate, well-kept furniture, and bulletin boards inoffensive to "reasonable social standards."

IDA President Theresa Sledge hopes to evaluate the experiment by the original Dec. 15 deadline. If the dorms can have the coed lounges implemented within a week, she thinks that a valid evaluation can be made by that time.

Exact grounds for evaluation are to be determined by an IDA committee this week, Miss Sledge said. The committee is particularly interested in similarities in provisions on each floor, since the original guidelines allowed for considerable variation.