

# Vote ends UNL-AAUP card campaign

By Tammy Kaup

A statement suspending the authorization card campaign for UNL faculty bargaining was endorsed unanimously by the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors in a closed meeting Saturday in the Nebraska Union Rostrum.

A UNL AAUP statement said the card campaign suspension was endorsed even though 500 faculty members signed the cards by April 14.

That number exceeds the minimum 30 percent required to petition the Commission of Industrial Relations for an election among UNL faculty members. The election would have determined if UNL's AAUP could act as a bargaining agent for UNL faculty. However, according to the statement, "the demography of the cards suggests a split between administrative divisions of the UNL campus that would make a successful campaign for an election difficult and divisive at this time."

Linda Pratt, UNL AAUP chapter president, explained Saturday the split between administrative divisions refers to the high percentage of approval of collective bargaining by the Teacher's College, the College of Arts and Sciences and libraries, but the much smaller percentage of approval by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Engineering and Technology.

"No one won," said Norma Sue Griffen, president-elect of the UNL AAUP chapter. "Those who wanted it could not be pleased, but we had said if there was not a majority we would not go through with the CIR."

The UNL AAUP statement said the organization thinks its members' interest in collective bargaining and the nearly 50 percent of the faculty who support collective bargaining will be better served by suspending the current campaign in order to pursue the following:

- Reviewing the issues that disturb the faculty

and the administration's strategies for dealing with those issues

- Looking into the feasibility of redesigning the unit for collective bargaining without imposing it on large or distinct administrative groups who do not want it

- Keeping enough flexibility to start another card campaign if the UNL AAUP sees an insistent need for collective bargaining instead of tying up the energy and resources of the chapter in the CIR for an extended period of time.

Pratt said there are two instances in which another card campaign might be considered. She said these were any incident which questions faculty governance or security of tenure, or administrative failure to try to improve university funding of faculty salaries.

President-elect Griffen said the organization has collected quite a bit of information about faculty concerns in governance areas of the university.

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## RHA president resigns office

Less than a month after elections, the president of the Residence Hall Association has resigned his office.

Freshman John Christian, elected RHA president March 22, is moving with his family to Orlando, Fla., in June. His three-week term officially will end Thursday when present Vice President Lisa Bredthauer assumes the presidency.

Bredthauer, a sophomore, said the basic goals set by Christian's administration will remain the same. But, she said, there will "less talk and more action."

"I plan my administration to do something so people will say, 'Hey, look, RHA did this,' and feel proud about it," she said.

Christian said that although RHA had only one meeting during his term, a resolution to RHA bylaws was passed to allow student assistants to serve on RHA. Previously, this was considered a conflict of interest, Christian said. Now, he said, the SAs are seen as a source of quality input.

The vice presidency will probably be filled by senior Dave Edwards, Christian said, pending RHA council vote. Edwards was vice president of last semester's RHA administration.

## UNO faculty gains pay increase

By Pam Alward

The NU Board of Regents Saturday approved a collective bargaining agreement with the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

UNO faculty whose service is satisfactory will receive a 3 percent salary increase retroactive to March 1, 1984, plus a 3.5 percent increase starting July 1. An additional 1.25 percent will be awarded on the basis of merit.

A discretionary salary increase fund of .25 percent to be allocated at the discretion of the vice chancellor for academic affairs will be established with the agreement. The new contract will have the same benefits package as the rest of the NU system.

The NU policy has granted, besides the 3 percent increase given to all state employees retroactive to March, and 8 percent faculty salary increase, 40 percent of which may be awarded for merit.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff, the only regent to vote against the agreement, said further negotiation is needed for provisions involving matters other than pay.

Charles Downey, vice president of the UNO faculty Senate, spoke about the benefits of working with the UNO AAUP to achieve competitive faculty salaries. Professors are leaving to work at other universities for higher salaries, he said.

"These people could be kept by proper action," he said.

In UNL matters, the Nebraska Engineering Center was renamed the Walter Scott Engineering Center after Walter Scott Jr., a contributor to the engineering college. The name also honors Walter Scott Sr., an engineer who served as vice president and later as director of the Peter Kiewit Sons Co. The elder Scott now resides in Blair.

Rental increases were improved for Love Memorial Cooperative and University Park and Colonial Terrace Apartments, effective July 1.

The board approved a plan, budgeted at more than \$1 million, to remodel part of the West Stadium for an academic study area and athletic training table.

The firm of Schemmer Associates, Inc. was approved to construct the connecting link between the Nebraska Engineering Center and Nebraska Hall.

The purchase of a \$50,000 helicopter support service from Greenlandaire of Greenland was approved for the UNL-based Polar Ice Coring Office.

The board also approved the acquisition of property near the Malone Community Center, 2040 U St., by trading land with the city.

In UNO business, the board approved the purchase for two parcels of land adjacent to UNO as part of the LB410 UNO Land Acquisition Project.

The elimination of the UNO Writer's Workshop, the UNO Department of Black Studies and the phasing out of the UNO Teaching the Hearing Impaired program were removed from the agenda. The eliminations were no longer necessary since the approved UNO faculty pay raise was less than 8 percent.



Hound Dog

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Everybody and their dog took advantage of Sunday's sunny weather and Jayn and Doug Burrin were no exception. Their dog Beau finds himself at the end of his rope as the Burrins relax at Holmes Lake Sunday afternoon.