

Falwell lists goals of Moral Majority in speech

By Beth Headrick

In the same week that U.S. Senate hearings began on the Human Life Amendment and Nebraska Courts are reviewing decisions on whether Christian day schools must be licensed with the State Board of Education, the leader of the Moral Majority addressed those issues in Lincoln. The Rev. Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg, Va., spoke Thursday on the churches' obligation to uphold the traditional values of the country.

Referring to youth as the "hope of the future," Falwell said their religious training in Christian day schools should not be hampered by laws that require licensing with the

state boards of education. Licensing violates constitutional rights, he said.

Nebraska is one of the few states that requires such licenses, Falwell said, adding that he is confident Gov. Charles Thone will agree with his stand on this issue and help change that law.

Standing before a crowd of about 2,000 at the Capitol with the "I Love America Singers" from Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg singing behind him, Falwell said the principles of separation of church and state must be preserved. To maintain the separation and to remain free, Falwell said, private schools must refuse state and federal funds.

"Parents own their children," he said, "not the state."

The Moral Majority believes in the right of parents to educate their children according to their own beliefs, he said.

"A Christian education is as important to many people as their Sunday worship," he said.

In a press conference Thursday morning at the Hilton Hotel, Falwell outlined the Moral Majority's four goals:

-The first priority of the group is the pro-life issue. The goal, he said, is to legislate into federal and state laws the belief that a fetus is a citizen with full Constitutional rights.

Calling the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion the "abortion-on-demand decision," Falwell said the Moral Majority is organized to fight that ruling. Some form of the Human Life Amendment will pass, he said, but realistically not until 1982.

-The second goal is to support the traditional family, which Falwell described as a marriage between a man and a woman, excluding common law and homosexual marriages.

-Another goal is to fight against the moral decay caused by drugs that "poison the spirits of young people."

-Finally, the goals of the Moral Majority must be pro-American, Falwell said. A major priority being a strong defense and military.

"Our people (the Moral Majority) have never been as organized, informed and mobilized as they are now," Falwell said.

The moral majority has existed for many years, he said, but in the last five it has organized and gained strength all over the United States.

"There are 4 million members and that number's growing," he said. "There's an effort to recruit up to 7 million by next year."

Conservatives have finally learned to come together despite difference, he said, and the current administration supports this movement.

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The Rev. Jerry Falwell with aide.

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NU operating budget gains first-round approval

By Patti Gallagher

The NU 1981-82 operation budget gained first round approval in the Legislature Thursday, after an unsuccessful attempt to delete increased funds for the NU Central Administration.

An amendment offered by Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson would have removed \$2.5 million appropriated to the central administration within LB560.

The intent of Johnson's amendment, which failed on a 6-25 vote, was retribution for the NU Board of Regents' refusal to negotiate with UNO's faculty bargaining group.

"I have a certain sense of indignation about what has been for some time a refusal to grant fair pay to our faculty in Omaha," Johnson said.

UNO's American Association of University Professors

has undergone negotiations with the regents for about nine months, and have not yet granted its 12.4 percent request for salary increases.

The regents are currently offering a 10.4 percent salary increase.

Johnson said the regent's refusal to grant the UNO faculty additional money is a "demoralizing practice."

He also said the regents' refusal to negotiate violates a Nebraska Supreme Court decision of several years ago stating that public employees may not be discriminated against because of their negotiations for higher wages.

"I think it's time for us to hold the purse strings to say to the board of regents and the central administration, 'Come on. Let's do right by our people.' You can negotiate in good faith," Johnson said.

Sen. Dave Newell of Omaha supported Johnson's amendment saying state agencies often attempt to stone-wall negotiations in hopes that negotiators will go away.

Speaking against the amendment were Sens. Gerald Koch of Ralston and Jerome Warner of Waverly.

"The Legislature is not the proper place to try and get even," Koch said. Negotiations of public institutions should not be part of the legislative process.

Warner agreed the legislature should not get itself involved in negotiations.

Those voting in favor of Johnson's amendment were Newell, and Sens. Dave Landis of Lincoln and Dave Wiitala of Omaha, George Burrows of Adams and Peter Hoagland of Omaha.

The total NU budget passed from general file on a 25-3 vote, with no other discussion. It was advanced from the appropriations committee last Tuesday, proposing 13 percent more in state general funds for NU.

The committee appropriations bill falls 5 percent below the NU administration's budget request for the coming fiscal year.

The budget requests 13.3 percent more for UNL, for a total of about \$78.7 million. UNL received \$69.5 million from the state last year.

The budget also includes a 12.3 percent increase for UNO, 13.8 percent increase for the central administration and a 13 percent increase for the NU Medical Center.

The budget must pass two additional floor considerations before being submitted for the governor's signature.

Students avoid testifying at hearing; instead, faculty and minister speak

By Alice Hrnicek and Kim Hachiya

At a Thursday hearing held for student comment on the proposed UNL five-year plan, no students testified.

Instead, three faculty members and one campus minister addressed the academic planning committee, of which three members were present, about Interim Chancellor Robert Rutford's proposals.

The hearing was the fifth in a series that were to be reviewed by the academic planning committee, Rutford and newly appointed Chancellor Martin A. Massengale.

After seeing the plan, which was released Monday, Massengale said "it is generally in the right direction." Massengale said he will wait until the plan is studied by various groups before recommending changes.

"My reaction is to study all reactions, synthesize and incorporate some of my ideas," he said.

Larry Doerr, a campus minister, called the idea of an improved core curriculum in liberal arts a "major inherent ambiguity of the plan."

The plan says departments should cooperate in

developing core courses that are accessible to students with other majors.

Doerr said a conflict arises between the emphasis on graduate programs and the core curriculum. The futures of many departments lie in their graduate programs, he said, which "pushes (faculty) toward the center of their specialty rather than to the corners."

The result is that faculty is less interested in undergraduates, Doerr said.

In an interview before the hearing, ASUN President Rick Mockler commended "the attention given to the idea of expanding the core curriculum in liberal arts."

"It is important that all of us get a broad education and this begins to address the problem of misallocation of resources between colleges—such as the underfunding of CBA and engineering," Mockler said.

Expansion of core curriculum in liberal arts would reduce overburdening in some colleges by spreading out the course load to more departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mockler said.

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