

Proposal rejected; would shorten law students' days

By Randy Essex

A proposal by UNL freshman law students that would have rescheduled their second semester classes to allow better use of time has been rejected, apparently because of limited faculty opposition.

The proposal, drafted by officers of the class, would have shortened students' days and allowed more study time, according to Mark Williams, Student Bar Association representative for the freshman class.

But Carl Circo, assistant dean of the law college, said it is questionable whether days should be shortened. He said it is policy to provide a full day's learning experience for law students.

Williams charged that a full day is not provided on Monday and Friday under the present schedule. He said there essentially are only two classes on Monday, and half of the freshmen have only two classes on Friday. Classes end at 3 p.m. on Mondays and 2 p.m. Fridays, officially.

Ineffective days

"What the present schedule results in is ineffective use of daytime," Williams charged. He said students are given an hour between classes to prepare for their next class.

Williams said the hour given students is too short a time to study new material and too long a time for review. He said the student proposal scheduled "a couple" of classes back-to-back in an effort to establish longer blocks of study time.

Under the present schedule students are "stuck with coming back in the evening," Williams said. He said the schedule makes it difficult for students to hold jobs.

But, Circo said the college does not want freshmen students to work because working is detrimental to the program.

"We try to discourage freshmen from working in everything we do," Circo said.

Must work

Williams said many students must work to pay for school.

The student proposal "didn't do what the students wanted it to," according to faculty member Lawrence Berger. He said two or three hour study blocks were not established under the proposals, as the students intended.

Berger also said he saw no particular advantages in the proposal, and he preferred the present schedule.

Circo said in a memo to freshmen students that serious questions had been raised concerning the time faculty members were given to prepare for classes.

Williams said he thought Circo went along with faculty preferences to avoid controversy. He said "underground grumbling" among certain faculty members may have led

to Circo's decision.

Would have said no

Circo said if he wanted to avoid controversy he would have said no to the first schedule changes, but he would not name the professor.

Circo was very helpful, concerned and made all types of efforts to compromise between student preferences and faculty wishes, Williams added.

Faculty member John Snowden said he saw no particular advantage or disadvantage in the proposal. Snowden said he went along with the proposal because he believes students are the ones to be served.

"If it made a big difference to them, it was OK by me," Snowden said.

The proposal was drafted after a poll of the freshman class showed nearly unanimous approval of more study time during the day, Williams said.

Explanation of war sought by committee

By Sara Martens

A student petition and campus interest have resulted in the search for a speaker to present a perspective of the Vietnam war that would balance the presentation by General William Westmoreland on October 13.

Students for Facts about Vietnam have collected 350 signatures on a petition which asks the Avery Lectureship Series, the Convocations Committee of the UNL Faculty Senate and the Talks and Topics committee to sponsor the speaker, according to Bruce Erlich, faculty sponsor of the organization.

"We are asking someone to respond to the question of the war, and the meaning of Vietnam in the context of ongoing foreign policy," he said.

Suggested speakers include Professor Noam Chomsky of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University and Daniel Ellsberg, who released the Pentagon Papers.

Talks and Topics and the Students for Facts about Vietnam have tried to contact Ellsberg and Chomsky but have not talked to either speaker or their agents, said J. B. Milliken, chairman of the committee.

Ellsberg and Chomsky were being considered by the Talks and Topics committee prior to the petition, said Rocky Yapp, a member of the committee.

The committee is interested in another speaker not as a rebuttal to Westmoreland but in an attempt to present a balanced speaker program and because of student interest, Milliken said.

No funds have been collected for the speaker, but Talks and Topics is looking for support from the Nebraskans for Peace, the Residence Hall Association, Innocents and various campus academic departments, Yapp said.

Erlich said funds may also be available from the Convocations Committee of the Faculty Senate. Funds for Westmoreland's visit were provided by the Avery Lectureship series, which is controlled by the senate, he said.

The Convocations Committee will consider the request after receiving an application for support, said Bruce Johnson, chairman of the committee.

The application will be considered on its general interest to the students, he said.

Erlich said the application will be filed after there is a definite commitment from a speaker.

"Our chances of getting one of these speakers is good," Yapp said. "We would like to present this speaker before semester break or even before Thanksgiving to capitalize on the interest created by Westmoreland."

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