

"I think that many of the faculty members are conservative because they are powerless when it comes to dealing with the administration," Paul A. Olson, president of UNL local of American Federation of Teachers (AFT), said. "A union would give this faculty much more say in matters where we need to be heard."

He also said AFT could work with ASUN in subjects of common concern when dealing with the regents and the administration.

The president of ASUN Steve Fowler, told the local members that a teachers' union on campus might tend to centralize the conservative elements of the faculty against the students interest, according to Olson.

AFT is associated with AFL-CIO. There are approximately 100 dues paying members on the UNL campus with all colleges represented. Olson considers AFT to be an alternative to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) even though AAUP is gradually evolving into a union.

In a recent poll conducted by AFT, 600 faculty members and administrators were questioned about their reaction to a teachers' union. Of the 50 per cent who responded, 50 per cent were generally in favor of a union, 30 per cent were against and 20 per cent were non-committal, according to Olson.

In a local meeting Monday night, member Craig MacPhee, UNL economics professor, presented a study which pointed out the status of faculty salaries in relation to rank and department.

Some alleged inequities include assistant professors having lower salaries than some microbiology instructors. The study pointed out several other examples which involved over 420 faculty members.

According to Olson, the union would propose certain minimum wage standards according to rank that would be consistent through departments. The minimum wage would still allow for market competition with other universities and a reward system for quality teaching, said Olson.

He said the present method of setting wages for the faculty would be appropriate only for a small organization.

In conjunction with firing procedures, AFT would like to

AFT seeks faculty recognition

short stuff

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Alpha Gamma Sigma will hold an open house of their new fraternity house at 40th and Holdrege, from 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Paul Bancroft will speak

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on "The Difference Between Boys and Girls," from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the General Arnold School Library as part of the University Health Center's program of service to married students.

There will be an International Club coffee house 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the basement of International House.

There will be a meeting for all persons interested in an alternative newspaper at 7 p.m. Monday in the Nebraska Union South Crib.

Registration for the NU Yell Squad tryouts is open until Feb. 28. Students interested may register in Rm. 340 Union. The first practice will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Henzlak Hall gymnasium.

UNL School of Music Professors Raymond Miller, tenor and Jack Snider, French

horn, will present a program of vocal and instrumental music at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Kimball Recital Hall.

Photographers from Nebraska, Iowa and both coasts entered more than 500 prints in the first photography contest held by Sheldon Art Gallery. One-third of these are now on exhibit until March 19.

Refund checks for most of those students who had credit balances on second semester tuition statements are now available at the Bursar's window 204 Administration Building, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

The Student Cause (SC) has filed a party for the ASUN election with its slate of officers listed as: Bruce Beecher, president; Sam Brower, 1st vice president; Michele Gagne, 2nd vice president. March 3 is the deadline for other parties to file.

agree with the administration on a set method of due process for when a faculty member is relieved of his job, said Olson.

He said that the faculty has no formal contract with the University so it is difficult to discuss employment disputes.

"Due process would have eliminated a lot of the problems associated with the Rozman case," he said. Steven Rozman, a former UNL political science teacher, was fired a year ago and he is fighting the dismissal through the courts.

AFT would also ask for a maximum teaching load of nine hours per semester if they become recognized, Olson said.

The local has received some criticism from other faculty members for various reasons, including the opinion that a union is an unprofessional organization.

"Many people around here do not like the idea of a teachers' union because they associate the word 'strike' with unions," Olson said. "We are public employees and by law we are not allowed to strike."

Olson mentioned that another function of the union would be to direct more funds towards the undergraduate programs.

"Graduate schools receive the highest priority for funds because that's where a university gets its reputation. AFT would work for a better quality undergraduate program," he said.

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