

Judiciary Committee studies drug force report

The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee currently is studying a report that criticizes the drug enforcement program of the Nebraska State Patrol.

The 194-page report, prepared by Lincoln attorneys Kirk Naylor and Dennis Keefe, lists cases in which two undercover drug informants, one of them a convicted felon, admitted using state funds for their own purposes. The report also cites cases of informants taking drugs that were obtained during investigations.

The report carries sworn statements from two persons who said they volunteered to be undercover drug agents for the patrol. However, they received no drug training and made drug buys that did not result in arrest or prosecutions.

Nebraska Gov. J. James Exon has charged that the two attorneys have a financial interest in attacking the State Patrol.

Lawyers 'defend violators'

In an interview with the Lincoln Star, Exon said the attorneys "have a major portion of their livelihood in protecting the accused criminals" and in "defending those accused of violating Nebraska statutes on drugs."

In response to Exon's charges and those made by other officials, Naylor told the Star that, "the patrol is not going to blow the whistle on practices which could weaken their cases in obtaining convictions.

"If they're (state officials) going to react like this," Naylor continued, "my fear is they're going to discourage other people from contacting their representatives and making information known."

Col. Cletus P. Karthaus, State Patrol commander, refused to comment on any of the charges made in the report.

Karthaus did send a letter to the Judiciary Committee Wednesday, though, attacking "irresponsible charges, half-truths and untruths by two criminal defense attorneys who specialize in defense of those accused and convicted of violations of Nebraska drug statutes."

Special meeting requested

Karthaus has refused to specify the "irresponsible charges, half-truths and untruths" in the report, although he asked in the letter for a special meeting of the Judiciary Committee where, he said, the patrol will present documented evidence refuting the report.

Sen. Lorán Schmit, chairman of the Judiciary Com-

mittee, said he did not believe the patrol should stop using undercover informants because two of them misused state funds and captured drugs.

Schmit estimated the patrol uses 150 to 200 such informants.

"Two bad apples out of 200 does not mean we should throw away the other 198 of them," Schmit said.

He said the auditors who have checked the drug cash fund have told him the patrol had done an "excellent" job controlling funds for its drug enforcement program.

Records not public

State law provides \$100,000 for the fund annually, but actual expense records are not made public.

The report says two patrol informants, Dennis Landrie and George Rakow, both working in Kearney, used money from the patrol's fund for their own use. It said Landrie's testimony in a case against one alleged drug seller was proved false.

It also said Rakow admitted he bought cocaine from a person, used some of the drug himself and replaced the amount used with baking soda.

The report also said Rakow admitted he did not tell his patrol supervisor for several months that any of the cocaine was gone.

Also mentioned in the report are two Lincoln informants who said they bought drugs and received money from the state for the purchases. One of the informants said he was asked to sign a blank expense receipt after his patrol supervisor could not account for all the money the supervisor was supposed to have.

No report or testimony

The other informant said he turned in drugs to a supervisor over a two-year period but never filled out a report on his activities and was never asked to testify in court.

The report says that after the supervisor quit the patrol last March, his estranged wife found large quantities of drugs in his garage and storage shed.

According to the report, the woman could not get the patrol to pick up the drugs and asked the informant to deliver them to the patrol. When the informant did so, the patrol was concerned mostly with who knew the drugs were turned in, the report said.

The report suggests the patrol stop using former felons as drug informants and that it more carefully supervise the activities of undercover civilian agents and expenditures from the drug cash fund. It also recommended that special drug prosecutors be transferred from the patrol to the jurisdiction of the attorney general's office.

Shopping habits make a difference when bargain hunters buy groceries

By Anita Stork

At one time or another everyone probably has laughed at the story of the housewife who drove five miles out of her way to save two cents on a can of beans.

But for UNL students who buy their own groceries, the old adage may not be a laughing matter.

An informal comparison of the prices of four basic food items at four grocers revealed that when and where you shop does make a difference in price.

The price of a dozen hot dogs was 59 cents at Shavers Food Mart, 27th and Stockwell streets, and Swing In Food Store No. 1, 1401 N. 56th St. They were \$1.25 at B & R IGA, 1709 Washington St. and \$1.65 at the Kwik Shop, 4750 Calvert St.

One dozen large eggs were 82 cents at Swing In, 85 cents at Shavers and B & R IGA, and 99 cents at Kwik Shop.

The lowest price for a half gallon of whole milk was 66 cents at B & R IGA. Shavers charged 74 cents; Kwik Shop, 81 cents; and Swing In, 84 cents.

The Kwik Shop charged 45 cents for a one and a half pound loaf of bread, which is 30 cents a pound. The price at Shavers and B & R IGA for a one pound loaf of bread was 39 cents and it was 40 cents at Swing In.

A spokesman at Kwik Shop said the store "rarely had specials." He added that it is a convenience food store and has to make a certain amount of profit.

B & R IGA never has sales on milk, according to a sales clerk, but does run specials on the other items.

The store's food distributor, Fleming Foods Co. of Nebraska, makes up the specials for all Lincoln IGA stores, she said. In addition, B & R will run specials on its own "to draw customers into the store." The item is sold at a loss, but the store makes money from other products.

All of Shaver's Food Mart ads come from Omaha, according to a spokesman. The Omaha distributors decide what the specials will be.

Swing In, an independent grocer, decides its own specials, according to a clerk. The food is distributed by United AG, a co-op for independent grocers.

Better things seen for geography dept.

Intending to make the Geography Dept. "bigger and better," Prof. Bryan Blouet became department chairman on July 1. Blouet has been with the department seven years.

Blouet said he intends to re-evaluate the entire undergraduate program. Subcommittees have been assigned to add or delete courses.

"My job is to interest other faculty members in courses and to look for improvements for next year and the next," Blouet said.

He explained that as chairman he has time to look toward the future because he is assigned a lighter teaching load.

The department has been reorganized to comply with a Nebraska Legislative amendment sponsored by Uica Sen. Douglas Bereuter that calls for a reduction in class size and in the number of graduate assistants teaching lecture sections.

He said the number of faculty has increased with increasing enrollment in geography classes.

Blouet described faculty members as "good researchers and administrators," adding that they are a "publish or perish" group of men and women.

Current research projects in the department include studies on the drought, frontier populations, rural development and the climate in the western Nebraska sandhills.

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