

Expert supports unified bargaining

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William Weinberg, professor of Industrial Relations at Rutgers University in New Jersey, a collective bargaining expert, told Judge Wall that splintering collective bargaining would promote irresponsibility in the separate unions.

Patrick Healey, lawyer for the UNL chapter of AAUP, questioned Sample about recent problems of possible accreditation loss in the School of Social Work because of separate operations on the UNL and UNO campuses.

Sample told Healey that the accrediting team for the school blamed the lack of autonomy within the School of Social Work on different missions of the two host institutions.

He said the units would "hold out, not wanting to give in if the other was going to get a better deal."

"Having all faculty under one umbrella makes for a more positive bargaining process," Weinberg said. More than one bargaining unit would add expense and bureaucracy, he added.

Weinberg said NU is similar to Rutgers, which also has three campuses. A system-wide bargaining unit was set up at Rutgers in 1969.

Weinberg said there are separate concerns among the campuses but that separate concerns also can be found among departments on one campus.

The court also heard testimony from David Dow, UNL law professor for 29 years and from James McCabe, a member of the College of Dentistry faculty for 16 years.

Different schedules

The two testified that the calendars and schedules of their colleges were different

than the rest of UNL and that faculty members operate under a code of ethics not practiced by most departments or colleges.

The colleges of Law and Dentistry have asked the court to be excluded from any bargaining unit.

Everett Peterson, professor of agricultural engineering, told the court that UNL's 164 agricultural and home extension agents wish to be included in the bargaining unit.

The unit being sought by AAUP does not include agriculture or home economics extension agents.

English professor John Robinson, president of the UNL AAUP chapter, testified that the UNL faculty is not involved in the everyday matters of UNO and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) faculty.

Bayh attacks Ford policies

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He said Ford's "unilateral \$2 per barrel tax on foreign crude oil has caused more hardship for Americans than any price action OPEC has taken."

"President Ford's calls for decontrols and his appeal to a return to a free market are misleading. There is no free enterprise nor competition in the petroleum industry in this country," Bayh said.

He said he supported a Senate bill aimed at breaking up the large oil corporation's vertical integration structure which Bayh said allows those companies to control petroleum "from the hole in the ground to the gas tank and maintain non-competitive practices."

He said Ford's idea of conserving energy by allowing prices to rise was harmful to most Americans. A better method of conservation, he said, had been vetoed by Ford.

He was referring to Congressional measures aimed at improving home insulation, changing the nation's dependency from oil and gas to coal and other more plentiful fuels and restrictions on the manufacture of low gas mileage cars.

Bayh said that as a farmer himself, he is angry at what he called Ford and Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz's agricultural "non-policy."

He said they have caused farmers and workers to become needless adversaries.

"When I was at Purdue, I took an agriculture economy class and the instructor was Earl Butz. People have asked me what grade I received and I can tell you it was better than what I'd give Butz now."

Bayh said farmers have not gained at all from the retail food price increases of 30 per cent in the last two years. In that same time, net farm income has dropped nearly 16 per cent, according to Bayh.

He said farm prices are down seven per cent from a year ago while operating costs are up 11 per cent.

Bayh said a farm policy is needed which would help control international market fluctuations and provide a "strategic reserve" of agricultural commodities to reduce instability of domestic food prices.

Intercampus Bus Service

Passengers question fares, bus stops

A change in paying procedures and fewer pick up points are two major concerns of students using the Intercampus Bus Service. The service, operated by Campus Police, provides transportation for students between UNL's City and East campuses.

According to Captain Kenneth Markle, of Campus Police, the only change in fare has been the switch from season passes to cash or tokens. Last year students could obtain season passes for \$15 per year or by purchasing a parking sticker. This year students must pay a dime or a bus token when boarding the bus.

Twenty tokens may be purchased for \$1.75, a savings of about two cents per ride. According to several students, this change is an increase in fare.

One student said, "A dime may not seem to be a lot of money, but if you ride the bus every day, four times a day, those dimes can add up."

Another student said she thought that if the university offers classes on both campuses, then the university should provide free bus service to the students. She suggested that costs for the service be covered by student fees.

Ray Coffey, assistant business manager of the Office of Business and Finance, said the ten cent fare began with the service in 1962. He said that the charge covers little less than half of the total cost for running the buses.

In the past, some of the revenue generated from the sale of parking stickers was used to cover the remainder of the costs, he said.

Because of a decline in the number of stickers sold, Coffey said, his office is unsure of how the balance will be covered this year. He said that next year's UNL budget request includes funds for operating the service and if approved the buses will be free to students.

Because only about ten per cent of UNL students use the service, it is not likely that student fees could be used to pay the costs, Coffey said.

Last year the buses picked up students within a half block of each Residence Hall. Some students now need to walk as many as three blocks for the bus. One Selleck Quadrangle resident said he did not mind the walk now, but when winter came he said it would be a "real hassle."

Markle said that in the past the buses picked up quite a few students in front of Selleck, but because of residents' complaints about the buses' exhausts, they no longer stop there.

He said Campus Police have received few complaints about late buses and those problems have been corrected. He also said that a few buses had to be added during peak hours to alleviate the problem of overcrowded buses.

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