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Band members dispute Orange Bowl trip funding

By Ward W. Triplett III

The amount of funds allocated for the UNL Marching Band's trip to the Orange Bowl has left some band members wondering exactly what priorities are being taken and how the money is being spent.

"The real issue is that they haven't told us what's going on," said Bob Krueger, a junior band member.

"There were no band members or officials invited to the meeting where they decided where the money would go," Krueger said. "The only official meeting the administration has had with a band representative was the one where they told us how much we were getting and how we were going."

Krueger, and band members Bryon Braasch and Bill Kellett, prepared a letter to be sent to the Daily Nebraskan detailing their objections to the administrative decision that the 291 members in the band, flag corps and yell squad travel by bus to Miami instead of by plane.

NU Board of Regents members and administrative personnel will fly to the Orange Bowl, according to the present plan.

"We're kind of disgusted that they get to fly down and have a nice vacation while we have to work," said Kellett, a senior from Papillion.

After the decision was reached last week, several band members voiced disapproval of the 26-hour bus trip, claiming it could have an adverse effect on the band's performance in the two and a half hour Orange Bowl parade

and the half-time show.

Among those who objected was senior Paul Nielsen, who said band members feel cheated because they are the largest group involved, but may get the smallest allotment.

"The football team should get every penny they want, but people don't realize that the band works hard, too," Nielsen said.

Increased air fares force the band to travel by bus, said Robert Lovitt, assistant vice chancellor for business affairs.

Lovitt, who emphasized that no final decision has been reached on the allocations, said the travel funds are divided into three parts — the first being to the athletic department, which will get about 73 percent of the \$600,000 total. The second part goes to the band and yell squad, and the third part is titled "regents/administration."

Lovitt said that contrary to what Nielsen and others believe, the present breakdown has the regents/administration category receiving "less than 10 percent," and the band receiving between 17 and 27 percent.

Krueger, Kellett and Braasch disputed the figures, saying the allocations and money earned from the Orange Bowl have doubled with the airfare. Braasch also worked out a cost estimate of a bus trip, coming to \$95,765 total, just \$2,235 less than the plane ride.

"The other papers (*Omaha World-Herald*, *Lincoln Star*) didn't take into account the cost of housing and feeding

291 people for four days," Krueger said.

Braasch's estimate assumes that if the band flies to Miami on a 400-seat airplane the university could sell the remaining 100 seats for \$392 round-trip.

Braasch said regents and administrators could fill the remaining seats.

Lovitt said that while students have been pushing that idea, Jack Snider, director of bands, did not mention the idea to Lovitt or to John Goebel, interim vice chancellor for business affairs.

Krueger, Kellett and Braasch said a message was sent Tuesday to the director of the School of Music from an undetermined source that said: "If you are concerned with the future of the law, you'd better cut out the bad press."

Raymond Hagg, director of the School of Music, said he did not wish to comment on the statement.

"I think the problem has been worked out," Hagg said.

"A lot of confusing information has been issued, and I think it would be appropriate to think about the Orange Bowl now. No one is being served by this publicity, and I think it's better to just let the situation go then continue to put out these stories," he added.

Meanwhile, some members have accepted the decision for the bus trip, although with some misgivings.

Lis Ushen, from Bellevue, said she didn't mind the bus trip.

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Photo by Mark Billingsley

Nebraska center Dave Rimington was named the 1981 winner of the Outland Trophy Tuesday afternoon. Rimington, already named Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year by both The Associated Press and United Press International, is seated beneath photos of Nebraska's two other Outland winners — Larry Jacobson (left) and Rich Glover, who won the trophy in 1971 and 1972 respectively. For more on the award, see Page 8.

Economy expected to stay sluggish through '82 spring

By Mary Louise Knapp

The nation's economic woes are not likely to be lessened in 1982, despite previous predictions that the new year would bring economic recovery, economists said Tuesday.

R. Gerald Saylor, manager of agricultural economic research at John Deere and Company, and Donald E. Pursell, director of the Bureau of Business Research and UNL professor of business administration, spoke on the condition of the American economy at a Tuesday breakfast in the National Bank of Commerce building.

