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Unlike the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNO and UNK are collective bargaining institutions, he said, and established their peer groups in a two-year contract during the 1990-91 school year.

Otto Bauer, UNO vice chancellor of academic affairs, said UNO and UNK's peer groups were included in a state collective bargaining law that makes the peer groups legal entities. Those entities are the basis for deciding faculty salaries.

The two campuses were chosen to be included in the bargaining law by the Nebraska Legislative Commission on Industrial Affairs. They were picked from a group proposed by the central administration and each school's professor association, Bauer said.

The peer groups are used, he said, to determine if UNO and UNK faculty salaries are comparable within their faculty markets.

"The peer group is used to see if we are competitive," he said.

David Anderson, UNK assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs, said that under the new two-year contract, next year's salaries would be determined by the Legislature from information obtained through the peer groups.

UNO's peer group institutions represent a wide range of schools, Bauer said, including: Southwest

Missouri State, Central Missouri State, South Dakota State, the University of Central Florida, the University of Texas at El Paso, Cleveland State, the University of New Orleans, Wichita State, Western Illinois and the University of Northern Iowa.

Instead of 10 similar universities, schools within UNO's peer group are diverse, Anderson said.

"South Dakota State is really not a peer for us," he said. "They represent one side of the spectrum where there is a lower salary structure."

Several major metropolitan universities that are more comparable to UNO also are on the list, he said.

Anderson said the members of UNK's comparative group had many things in common with Kearney, such as size, region, history and mission.

UNK's peer group includes Moorhead State, the University of Northern Iowa, Central Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, Fort Hays State, Southwest Oklahoma State, Emporia State and Western Illinois University.

Many schools in UNK's peer group were part of the 12-institution group Kearney State compared itself to before entering the University of Nebraska system, he said.

UNK's peer group is not being questioned, but Anderson said it still was open to scrutiny.

Bauer said he thought officials should take a second look at UNO's peer group because many schools had changed markedly since the peer group was formed.

Kerrey captures primary

Lincoln residents support Kerrey in South Dakota

By Therese Goodlett
Staff Reporter

When Jennifer Rasmussen asked the cashier at a gas station in South Dakota on Sunday who would win the primary, he answered immediately:

"Well, it's got to be Bob Kerrey." Rasmussen withdrew from classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this semester to campaign for Kerrey, who is her uncle.

She said the cashier's response was typical of South Dakotans last weekend.

Early returns showed Kerrey, D-Neb., as the winner in the South Dakota

presidential primary.

"South Dakota was looking great when we left (Sunday)," Rasmussen said.

About 25 Nebraska college and high school students, as well as Lincoln residents, traveled to South Dakota last weekend to gear up for Tuesday's South Dakota primary, she said.

By 8 a.m. Saturday — after being fed doughnuts and given free "Let's Go for the Win Tour" T-shirts at Kerrey Headquarters — the campaigners had loaded up several cars and two mini-vans and were on their way to Sioux Falls, S.D.

Supporters distributed campaign literature door-to-door and telephoned voters throughout the state Saturday to address Kerrey's campaign issues.

Rasmussen and two friends also traveled to Yankton, S.D., to campaign. Districts outside of Sioux Falls had not been canvassed before, she said.

As well as campaigning, the supporters attended a live debate Sunday at a dinner in Sioux Falls.

Doug Curry, a senior business major at UNL, said the debate was the highlight of the trip, partially because he was able to meet the democratic candidates.

"Harkin was a really nice guy, and Jerry Brown was not so nice," he said.

Tsongas and Clinton had Secret Service protection, so they were hard to get close to, Curry said.

Kerrey, however, was easier to approach. After the debate, he attended a rally in his honor, where he signed autographs and talked with supporters.

"It's the closest thing to Hollywood entertainment you can get," Curry said.

After the rally, supporters loaded up their cars and mini-vans and headed back to Lincoln.

Other road trips have not been planned because of students' busy schedules, Rasmussen said. But student volunteers will be calling other states from Kerrey Headquarters, she said.

