

Sen. and two UNL officials meet

Charges against Dobson discussed

By Gordon Johnson
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State Sen. Chris Beutler met with UNL Chancellor Roy Young and Dean of Business College Gary Schwendiman Monday afternoon to discuss charges made against UNL business professor Wayne Dobson by a former secretary.

Marianne Davidson, who graduated with distinction from the College of Business Administration in 1978, alleged that Dobson violated university bylaws regarding faculty consultancies and outside employment activities.

The meeting, according to Lincoln Sen. Beutler was scheduled because he believ-

ed that Davidson "deserved to get answers to some questions."

Davidson was denied a chance to speak at the June 21 NU Board of Regents meeting because she didn't follow proper procedure, said board chairman Robert Koefoot. However, she submitted a 16-page report specifically outlining Dobson's alleged violations to each regent.

Letter to senators

Davidson then sent a three-page letter to 15 state senators summarizing the report. The letter stated that she didn't believe the university system "will take action until the public and the public officials make demands."

The letter also stated: "I believe there

have been serious questions left unanswered; not only about consultancies, but also about funds available through the NU Foundation, internal control and supervision of personnel."

Beutler said he was "pretty satisfied" with the meeting which lasted about two hours. He also said the university will offer some answers to Davidson's charges within the next week, but declined to say in what way they would be submitted.

"I don't want to be secretive, but I also don't want to press to get things out of proportion so people don't look at the university badly," he said.

No cover-up

He said he found no evidence of a university official cover-up, and added that officials have been helpful in supplying information.

However, Regent Robert Prokop of Wilbur said more information hasn't emerged concerning the charges because university officials are "scared to death of it."

"It (the information) would destroy the image of university faculty members. They (the officials) are afraid of opening up a big can of worms," he said.

Dobson denied all charges made in Davidson's report, which included excessive absences, outside paid consultancies, and using university facilities for outside work.

Of the eight board members who received the report, at least three haven't read it. Davidson said this upsets her.

Typical reaction

"I didn't send this along for the fun of it. I expected them to look into it," she said.

Prokop said this was typical of some board members.

"They're so willing to look into some things—but they won't look into this. I think they're scared it will explode," he said.

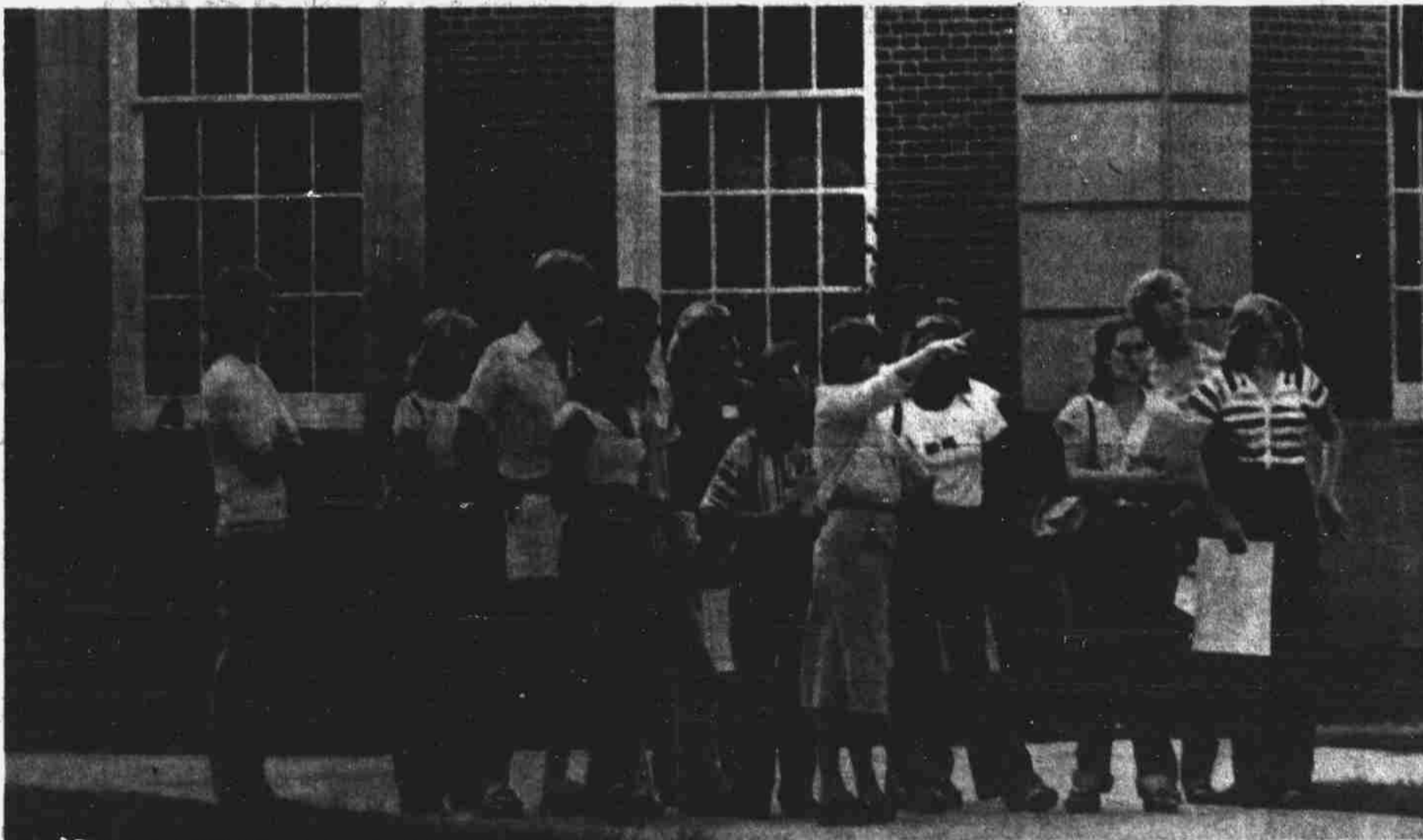
Dobson said Davidson's charges don't upset him and won't sue because they are not important.

