

Trade issues debated

Experts say education must meet technology

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

Three international trade experts debated issues concerning protectionism and free trade in the international economic system Thursday night in the Regency Suite in the Nebraska Union.

Taking questions from a group of 35 people, professor of economics Craig MacPhee, assistant professor of economics Hendrik Van Den Berg and Nebraska Farmers Union President John Hansen discussed the impact of the World Trade Organization and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or GATT.

The roundtable discussion was sponsored by Omicron Delta Epsilon, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's economics honor society.

Hansen argued that the standards set by the WTO, which are lower than most U.S. standards, allow multinational corporations to negotiate the cost of labor and raw materials domestically.

"The process of developing trade agreements is negotiated by a handful of special interest groups. Producer interests dominate the formation of trade policy."

JOHN HANSEN

Nebraska Farmers Union President

MacPhee argued that the increasing number of citizens at the lower end of income distribution was caused by other factors, such as lack of education or knowledge of technology.

He suggested using the gained resources of free trade to retraining in skilled areas.

Hansen also argued that a true system of free trade was impossible because of a lack of international competition due to a system of shared monopolies.

However, both MacPhee and Van Den Berg argued that free trade

disciplines domestic firms when they are forced to compete in a competitive international market.

"There are other ways to deal with monopolies such as antitrust laws," MacPhee said.

"It's hard to argue that a monopoly will do better in an open economy," Van Den Berg said.

He stressed the importance of education and training to adapt to changes in technology.

"Change is difficult, but people adjust," he said. "If we stop progress in technological gains and efficiency gains, we sacrifice a higher standard of living."

13-member committee to look for new dean

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

A committee to search for a new dean of the College of Business Administration should be in action within two weeks.

Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the executive council of the Academic Senate would submit to her a list of faculty members.

From that list, Leitzel will choose nine faculty members, including a chairperson, for the committee. Two student representatives will be chosen by ASUN.

The committee will have 13 members. The committee will include: one chairperson, six faculty from CBA, one department chairperson from CBA, one faculty member outside the college, two Nebraska business leaders, one undergraduate student and one graduate student.

Once members are chosen, Leitzel

said, they will meet and work on advertisements for the dean's position.

But she's not sure how long it will take for the committee to name the finalists.

"It's always hard to predict time in a search like this," Leitzel said.

The first job of the search committee will be to outline the qualities and characteristics UNL wants in the new dean, she said.

The new dean will replace John Goebel, who will finish his two-year appointment as CBA dean in December.

Goebel replaced Gary Schwendiman, who resigned in January 1995.

Once the search committee chooses the finalists, the interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs will make a recommendation to Chancellor James Moeser.

Moeser will give his recommendation to the NU Board of Regents for final approval.

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The next \$2 million would be financial support for University of Nebraska athletic academic support services and support service facilities.

Remaining money would be equally distributed to the university and state college system for facility repair and maintenance.

The Legislature also adopted an amendment from Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha. His amendment will require 10 percent of the funds after the first \$5 million to be redistributed back to the scholarship fund.

"I hope this is not the only thing we do that will be beneficial to these athletes," he said. "We have to be concerned about them whether they win or lose."

Chambers, who often has referred to football in Nebraska as a religion, introduced an amendment that failed, which would have inserted the word "Holy" into the bill before every mention of the words "spirit plates."

Before the final vote, Brashear said it had taken efforts from all sides to push the bill through the Legislature.

"I really believe these Cornhusker license plates are of the people, by the people and for the people."

Marquis

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"The thing that's most important to me is that the arts we present at the center will create a fresh sense of discovery and leave our audiences exhilarated," he said.

Marquis said he spoke with Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor who oversees the Lied Center, about staying.

"It remains the university's prerogative," Marquis said. "I realize the university is conducting a search."

Despite Marquis' change of heart, Howe said, the search for a new director would continue.

"After he sent in his resignation, we started a national search," Howe said. "We've invested a lot of time in that, and I think we need to move forward with it."

A national search for the director is being conducted by Management Consultants for the Arts, located in Cos Cob, Conn., he said.

The firm will give a list of finalists to a search committee, chaired by Larry Lusk, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Howe would not say if Marquis would be included as a finalist.

Chancellor James Moeser will choose the director by June 1, Howe said.

Marquis would not comment on how he would feel if he weren't asked to stay, but said he was proud of his two years at UNL.

"I would just like to leave knowing that we have been able to make a difference in our community during the last few seasons," Marquis said. "I'm very pleased to have served as the Lied director."

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