

## Faculty might decide on unionization

By Mike Sweeney

The UNO faculty's vote last week to accept the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) as its collective bargaining agent will encourage a similar vote on the UNL campus, university officials said Friday.

AAUP president Robert Haller said the group's UNL chapter will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday to decide whether to hold a collective bargaining vote at UNL.

Collective bargaining allows a labor union to represent faculty members and negotiate legally-binding salary contracts for them.

Haller said the UNL faculty probably will accept the AAUP as its collective bargaining agent if the AAUP decides to hold a vote.

"If the chapter goes for it, the university will go for it," Haller, an English professor, said.

The UNL chapter of AAUP has about 200 members, roughly 17 percent of the faculty, Haller said.

In two days of balloting that ended Thursday, the UNO faculty voted 216 to 176 to accept the AAUP. About 95 percent of the eligible faculty members voted, according to Bernard Kolasa, president of the group's UNO chapter.

Reactions to the UNO vote were mixed. NU Regent James Moylan said he was surprised by the outcome of the vote. Collective bargaining has some benefits, he said, but he didn't think the UNO faculty needed it.

"I'VE ALWAYS been for collective bargaining by non-professional personnel. But I've never felt the faculty were in themselves so ill-equipped that they couldn't bargain for themselves," Moylan said.

Labor laws were never designed to assist people who

can take care of themselves, he said.

Regent Robert Simmons said collective bargaining will give the regents some problems initially.

"There will be difficulties. None of us are used to it," Simmons said. "I don't think any of us will end up fighting with each other or getting made at each other."

Moylan said collective bargaining "opens up a whole

**BOTH CAMPBELL** and Haller said UNL faculty will have to examine collective bargaining in wake of the UNO vote.

Haller said the vote will require the UNL faculty to consider another collective bargaining vote on campus. Three years ago, UNL faculty members narrowly defeated a collective bargaining vote.

Haller said the faculty should consider collective bargaining on its own merits, and not out of fear of losing a competitive edge to the UNO faculty if they fail to adopt it.

However, Campbell said some faculty members will be seeking to protect themselves.

"People will say if they're going to have it in Omaha, in order to protect ourselves we'll have to have it here," he said. He said the argument would not be clear without analyzing the results of collective bargaining at UNO.

Any collective bargaining vote this year would do better than the one three years ago, Campbell said.

In February, 1976, collective bargaining was defeated largely by the votes of faculty in the agriculture and natural resources departments, he said.

Campbell said he senses attitude changes in those areas that may swing any vote in favor of collective bargaining. Economic pressures and "the proposition 13 syndrome" have changed the mood of some faculty, he said.

Haller said UNL could conceivably reject collective bargaining, leaving the NU system with only one campus employing the bargaining tool.

"It's certain the administration and regents are not going to give UNO benefits that UNL will not get, or finance UNO out of money out of UNL," he said.

new ballgame."

UNL faculty senate president William Campbell said many faculty members have mixed feelings about collective bargaining, but view it as something that has to be done. He declined to give his opinion of bargaining.

Faculty members see collective bargaining as a necessary move in difficult economic times, but are a little unsure of adopting something they have had limited experience with, Campbell said.

"I think the faculty would rather operate where there is not an adversarial relationship between the faculty and administration," he said.



Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

### Paint by number

UNL students Greg Dietrich, Scott Hickman and Milo German get into the spirit of the Nebraska-Penn State game with a little paint by number. The students tried to attract national coverage by also painting A, B, C on their chests.

## UNO students and faculty compare academic, social lives with UNL

By Mary Kay Wayman

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Omaha are two parts of the system, but most students interviewed on the UNO campus last week said they felt separate from UNL, if they thought of it at all.

"I haven't got any feelings one way or the other," said one UNO student, summing up the tone of many remarks from UNO students.

Efforts to organize a collective bargaining unit for UNL faculty began in 1970. See story on page 6.

Mark Thomas, a senior "on and off since 1967," said, "There's a lot of apathy on this campus being as it is a commuter campus."

He said the majority of the students he has known don't think of comparing the two campuses.

"It's 50 miles away. There's not much contact," he said.

"I feel as much a part of UNL as they feel about UNO," Rob Hansen, a sophomore from Millard, said.

But there were students who had thought of comparing the two parts of the NU system.

"UNO is totally different," Diane Conley, a sophomore from Bellevue, said. She mentioned the difference in grading systems and problems with credit transfer between the two schools as examples.

One difference mentioned by many of those interviewed was the social atmosphere of the two schools.

**THE ONLY MAIN DIFFERENCE** is there's no social life (at UNO)," Hansen said.

Conley said that because there are no dorms, to get socially involved on campus, students must join organizations. But most often they go home after classes end, she said.

"We're missing a lot of fun not living in a dorm," said Brian Soliday, a sophomore from Omaha.

When it comes to the quality of their education, UNO students do not seem disappointed.

"We're academically superior to Lincoln," said Brian Muenster, a junior from Omaha. "But people don't know that. I don't think the instructors are any better. The curriculum is tougher. The standards are higher."

Members of the UNO Maverick football team interviewed said they felt UNO has a special place in the university system—behind UNL.

"WE'RE SECOND CLASS," said team manager Kelly Mulligan, a junior from Omaha. "We get whatever is left over."

"They get everything when it comes to football," Hansen said.

Bob Lackovic, Omaha, said he thought the NU Board of Regents is preferential in decision-making, favoring UNL.

Some students seemed to have reservations about their decision to attend UNO.

"It would be nice to graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It sounds better than UNO," said Soliday.

"It should make you proud to graduate from UNO," Mulligan said. "Some people think it's a bigger accomplishment to graduate from UNL. I don't think so."

Faculty members interviewed said they felt the UNO student body contributed much to the quality of education at UNO.

"I don't think it revolves around the salary," said Dave Ambrose, in the business department. "The students at UNO lend to a quality education. They are the resources that come to the classroom."

"IT'S NOT A PARTY SCHOOL," said political science department Chairman Dr. Kent Kirwan. "Seventy-five percent of our kids work. The students here are far more serious."

While those faculty interviewed thought UNO students were above average, they generally said UNO facilities are inferior to UNL's.

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## English chairman examines expulsion

John Robinson, chairman of the UNL English department, said he is looking into the situation in which two UNL students were voted out of a women's poetry class because they were men.

The incident occurred Aug. 29 during an evening class of English 253A, "Women and Poetry," taught by Linnea Johnson.

Robinson said he has spoken to Johnson about the situation and also is trying to contact the excluded students.

The Daily Nebraskan reported Sept. 27 that Wordie Wright, one of the excluded students, said that he has to take the class independently because of the vote. He said he will be excluded from individual instruction and class interaction.

"Naturally if the story is true, it is a very, very serious matter," Robinson said.

Robinson said he will contact Max Larsen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, this week.

"After talking to Miss Johnson and the students, I will be letting the dean know what has happened, if anything, and what should be done," he said.

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