"That's the university's problem—not mine," he said.

In April, after Prokop stated similar charges against Dobson to the board, a letter from Dobson's attorney said that Prokop's allegations constituted a cause for a suite charging Prokop with defaming him.

However, during the May regent's meeting, Prokop issued a retraction which categorized his sources as: "... disgruntled former students upset in part because of Dr. Dobson's insistence on high academic standings."

Tuesday, Dobson said: "as far as I am concerned, Prokop and I are done."



"Getting a taste of what's in store for next fall."

photo by Shelley Smith

Alum center site proposal changed

By Shelley Smith

A sub-committee of the central planning committee decided Wednesday to change its previous alumni center site proposal.

The staff parking lot directly north of the union was tentatively approved by the committee last month as the site for the \$1 million center.

However, because of new information and recommendations from landscape architect Kim Todd, the committee changed the site proposal to the meter lot north of the union, contingent on two stipulations.

Malls too

Chairman Harry Allen proposed stipulations that both parking lots north of the union be dedicated to eventual mall-type development. He also recommended that the 14th St. entrance to campus in front of Morrill Hall be closed and the area landscaped to make the entrance to the hall and the center continual.

The sub-committee will present a formal report to the Central Planning Committee Aug. 15.

The construction should begin next May, according to Jack Miller, executive vice-president of the alumni association.

However, according to alumni board of director Robert Rosenlof, the site change could scrap all plans to build the center.

Wick's donation

Arizona publisher Milton Wick gave the association \$500,000 to build a new center. Rosenlof said that Wick has approved the first site, but may not approve the new site. "It depends on whether Milton goes along with it is the question," Rosenlof said.

"He's already made up his mind. He's not the kind of person that can change," he added.

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) President Bud Cuca said that if Wick refuses the new site it would show he is not sincere with his donation.

"If Wick's donation is not sincere and it is more for egotistical reasons, he'll oppose changing sites," he said.

Cuca said that while he feels the new site was still not his first choice, it is the "lesser of two evils."

Eliminate parking

The building will not interfere with Selleck Residence

Hall students because the center will be in front of the housing department area, he said.

He said that although the center will eliminate about 160 meter parking spaces, he realized that the spaces would be eliminated eventually anyway.

Cuca said if he had his choice, the site would be off campus.

Miller said the association looked at several off campus sites, but because of cost and general feasibility, none were recommended.

New ag. engi. building is UNL's top priority

A new agriculture engineering building on East Campus is UNL's top capital construction priority for 1979-82, the central planning committee decided last week.

UNL Business Manager Ray Coffey said this year UNL will ask the legislature for \$2.5 million of the project \$3,322 million project.

The second priority will be the renovation of Bessey Hall. The university this year, will ask the legislature for \$1.2 million of its projected \$3,093,500 million cost.

The third priority is the construction of a \$4 million addition to Architecture Hall.

Bud Cuca, president of the Associated Students of University of Nebraska (ASUN) said by prioritizing these projects this way, the university has a better chance of getting funds for all three constructions.

He said he felt that a new architecture hall should have been listed as the second priority.

"I guess I see our role (capital construction committee) to determine the university's needs instead of predicting what the legislature will do," he said.