

Tenure committee hears final testimony

by John Russnogle

Richard Knudsen, defense lawyer, was granted additional time for three respondents to testify in the final day of the hearing of the Academic Privilege and Tenure Committee. The hearing concerns charges of discrimination in pay, promotion and tenure by Bert Evans, extension agricultural economist.

Knudsen asked the committee for additional time for Everett Peterson, professor of agricultural economics; Glen Vollmar, chairman of the department of agricultural economics, and E.F. Frolik, dean of the College of Agriculture, to testify. During the Tuesday hearing Knudsen called more than 10 witnesses other than the respondents to the witness stand.

In his final testimony, Evans told the committee he believed the respondents' witnesses had been consulted by Knudsen before the trial. "Their presentations have been orchestrated by someone but, I don't know who the orchestra leader is," Evans said.

When asked why he remained at his present job, Evans replied that he liked his work and Nebraska in spite of the difficulties with his department.

Vollmar said departmental staff meetings are held only once a year because Evans expounds his personal case rather than departmental business at the meetings.

Under cross-examination Vollmar said the work Evans has been involved in is part of Evans' job description.

Peterson said at one time Evans "launched a verbal attack on me and worked himself into such a frenzy that I thought

Evans would become physically violent."

Peterson said Evans had been "rough" during a set of conferences Peterson saw, but did a good job when "he (Evans) became acquainted with the materials."

Respondent Howard Ottoson, associate dean of the College of Agriculture, said Evans applied for a teaching and research appointment but when the staff screened candidates for vacancies, Evans did not receive majority support for a teaching position.

Frolik said there have been some faculty objections against Evans receiving an increase in salary, but the salaries have stood as recommended by the Board of Regents. He added he had recommended an increase for Evans which would allow Evans to receive a \$15,000 a year salary. There was no support by the departmental staff for his proposals so Evans did not receive the increased salary benefits, Frolik said.

In regard to Evans' promotions Frolik said, "If Bert had shown a little more effort, he could have been promoted."

The duties of the committee after hearing the grievances, according to the by-laws of the Board of Regents, are as follows:

"It shall be its duty after careful investigation to make known its findings and recommendations to the Chancellor and to the person or persons concerned. It shall also be its duty to present a report and appropriate recommendation to the Senate."

No date was set for the results of the committee to be presented to the public.

ASUN Senate balks at strike resolution

The ASUN Senate voted 18-10 to hold for next Wednesday's meeting a vote on a resolution to endorse an anti-Indochina war student strike this Friday.

The resolution denounces President Richard M. Nixon's decision to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong, calls for endorsement of a Thursday anti-Indochina war rally at UNL and endorsement of a student boycott of classes planned for Friday by the National Student Government Association, of which ASUN is a member.

The vote against suspending the rules left Senators Patti Kaminski's and Carolyn Lee's resolution tabled for a week, since it was introduced too late to be a part of Wednesday's agenda.

Kaminski complained that the senate "doesn't know how to handle parliamentary procedure—if you're against a measure you vote against it, you don't table it."

She also called it "one more example of ASUN not responding and taking a stand on current issues."

Senator Ron Frank said the resolution asks "this body to endorse possible illegal actions."

He was referring to Ron Kurtenbach's statement that protesters may march to the draft board in the street as part of Thursday's rally, although the marchers have a permit for walking only on the sidewalks.

Frank also expressed hesitancy in joining those condemning the air war when the majority of UNL students may agree with the President's decision to bomb the two North Vietnamese cities.

A bill that did earn rule suspension, and went on to pass on a vote of 27-2-1, was ASUN President

Bruce Beecher's request for a summer wage of \$2.25 an hour for him and \$2 an hour for the first and second vice presidents.

The bill specified a 25-hours-a-week limit for each of the executives. If they each work their limit, Beecher will earn about \$675; Michele Gagne, \$600; and Sam Brower, \$300, since he will work for only half the summer. That compares to \$100 a piece for ASUN executives last summer.

Beecher said the raise was necessary because of the work that must be done this summer so ASUN can "move quickly in the fall" to implement plans to help students obtain discounts in a downtown liquor store and gas station.

ASUN executives also get a salary for the nine-month academic year. The salaries for 1971-72 were \$940 for the president and about \$627 for the first and second vice presidents.

A bill to allow the executives to spend up to \$100 without Senate approval met opposition before being tabled for a week.

Beecher said it was intended to allow executives to buy "simple office materials" without requiring a vote of the senate.

Frank said he agreed with the notion, but thought the \$100 limit "leaves too many things open" to purchase without senatorial approval.

Bill Freudenberg was appointed ASUN's representative on a newly-formed eight-member committee that will select an additional two foreign or minority hosts for the New Student Orientation Program this summer.

Earlier an ad hoc committee had sought, among other things, to add foreign and/or minority students to the 13 students already chosen to participate in the NSOP. The hosts are to acquaint incoming freshmen and their parents with the UNL campus. The committee's efforts culminated Tuesday with Interim Dean of Student Affairs Ely Myerson's statement that there were sufficient funds to add two hosts to the program.

The ad hoc committee's efforts were endorsed by the senate last week.

Beecher announced his plans to discuss with UNL Placement Director Frank Hallgren complaints Beecher said he's been receiving about records the University allows students' future employers to see.

Beecher said the files contain letters by the students' teachers, and some UNL seniors have

complained that they can't see their own file, while their potential employers can.

Past ASUN President Steve Fowler said the last senate left about \$4,200 for the newly-elected senate.

The Senate voted to give \$80 to the UNL Student Veteran Organization to pay for four SVO members' registration fees to a national convention in May.

It decided not to give \$170 to the UNL International Club and to send a fourth delegate--there are three going--to a National Association for Foreign Student Affairs convention also in May.

The Senate accepted the Students for Peterson organization's constitution making it a recognized campus group.

That means the group of students, campaigning for former UNL economics professor Wallace Peterson's bid for the U.S. Senate, can reserve space and booths in the Nebraska Union and put campaign material around campus.

First Vice President Michele Gagne announced that applications for ASUN committee chairmanships are being accepted now.

Peace organizers announce anti-war rally, class boycott

An anti-war demonstration is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, according to UNL graduate Ron Kurtenbach.

The 2 p.m. rally is slated for the Broyhill Fountain plaza. Speakers scheduled for the event include Steven L. Rozman, former UNL political science teacher; Barry Pilger, editor of the Daily Nebraskan; Nick Meinhardt, Nebraskans for Peace organizer; Larry Wolfley, UNL English teacher; Charles Stephen, a Unitarian minister; and demonstration organizer Dennis Berkheim.

According to Kurtenbach, the rally will be followed by a march to the state Selective Service Headquarters. A permit has been issued for the march south on 14th Street to O Street. The marchers will then take a sidewalk route to the Terminal Building, site of the Selective Service headquarters, at 10th and O Streets.

Rally organizers indicated a student strike would be called for. In the event of unfavorable weather the rally will be held in the Nebraska Union lounge, according to Kurtenbach.



Kaminski