

Controversial NSSA role topic at debate

By Patty Pryor

Disagreement concerning the role of the Nebraska State Student Association surfaced during a debate among ASUN presidential candidates Thursday.

The event was sponsored by UPC's Talks and Topics Committee and featured panel members from the Daily Nebraskan, Mortar Board and the Innocents Society.

Much of the dispute centered on the NSSA's relationship to UNL, which is only one of five member campuses in the association. Other member schools include UNO, Peru State College, Chadron State College and Wayne State College.

AIM presidential candidate Mark Scudder said the NSSA should work more specifically for issues affecting UNL, since this campus pays the most

funding into the association.

In later questioning, however, Unite vice presidential candidate Heidi Burklund clarified that students on every member campus pay the same 50-cent fee to the NSSA, making UNL's total contribution larger because of its larger student body. Because it is a statewide organization, it is not intended to lobby strictly on behalf of UNL issues, she said.

Further disagreement arose when US presidential candidate Kevin Goldstein criticized NSSA's budget, saying it needs to be more itemized and accountable to the Committee for Fees Allocation.

In response, Deb Chapelle, NSSA executive director, asked Goldstein if he had ever seen an audit of the association's budget, and offered him a copy when he said he hadn't.

Other dominant themes throughout the debate

included student representation and services.

Goldstein said the US Party stresses student services as its primary goal.

Rather than playing "pseudo-politics," Goldstein said ASUN could be more accountable to students by providing such services as typewriters in the library and expanded legal counsel.

Tim Burke, Fasin presidential candidate, said his party plans to represent students more effectively. "It's your ASUN," Burke said. "We'll do what you want us to do."

Unite presidential candidate Mike Geiger, in outlining his current and past campus activities, said his party comprises the most diverse and experienced candidates.

The two remaining candidates, John Hazuka of the Roo Party and John Manchester of the Don Ho party, provided minor distractions but evoked little audience response.

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Faculty's buying power declining

By Pam Alward

Faculty salaries at UNO, negotiated by the American Association of University Professors, were compared with UNL's non-AAUP salaries during Thursday's AAUP/UNL chapter meeting at Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

The buying power of the average faculty member has declined 7 percent since the 1967-68 academic year, said Norma Sue Griffin, the president-elect of the UNL/AAUP chapter. Griffin is an associate professor of health, physical education and recreation at UNL.

This represents a decline from the average 1967-68 salary of \$12,227 to \$11,478 today in terms of comparable purchasing powers, said Jerry Petr, AAUP member and UNL associate professor of economics. Over this same period, the GNP in real terms has risen 40 percent, and the state real personal income has risen 25 percent, he said.

"The economy is doing better, but for the faculty on this campus it's deteriorating," he said.

The average salary is higher in six of 17 departments at UNO compared with UNL, said AAUP member and UNL economics professor John Richard Felton.

The UNO faculty's higher salaries seem to be due to their AAUP membership, Griffin said.

UNL is expected to maintain a national reputation and provide a competitive education, Petr said, which does not explain why UNL faculty members are paid less than UNO faculty in many departments.

UNL needs higher salaries to attract quality faculty at undergraduate and graduate levels, Felton said.

UNL is one of the few colleges in the state without collective bargaining, Petr said.

"We have relied on second or third parties for too long to represent our interests," Petr said.

Fringe benefits also would improve with the AAUP, Griffin said.

"With our current medical benefit package, we no longer have competent medical coverage for catastrophic illness," she said.

The AAUP has received the legal minimum percentage of faculty reply cards needed to hold an election in the fall to decide whether the faculty wants the AAUP to be their collective bargaining unit, Griffin said.



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Members of the AAUP (from left to right) Jerry Petr, Sylvia Wiegand, Norma Sue Griffin and Dick Felton discuss their positions on pay for the university faculty Thursday morning at Commonplace.

Nebraska efforts 'intense'

Schools vary in AAUP support

By Jonathan Taylor

UNL efforts to adopt the American Association of University Professors as a collective bargaining agent in salary contract negotiations at UNL are the most intense in the Big Eight, according to Big Eight AAUP presidents.

Though faculty salaries at the University of Oklahoma were cut 2.3 percent last year, faculty members did not pressure for a collective bargaining agent, said Barton Turkington, AAUP executive committee member for the Oklahoma chapter.

"I guess the provost has a really good relationship with the faculty," said Turkington, a professor of aerospace, mechanical, and nuclear engineering.

Turkington said a study was presented to staff members several years ago, but "there didn't seem to be a campus interest (in collective bargaining)."

With the Oklahoma AAUP chapter being relatively inactive, Turkington said, it would take a campus crisis such as a discrepancy over tenure to

spark any AAUP action.

The faculty relationship with the OU administration has been good enough to reduce the number of people who think collective bargaining would help, he said.

A more "activist" Board of Regents at the University of Kansas has led to increased discussion of a possible collective bargaining unit, said Grant Goodman, AAUP Kansas chapter president.

Historically, Goodman said, policy implementation has been left to the administrations on the individual Kansas campuses.

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Conference to engineer interaction

About 200 college students from around the Midwest will be in Lincoln today and Saturday for an Institution of Industrial Engineering (IIE) regional conference, said the co-chairperson for the event.

Pamela Olson said the conference features workshops on integrated manufacturing, integrated computer-aided engineering, inventory management, human factors engineering of data and numerous other topics.

Featured keynote speaker is Gordon Mead, the vice president and director of Technical Management Resources in Columbus, Ohio. He will give his keynote speech today at 8 a.m. in the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. Mead, also the director of the university chapters of IIE, will speak on the mission concept of company team building,

Olson said. Six other speakers are scheduled to speak or lead workshops, she said.

Olson said the annual conference is a chance for industrial engineering students to interact.

Also, she said, students essays and projects will be judged.

Universities participating in the two day event include the University of Missouri at Rolla, the University of Missouri at Columbia, Iowa State University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, North Dakota State University, the University of Wisconsin at Platteville and Purdue University.

The conference will take place at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on 33rd and Holdrege Streets. The awards banquet will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Hilton.

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