



Campus Police

Jurisdiction extended

Campus police may be patrolling off-campus student living units if a suggestion for a City Council resolution to extend Campus Police jurisdiction is adopted, according to Police Chief Gail Gade.

In a letter to City Atty. Dick Wood, UNL lawyers suggested a resolution to extend Campus Police jurisdiction to sororities, fraternities and student cooperatives built on privately owned land. These living units are presently under Lincoln Police Dept. (LPD) jurisdiction.

Three fraternities and two sororities already lie within Campus Police jurisdiction because their property is rented from UNL, according to Interfraternity Council officials. Those are the Phi Mu and Alpha Delta Pi sororities and the Chi Phi, Triangle and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities.

According to Gade, the two police forces have operated under a verbal agreement in which Campus Police answered calls about minor disturbances and the LPD worked on reported criminal offenses such as theft.

"There has always been a little bit of a gray area" concerning the extent of each jurisdiction, according to Ron Gierhan, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs.

"Who's responsible for 16th Street," Gierhan asked referring to snowball fights and streaking incidents which have taken place along the street over the past few years. "It goes right through the campus but it is still city property."

Gade said Campus Police wanted to extend protective services to the off-campus living units.

LPD Chief Joe Carroll said he had no objections to the change in jurisdiction. A City Council resolution would be necessary to make the change, he said.

Wood was not available for comment on whether the suggestion has been forwarded to the Council. Council members have not yet considered the suggestion, according to the Council secretary.

Ford protest slated

An anti-inflation demonstration plans to meet President Gerald R. Ford when he arrives at Lincoln Municipal Airport Oct. 16.

Doug Hord, demonstration spokesman, said the groups supporting the movement are the Nebraska Dispatch, Lincoln Chapter of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Free Theatre of Lincoln, Mexican-American Student Association (MAS), Western Plains Video and Nebraskans for Peace.

Ford will be at the airport from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to campaign for First District Congressman Charles Thone.

The demonstrators will make five demands of Ford: cut back military spending, don't include armaments as a defense against inflation, grant universal and unconditional amnesty, pardon the Wounded Knee participants and honor all Indian treaties.

In a prepared statement, Hord and other demonstration leaders said although Ford has consistently opposed all social legislation as "spending sprees" he has advocated increased military spending.

"The \$90 billion a year defense budget has little to do with the security of the American people. The rampant inflation gripping this country is the direct consequence of the United States' war-oriented economic policies," the statement said.

Concerning the demand for universal and unconditional amnesty, the statement said, "President Ford's position would force those who resisted the war, and the racism and oppression of the military, to admit their guilt."

The demonstrators say Ford's pardon of former President Richard Nixon was an example of the dual system of justice in this country.

Students interested in joining the demonstration may contact Doug Hord, 475-1405, or meet at 333 N. 14th, at 1 p.m. Oct. 16. Students are asked to bring placards or posters with one of the five demands written on them, Hord said.

Labor union charges

Unionization is discouraged

By Greg Wees

The two top officers of a labor union local are standing by their charges that NU personnel supervisors openly have discouraged university employees attempting to organize under Local 1827 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

However, UNL Personnel Director Roy Loudon Jr. denies that such attempts have been made or will be made by the university. Rules written by the NU Board of Regents guide union organizers recruiting university employees.

In a statement last week, signed by union vice president Ron Kurtenbach, AFSCME members censured UNL "for its harassment and repression of union organizing" and attempts "to prohibit nonemployee union organizers from doing organizing on the campus."

Memo 'anti-union'

At the center of the AFSCME charge, Kurtenbach said, is a memo allegedly written by Loudon and read to UNL custodians last May during their monthly meeting.

Kurtenbach, a UNL custodian who attended the meeting, said John Dzerk, UNL Physical Plant operational manager, read a memo which Dzerk told the custodians was written by Loudon, "that was very anti-union. It discouraged them (custodians) from signing the authorization petition."

A petition must be signed by at least 51% of the custodians, groundskeepers, food service and other employees before AFSCME can represent the nonteaching employees in contract bargaining negotiations, Kurtenbach said.

"The memo said that 'signing an authorization petition is like signing a blank check'," Kurtenbach said. Supervisors were encouraged by the memo to tell employees of the danger of a union, he added.

Statements 'not true'

Dzerk said he would not comment on the memo he read. But he did say that union recruitment of employees "should not take place on taxpayer's time."

"Kurtenbach's statements are just not true," he said. Dzerk said he warned Kurtenbach about talking to employees during coffee breaks.

Dan Beaty, another custodian at the meeting, also said he heard Dzerk tell custodians that "signing authorization cards was like signing a blank check."

During the meeting Kurtenbach said he asked Dzerk for a copy of the memo, but Dzerk refused to give him one.

AFSCME president John Lemmon, was not at the May meeting, but said he went to Loudon's office to see the memo which Kurtenbach said Dzerk read at the meeting.

"I asked him (Loudon) for a copy of the memo, but he said it was university business," Lemmon said. "Loudon said he could not give it to me."

Memo 'doesn't exist'

However, Loudon told the Daily Nebraskan the memo read by Dzerk which allegedly discouraged union organization does not exist.

"The university takes a position of strict neutrality on union organization," Loudon said.

Guidelines adopted by the regents in April 1972 have to be followed by union organizers, Loudon said.

"Organizers have the right to talk to employees," he added, "but this must be done on their own time and not on university time."

Board of Regents guidelines state that "solicitation for union membership by employees of the University campuses will not be allowed in nonworking areas and during nonworking hours excluding only coffee breaks."

The rules also include guidelines on union solicitation, distribution of materials and meetings.