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AAUP rep: Bargaining aids participation

By Joe Hudson

University faculty collective bargaining "is not going to create dollars that aren't there," but will ensure faculty members' participation in determining how money will be spent, said an American Association of University Professors (AAUP) national councilman Tuesday.

George Horton of Rutgers University told about 25 UNL faculty members at the Home Economics Bldg. that AAUP can eliminate the individual faculty member's "sense of alienation" by making it easier for them to voice their opinions.

Committee.

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Students would have no say in decisions, Peterson said. As it now stands, students can serve on selected Faculty Senate committees, he added, but if the AAUP were selected as the bargaining agent, this input would be omitted.

-According to reports from County Extension Agents and Extension specialists, a serious loss of public support and an increase of direct university control by the Nebraska Legislature are almost certain to follow faculty member approval of a collective bargaining agent.

James Hassler, committee treasurer, said, "public institutions of this type have a main goal of being productive to the people of the state and the students. "An external mediator could block negotiations be-

tween the faculty and the administration," he said. "The people of Nebraska would feel an effect of in-

creased university operational costs because of bargaining, litigations and negotiations," according to Hassler.

The statement sent to faculty members emphasized that a simple majority of those casting votes will decide the issue, Peterson said.

"Most of the members of the steering committee have been here since 1960, so we are not new to the university," he said. "But we are deeply concerned with the effect a bargaining agent would have on the university."

He said the group is looking for faculty members in other departments to help support the Committee of Concerned Faculty. All but one of the 15 members are in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

AAUP does not "create dollars," Horton said, and added that salaries and quality of instruction at Rutgers rose in 1971 after its faculty adopted the AAUP as a bar-

gaining agent. UNL faculty will vote Feb. 16 on whether to be represented by the AAUP as a collective bargaining unit.

Before Rutgers had collective bargaining, it was rated "mediocre" by collegiate rating services, Horton said. Rutgers now is in the "top category," with an average faculty salary \$1,000 higher than Princeton University's, he said.

Faculty strikes are not likely when the AAUP bargains, Horton said. Preparation and expertise at the bargaining table are a more important faculty weapon, and a strike at Rutgers would occur "only if fundamental rights are denied," he said.

Ned Hedges, UNL vice-chancellor for academic affairs. said because of a "peculiar law" in Nebraska, strikes at UNL would be unlikely.

If arbitration fails, Hedges said, settlement is left to the Court of Industrial Relations. Strikes by public officials are illegal in Nebraska, Hedges said, and added that faculty members would not be likely to strike against the court.

"You risk not only losing a few day's pay, but also spending Easter vacation in jail," Hedges said. Hedges said he attended Tuesday's meeting to present

an impartial, informative viewpoint.

Horton is scheduled to speak again on collective bargaining today at 10 a.m. on the ninth floor of Hamilton Hall.

bill Senators to hear proposals boosting legislators' salaries

Thursday, the Nebraska Legislature's Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee will hear three bills proposing constitutional amendments to increase state senators' salaries. If one of the three bills is approved it will appear on the November general election ballot. Currently senators are paid \$400 monthly plus travel

expenses for one round trip to Lincoln each session.

Legislative Hearings

Committees, statehouse hearing room assignments, selected bills to be heard Thursday and their sponsors are as follows. Hearings begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Agriculture and Environment, Room 2230

LB949 (Schmit) Relating to Commission on Mexican-Americans; provide that such commission receive and administer any federal funds used to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Appropriations, Room 1003

LB975 (Burbech) To make appropriations for the expense of state government for period of July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

L8985 (Burbach) Make an appropriation for Nebraska Mental

Retardation Panel for period July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977. Constitutional Revision and Recreation,

LB797 (Burrows) Constitutional Amendment relating to Legisla-ture; to change the basis upon which the selury of members of the Legislature is computed.

LB928 (George) Constitutional Amendment relating to the Legis-lature; provide that salaries for members shall be set by a vote of county board chairmen.

Government, Military and Veteran Affairs, Room 2102 LB787 (Swigart) Relating to elections; change the time of the county post-primary convention.