The breakfast was part of the Nelson Lecture series on the American economy sponsored by the Center for the Study of the American Business System, under the supervision of the UNL College of Business Administration.

"We believe that the economy will continue to decline through the first half of 1982," Saylor said.

The Reagan administration's 10 percent tax cut may help to turn the economy around, but the full impact of the cut will not be felt until the second half of 1982, when economic growth is possible, he said. The "recovery year" for the American economy has been moved back from 1982 to 1983, he said.

Saylor said he foresees a 3.5 percent to 5 percent decline in the gross national product (GNP) for the remainder of this year.

"It's been a terrible year for forecasting," Pursell said. "The date for recovery moves further back each day."

Pursell said the October Index of Industrial Production and the Index of Leading Indicators for this year are both down, but the rate of their descent has slowed somewhat since the beginning of the year.

Pursell said the current recession is affecting some areas of the country severely, while other areas are experiencing an economic boom.

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Reagan's proposals violate Bill of Rights, panelists say

By Mary Louise Knapp

The Reagan administration is violating the rights of U.S. citizens by such means as domestic spying and harassment of various political groups, panelists said in a Monday evening discussion.

The panel discussion, at the Glass Onion, 235 N. 11th St., was sponsored by the Lincoln chapter of the Young Socialist Alliance.

Panelist Dick Kurtenbach, executive director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, said numerous proposals of the federal government, most of which relate to national security, are clear violations of the Bill of Rights.

The proposals include restricting the Freedom of Information Act, allowing the Central Intelligence Agency to resume domestic spying and restricting the power of federal courts to decide the constitutionality of laws, Kurtenbach said.

"I have an idea that if Reagan and Congress have their way, they will say that some ideological and political groups do not deserve the protection of the Bill of Rights," Kurtenbach said.

Rich Stuart, a member of the Virginia United Steelworkers of America, said the Socialist Worker's Party and the Young Socialist Alliance filed suit eight years ago against the FBI, CIA and the Immigration and Naturalization Service for illegal spying and harassment.

The case should end within the next few months, Stuart said.

"Basically, what we want are three things," Stuart said. "We want a ban on illegal spying; a repeal of the thought control laws which give the immigration service and other agencies the right to do whatever they want; and we challenge the whole concept of executive authority."

Americans support suit

The lawsuit, filed in 1973, demands an injunction against harassment, \$40 million in damages, and a ruling that the government may not investigate the two organizations simply because of their political ideas.

Stuart said that the socialist workers and the young socialists have a good chance of winning the lawsuit because they have the support of many American workers, most of whom would not necessarily consider themselves socialists.

"This is not the McCarthy era," Stuart said. "The workers are much wiser now. The government cannot buy people off like it did in the 50s."

Stuart said a recurrence of the McCarthy era is not likely to occur now because of the uncertain state of the nation's economy and the desire many workers feel for economic change.

Stuart said the government is engaged in a "tremendous war drive" against Latin American countries such as Nicaragua and Cuba.

"In order to pull it (the war drive) off, the government is simultaneously moving against both the economic and political rights of the people," Stuart said.

He said the government is misleading Americans into thinking that socialist groups are subverting their political rights, when in reality it is the Reagan administration which poses the real danger.

DIS revived

The Defense Investigation Service, first implemented in the 1940s, has been reinstated, he said.

The service, which consists of a giant computer and records data on individuals and groups, is considered dangerous to national security, Stuart said.

"Anyone can put information on you into this computer from the time you are age 18 on up," he said.

To be considered a danger to national security under the investigation service criteria, one need only be in poor physical health, have "excessive" debts or wealth, or use alcohol or drugs to excess, Stuart said.

In addition to the lawsuit now in progress, the two socialist groups plan to file suit against the Lockheed Co. in Georgia. The suit concerns the December 1980 firing of 15 machinists for their union political activities and for their socialist ideas, Stuart said.

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