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Regents dislike collective bargaining idea

By Pam Alward

Of the NU Regents available for comment, all oppose the authorization card campaign for UNL faculty collective bargaining.

The campaign, organized by the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors, began last week.

If at least 30 percent of the UNL faculty sign authorization cards in favor of the UNL/AAUP as their collective bargaining agent, the UNL/AAUP will ask the regents to recognize them as the legitimate agent, said Linda Pratt, UNL/AAUP president. Pratt is a UNL English professor.

"I think it's a mistake," Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff said.

Average faculty members don't exist, Simmons said, and a collective bargaining unit for the faculty would "end up treating some poorly and others better than they should be treated."

Having a bargaining unit would change the board's

business policy with faculty members, Simmons said.

"You don't talk to faculty members, you talk to bargaining units," he said.

Regent John Payne of Kearney said the board is working to upgrade faculty salaries, which is one of AAUP's main issues.

"I don't feel the AAUP is going to help them from an economic standpoint," he said.

Payne said he attributes low faculty salaries to the Nebraska economy, which restricted salary raises recently.

Last year, Gov. Kerrey gave no salary increase for state employees, including UNL professors, which caused the salary discrepancy, Payne said.

Economic reasons also influenced UNL Student Regent Matt Wallace's standpoint.

"I would like to see the state committed to increasing teachers' salaries rather than collective bargaining," he said. Unionizing will hurt the faculty, Wallace said.

However, Wallace said he "feels caught in the middle." He said he can see the board's view, because he is on the board, yet he also sees the side of the AAUP, because he works with faculty every day in class.

Wallace said the hostile relationship between the regents and the faculty with collective bargaining would create a bad environment for students.

Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn said he doesn't believe the AAUP is the best solution for the faculty right now.

Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island only said "no" as his opinion of the AAUP as UNL's collective bargaining unit.

If the regents deny the UNL/AAUP request, which Pratt said she expects, the AAUP will file a petition with the Commission of Industrial Relations to hold an election among UNL faculty members. The election would determine if AAUP may act as the faculty's bargaining agent.

CFA approves ASUN budget, legal services to gain money

By Tammy Kaup

The Committee for Fees Allocation voted unanimously Thursday night to allocate \$76,801 to ASUN. If approved by ASUN and UNL Chancellor Martin M. Hoenes, this budget will increase student fees \$1.78 per student per semester.

This 32 percent increase from the 1983-84 fiscal year is \$2,100 more than ASUN's request for \$75,501. The \$2,100 increase represents changes recommended by CFA's ASUN subcommittee.

Legal services represented the largest increase in the 1984-85 budget. If the budget is approved a \$13,034 increase will raise legal services, fee allocation to \$37,676.

ASUN president Matt Wallace said this increase reflects a possible expansion of legal services to include some limited litigation concerning landlord/tenant problems, which involve a large percentage of the student population.

Wallace said the services would be non-threatening to the Lincoln legal community, and that no fee-producing cases, conflict of interest cases, student suits against the university, or felonies would be dealt with.

"Although the legal services budget is increasing," Wallace said, "ninety cents per semester student fees would pay for student representation in court by our attorney in those areas of limited litigation."

He said ASUN has been reviewing the litigation program for almost three years.

The senate expenditures budget has increased from \$3,138 in the previous fiscal year to \$3,435 as a result of more realistic budgeting, he said.

Other budget increases included office expenses from \$4,584 to \$5,303, salaries, (excluding student legal services), from \$18,508 to \$22,541, electoral commission, from \$4,778 to \$5,308, and Government Liaison Committee, from \$1,196 to \$1,338.

Stan Campbell, director of campus recreation, and Kenda Scheele, coordinator of intramurals, presented CFA with a \$293,506 request for the 1984-85 recreation department budget.

Significant increases in the budget request from the last fiscal year include \$17,500 annual salary for an additional managerial-professional staff member, and \$18,197 in the student hourly wage budget.

Campbell said the additional staff member will coordinate club sports and leisure activities. The position is needed because of the expansion of club sports and non-credit classes in the recreation department.

The open recreation program, which allows all UNL students to use athletic department facilities, would benefit from another staff member to share the duties as well as train and supervise lifeguards and building supervisors, he said.

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Thin-thorax belly dancer Gina Kennet ignites a Walpurgisnacht crowd with sizzling, smoky gyrations. For more fun and exciting glimpses of debauchery, see page 6.

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Reagan announces re-election bid

From The Reuter News Report

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Sunday night announced that he would seek re-election in November.

"I am therefore announcing that I am a candidate and I will seek re-election to the office I presently hold."

Reagan faces no serious opposition for the Republican presidential nomination at the party's national convention in August. The Democratic Party will choose its candidate in July. Currently eight Democrats are seeking the nomination, with former-Vice President Walter Mondale far ahead in opinion polls.

The general election is Nov. 6. Reagan, at 72 the oldest U.S. president in history, said his decision to seek a second four-year term was difficult, but he felt he should continue his efforts to create jobs, control government spending and seek world peace.

Reagan, who earlier had stated that Vice President George Bush would be on the Republican ticket if he sought re-election, said Sunday:

"Vice President Bush and I would like to have your continued support and cooperation in completing what we began three years ago."

Reagan repeated his assertion that when he took

office, U.S. military defenses were dangerously weak, the country had suffered humiliation over the holding of American hostages in Iran, and the domestic economy was on the brink of collapse.

"Well, things have changed," he said, citing lower inflation, taxes and interest rates.

"As I said on Wednesday night (in his State of the Union address to Congress), America is back and standing tall," Reagan said.

"But our work is not finished. We have more to do in creating jobs, achieving control over government spending, returning more autonomy to the states, keeping peace in a more settled world . . ."

Reagan is enjoying high popularity in public opinion polls. In contrast, eight Democrats are seeking their party's presidential nomination in a bitter political battle.

Although Reagan leads Mondale and the other Democrats in most polls, political experts say that he is vulnerable on foreign policy issues, such as the current U.S. military involvement in Lebanon.

They also say that he could face trouble from women and minorities who say his policies have favored rich Americans at the expense of the poor.

His strong suit has been his handling of the economy, but some critics contend that the huge federal budget deficits in the \$180 billion range could derail the recovery from recession.