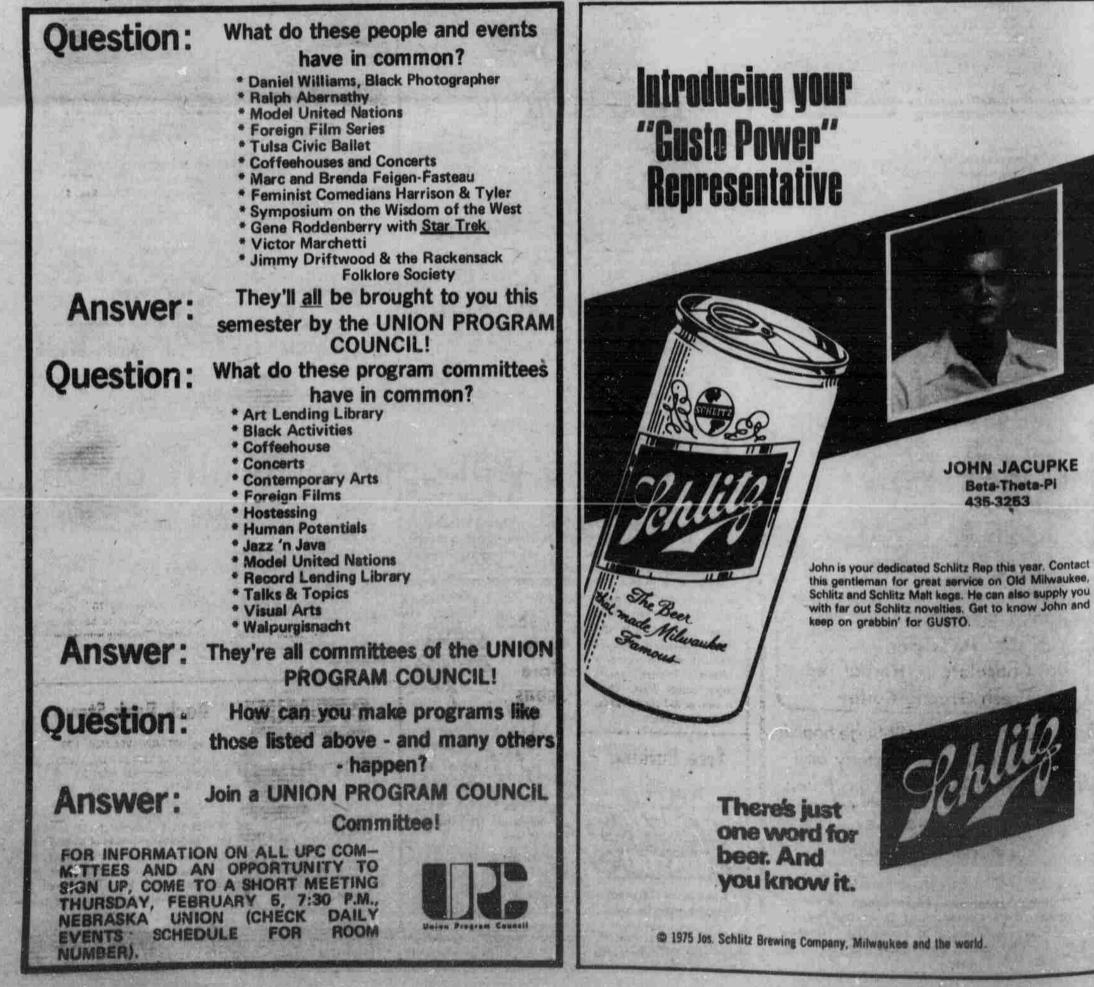
Miscellaneous Subjects, Room 1019 L8789 (Executive Board) Providing additional duties for the Executive Board; authorize employment of legal counsel

LB801 (Kelly) Relating to lotteries and trading stamps; define terms; require permits and financial responsibility.

Public Works, East Chamber

L8889 (Cavanaugh) Relating to sanitary and improvement districts; provide that members of the Board of Trustees be elected at a special election.

LB791 (Fowler) Relating to public power; provide for a moratorium on construction of nuclear power facilities.



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