ASUN votes tonight on Affirmation Day

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will vote tonight on an Affirmation Day resolution and student fees appropriations bills for the recreation center, unions and health center budgets.

If each appropriation bill passes as submitted by ASUN's Committee for Fees Allocation, student fees next year will be assessed, per student/per semester, as follows: Campus Recreation Center \$36.86; Nebraska Union \$31.87; and the University Health Center \$73.89.

Business Sen. Rob Broomfield, CFA chairman, said there would be no appeals. Broomfield also said he did not expect the senate to disagree with the proposals.

Arts and Sciences Sen. Teg Hughes said she expected the Af-

firmation Day resolution, which supports the gay, lesbian, and bisexual human rights awareness day, would receive the support of the majority of the senate.

"It did last time, so it should this time," Hughes said, referring to a Jan. 29 resolution that the senate passed to make ASUN an Affirmation Day sponsor.

The resolution was declared "null and void" by the Student Court Feb. 10, after Speaker of the Senate Steve Thomlison sued the senate on the grounds that the resolution exceeded ASUN's authority.

Thomlison said that because the 1991-92 senate term ended April 1, the senate could not sponsor an event April 8.

Hughes said that in its written statement by Chief Justice Tiffany Severs, the Student Court suggested that ASUN pass a resolution urging the next senate to sponsor Affirmation Day.

Tonight's resolution urges the 1992-93 ASUN senate to support Affirmation Day, Hughes said.

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there won't even be dust."

Sigerson said some indirect attacks, which could be taken as mudslinging, were made during the first Association of Students at the University of Nebraska debate last Wednesday.

Mudslinging occurred during ASUN elections two years ago, he said.

Sigerson said he wanted to set a positive tone for the student body.

Because ASUN elections are the first opportunity for some students to get involved, he said, he doesn't want mudslinging to discourage those students.

Sigerson said his party would enforce its clean-campaign policy by asking any COMMIT candidates who engaged in personal attacks or negative campaigning to leave the ticket.

If faced with attacks from the other party, he said, COMMIT will respond by presenting the student body with issues and facts, rather than responding in a likewise manner.

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Bettis

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popularity with children across the country.

Three years ago, a "rover force pendulum apparatus" designed by Bettis was demonstrated on the television show "Mr. Wizard," on the children's network Nickelodeon.

His desire to educate students does not stop with elementary school children. He will participate in a workshop April 9-10 for UNL students on the physics of dance.

Bettis has been a ballet dancer since 1969 and is active in "Ballet LTD," a ballet company run out of Studio 2 in Lincoln. Bettis will perform in May at the Kimball Recital Hall.

After a full day of demonstrations and a dance class or two, Bettis said he enjoyed playing one of five musical instruments.

Among the items on this unusual list of instruments is the chitarrino, a renaissance guitar. He also plays classical and bass guitars, the cittern and lute.

But this wide variety of hobbies only comes after work for Bettis, who said he dedicated most of his time to designing demonstration equipment.

"It takes a while," he said. "First you have to have an idea, then you make the plans, then you build it and finally you get it out on the floor."

Although building an invention for the children's museum takes about a year, Bettis said his work was rewarding.

"I have the freedom to let my imagination lead me," he said.

While Bettis relies heavily on imagination for his work, he said he was worried that students' imaginations were not being put to good use.

Bettis said he and his colleagues were concerned about the lack of imagination present in classrooms and the quality of education students receive from the elementary level to college.

"As older teachers retire, younger people come in, and I think it is my responsibility to teach them how to use demonstration equipment," Bettis said. "There are some who prefer to teach with just a piece of chalk and a chalkboard, but I want to carry the torch of the tradition of using demonstrations to teach physics."

Cuts

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pealed to ASUN senators, she proposed only \$20 more than last year's budget of about \$5,117. Instead, the budget was cut by \$885.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs and ASUN's adviser, said he favored a more pluralistic campus, but ASUN had its reasons for denying minority groups' budget appeals.

Forman said that Griesen should take responsibility for ASUN's actions and should make a statement against the cuts.

Juarez said the main problem was CFA's awareness of minority groups. The best solution, she said, is to get more minorities involved in CFA.

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