

New University of Life starts today, 10 am south of Love



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No grade sanctions

Faculty Senate postpones vote

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The Faculty Senate Tuesday postponed a vote on students' request for a "new University" while endorsing faculty action last Tuesday urging instructors not to sanction students who honored the strike.

The Faculty Senate okayed a liaison committee report containing the student resolution and doled out portions of it to several faculty committees. The Academic Planning committee in consultation with the teaching council and ASUN will consider the request for reforming the University to deal more effectively with social issues like the Indochina war.

The Calendar committee will deal with the part of the resolution asking for a two-week recess of classes before the elections next fall in place of Thanksgiving vacation. Both committees are to hold well-publicized public meetings before reporting back to a special senate meeting May 21.

The Academic Planning committee will hold its open public meeting today at 3 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

The student demand for suspension of ROTC until

withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Indochina was referred to the individual colleges. The colleges could withdraw credit for ROTC, according to Robert Narveson, secretary of Faculty Senate.

The Senate passed a resolution strongly urging faculty to listen sympathetically to student requests for grades of incomplete due to political activity. But the decision to grant grades of incomplete is still up to the individual instructor although students can appeal faculty sanctions to college appeal boards, Narveson said.

One faculty member attempted to keep the student resolution passed at Monday's town hall meeting from being discussed at the Senate meeting. He claimed the item

was not legitimately on the agenda. But Senate chairman, President Joseph Soshnik, ruled that the resolution was legitimately part of the liaison committee's report.

The resolution also survived a substitute motion introduced by John Braeman, professor of history. The Braeman motion affirmed the duty of faculty to fulfill their teaching duties and to determine the content of their courses.

Braeman objected to the part of the student resolution asking for classroom discussion of the Indochina war and the Kent murders. He called the request "an incitement of students to take over the classroom." Braeman advocated sticking to present rules for giving incompletes and pass grades

saying he was against "giving wholesale passes no matter what."

Paul Olson, English pro-

fessor, replied that the resolution "doesn't advocate any disruption of classes or

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Academic council

The academic planning council will hold an open hearing at 3 p.m. Wednesday to consider the call for a New University passed by students at the Monday town hall meeting. All members of the University community may present to the council ideas for changes in curricula.

Dean Ross In the storm's center

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G. Robert Ross, executive dean of Student Affairs, is a man with many problems.

The Lincoln campus has been in turmoil for nine days. Ross has been severely criticized for his actions during last week's occupation of the Military and Naval Science Building. Now a petition is being circulated among University students demanding his resignation.

"OBVIOUSLY it can't be very satisfying that someone wants you to resign," Ross remarked Tuesday. "On the other hand when you get in a controversial situation you can't expect everyone to be happy about your actions. I know I wasn't happy about the actions of many students last week."

Despite the current student

unrest on the Lincoln campus, Ross said that the extent of student participation in decision-making will depend on the students. He added that all possibilities of student involvement have not yet been explored.

ROSS NOTED that the resolution passed by a University town hall meeting Monday has many inconsistencies. "I'm completely opposed to ceasing all normal classroom activities," he added.

However, Ross said that he favored starting school a week early next semester in order to give students a week recess prior to the November elections to campaign for candidates. Ross supports the week recess as long as the academic year is not shortened.

ROSS DEFENDED his ac-

tions last week during the occupation of the Military and Naval Science Building. The University sought an injunction to remove the students from the building.

"Once the decision was made that disruption was taking place, it was agreed that the injunction would give the students time to appear in court that day to state their case," Ross remarked.

Ross reaffirmed his earlier statement that some of the demonstrators had threatened violence to anyone coming into the building in uniform.

"I HEARD a demonstrator say that if a ROTC student came into the building that there was a good chance that he would be thrown over the railing into the pit," Ross said.

Ross also said the injunction was sought because of property damage that occurred in the building early Tuesday morning of the occupation.

HE RECALLED that he alerted an attorney at 3 a.m. Tuesday that an injunction might be necessary, but the University didn't start the legal process of seeking a restraining order until 7 a.m., after the threats of violence and the property damage.

Barring further exceptional situations at this University, the Daily Nebraskan hereby declares itself defunct for the semester. If the staff finds it necessary to report actions by faculty, students or administrators, the staff will again publish the Rag in further service to the University community.

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