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Nebraska prison representatives won't participate in NFU teach-in

The Nebraska Free University's (NFU) teach-in on prison institutions and reform will meet at UNL Tuesday, but no representative of the Nebraska Penal Institutions will be present.

Teach-in organizer Chris Harper said in a leaflet distributed Friday that he had approached Nebraska Penal Complex Warden Charles L. Wolff to take part in the program. Wolff indicated to Harper that he would be unable to participate due to prior commitments.

The leaflet said Wolff indicated "he would not like anyone from his office to attend other than himself." The participation of a prison guard or inmate was also refused.

Harper said he also contacted State Director of Institutions Michael LaMontia.

The leaflet said "He (LaMontia) told me that he objected to some members of the program and had instructed all of his staff not to participate in the ASUN/NFU sponsored program. He further stated that the possibility of a confrontation existed in the

present structure of the program."

Harper's leaflet said. "If confrontation should arise during the teach-in, confrontation usually points to either inequalities in the status quo or misinformation on the part of the questioner. Communication is an excellent means to deal with both of these possibilities. It is disturbing that the administration of the state prison will not present their outlook to intelligent concerned people."

Participants in the teach-in include state Sen. Ernest Chambers who has made efforts to bring about reform in the Nebraska Penal Complex. Chambers has been quoted as saying incarceration in the Nebraska State Penitentiary is "cruel and unusual punishment" in which prisoners "are treated like animals."

Recently a list of demands was presented to Gov. J. J. Exon and a separate, but similar, list of demands was presented to Wolff by the inmates. A work strike which involved about one-half the

inmate population, according to prison authorities, followed the demand presentation.

The striking prisoners have since returned to their normal daily activity routine.

Also participating in the conference is Dr. Galen Kuchel, a member of the Nebraska State Game Commission and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Law Enforcement Department.

In addition, a panel discussion will include state Sen. Roland Luedtke, chairman of the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Advisory Committee, Dr. Gordon Fields of the UNL Law College, and Gene Henninger of the Lancaster County Penal System.

Also on the panel will be Dr. James Suter, coordinator of interdisciplinary studies for the School of Environmental Development and Dr. Fred Holberg of the UNL Law Enforcement Department.

The teach-in will culminate with a performance of "The Cage", a play dealing with prison institutions which was written, produced and performed by ex-inmates of San Quentin Prison.

Court orders inspection of student fee records

The University Board of Regents was directed Friday by Lancaster District Court to permit inspection of records of student fees allocated to The Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union and ASUN for the fall semester.

Students Ralph Larson, Bruce Wimmer and Fred Otto, who brought suit against the Regents over the alleged use of mandatory student fees for political purposes, requested the inspection of records. Larson claimed he had been denied access to these records.

After hearing the motion Friday, Judge Herbert A. Ronin granted the request that Larson and counsel be permitted to inspect the Regents' resolution which delegates the decision on expenditures of student fee money to the Nebraska Union and ASUN.

The Regents also were directed to produce for inspection all written documents relating to the expenditure of student fees by the Nebraska Union for public speaker fees from 1966 through 1971, including those

for the 1971-72 speaker series. The Regents were given two days to comply with the Court's decision.

Ronin deferred ruling on two other portions of the motion by Larson and counsel. These requested permission to inspect documents relating to the expenditures of the Union and ASUN for the anti-war strike activities of May, 1970, and expenditures of student fees for the Time-Out and World in Revolution conferences since 1966.

Ruling was deferred after attorneys agreed to explore what documentation could be exchanged through cooperative efforts of both parties in the case.

A request to inspect documents relating to an ASUN loan of \$203.03 to UNL student John K. Hansen in May, 1970, was overruled by Ronin. The Court said this information should be sought from UNL officials.

State financial records for all agencies, including the University, are open to public inspection by law, according to Assistant Atty. Gen. Calvin Robinson.

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NU computer system set for Feb. 1 change

by Jim Gray

The changeover to a consolidated computer system by the three University of Nebraska campuses won't cost taxpayers an extra cent, a University official said.

According to Director of Budget and Systems Planning Glenn W. Smith, associate director of the University's computer network, the changeover will be funded from money already budgeted to the network by the Board of Regents.

"WE'RE MOSTLY just redirecting the funds," he said. "Most of the money will come from amounts budgeted for maintenance and replacement of machines."

In the long run, the changeover will save the computer system money by more efficient use of resources. The money saved will be used to extend computer services to more members of the University community, he explained.

In the new system, the three University campuses will use the computer center in Nebraska Hall on the Lincoln campus for most of their work, supplementing it with computers on the other campuses. This, Smith said, will eliminate many duplicated functions.

INTER-CAMPUS use of the center will be accomplished by telephone lines linking the three campuses. According to University Vice President Howard Neville, students and faculty members on all

campuses will be able to use the computer by telephone-type hook-ups.

Neville, the other associate director of the computer system, said the changeover will involve the removal of three computers—one at UNO, one at the Medical Center and

one in UNL's administration building. One special-purpose computer will stay at the Medical Center and one will operate at UNO, but most computer work will be done at UNL.

While changes in the physical structure of the

system are scheduled to be finished by Feb. 1, Smith said some procedural changes will not take place until after the deadline.

ONE MAJOR change which won't be completed by Feb. 1 is a switch in management personnel. Currently the

system is managed by Smith and Neville on a cooperative basis, both splitting their time between the system and other University responsibilities.

The new system will have a central coordinator for the entire network on a full-time basis, with facilities directors in charge of each of the computer centers. The coordinator will probably not be hired until after completion of the system.

TWO OF THE three facilities directors have already been selected. Donald Nelson, longtime head of the Nebraska Hall center has been selected as director of the UNL center and Edward Rejda was chosen for the UNO position.

The two computers to be removed from the Medical Center and UNO are rented from the NCR Corp. and the IBM Corp. and will be no problem to remove, Smith said. The computer in UNL's administration building however, is owned by the University, raising disposal problems.

"We'll offer it for sale to state agencies first, then to the public."

SMITH SAID the changeover won't cause any major problems in accomplishing the computer work load. "The remodeling in Nebraska Hall may cause some inconveniences, but we feel we can keep up," he commented.

Portions of the Nebraska Hall center are being remodeled to allow for the

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