Local 118 Trial Set; Business Agent Declines Arbitration

The suit filed in U.S. District Court last October against Louis B. Solari, business agent of Local 118 of the School Employees Union, and Washington University, has been initially set for Monday, July 28. The suit, filed by some campus members of the Union, seeks to void the contract approved Sept. 6 by a narrow margin and submit the proposal to another vote.

In a statement made last Dec. 9, Chancellor William H. Danforth said, "The University is willing to submit to binding arbitration before the next wage increases go into effect even if the suit is still in progress." Solari, however, has declined to submit to arbitration.

Directed against both Solari and the University, the suit charges that, at Solari's direction, the University published and posted a "false and fraudulent summary of the proposed agreement offered by defendant Washington University." At issue is the effect of the insertion of a parenthetical phrase into a handwritten memorandum of agreement (approved by representatives of the Union and University on Sept. 4) which would increase the University's initial Aug. 14 offer for each "[job] classification by 8¢ per hour, effective 7/1/74, 7/1/75 and 7/1/76." The question raised by the plaintiffs is whether addition of the phrase, "(or a total of 24¢ increase over the three-year period)," was a material ambiguity and caused some of those approving the proposal to regard the contract as offering a higher wage rate than actually intended. The addition was made at the request of a Union representative to simplify some of the formal and legal language used in the memorandum.

On Sept. 5, Union bargaining representatives met with their fellow workers and explained the settlement terms that had been reached. On Friday, Sept. 6, balloting on the final settlement took

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Weidenbaum Studies WU's Impact on Gov't. Advisory Committees

By Dorothy Brockhoff

Undoubtedly, even the most prescient of our forefathers would have been nonplussed by the complex and multifarious advisory committees which layer governmental structure today. Who sits on these committees and how much power do they wield?

For one thing it may come as a surprise to some persons that as a group WU faculty and administrators rank high among all private universities — ninth — in terms of total representatives on government advisory panels. How much power they exert, of course, is a difficult question to answer.

Washington University economist Murray Weidenbaum has been pondering the composition and influence of advisory committees for over a year as he analyzed a mass of data accumulated by a pioneering Senate subcommittee which, for the first time, made it possible to measure the involvement of advisory groups in the actual process of governing. Weidenbaum, Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor, developed a new statistical indicator for determining organizational participation on advisory groups which provides insight into a subject hitherto impossible to evaluate quantitatively.

He is qualified to ponder the problem, for he has had experience on both sides of the table as a key governmental administrator on the one hand, and as a frequent advisory committee participant on the other. While carefully emphasizing the value of this data "as an initial point of entry for evaluating an often neglected aspect of interaction between the public and private sectors," Weidenbaum warned of the limits of this statistical information. It merely indicates "opportunities for participation or influence," he cautioned, "rather than the weight given to any individual analyst or private interest group."

In a statistical table, all advisory committees appear equal. In actual

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Bears’ Catcher To Get Music Degree; But Wants To Play Big League Baseball

By King McElroy

Almost everyone on campus has heard of Dave Fowler, the slugging catcher of the Bears’ baseball team, who will graduate May 23. But not everyone knows about Dave Fowler, the music major, who has composed music and is a serious classical guitarist.

His guitar teacher, Alan Rosenkoetter, also says that Fowler is a gifted musician. Fowler, who will receive his bachelor of arts degree in music, already has made money playing guitar with a band which performs every weekend in the St. Louis area. He also has composed music for a small chamber ensemble (seven instruments) which recently performed at the University.

As for Dave Fowler the baseball player: last year he established a school record of 48 hits in a season, hitting for an average of around .340. Catchers who hit that well usually don’t excel behind the plate, but Fowler threw out 25 runners who tried to steal base on him—another school record.

This year his performance has been a little off. He has hit three home runs and is batting around .300. He hasn’t thrown out a great number of base runners because the opposing players now respect his arm and don’t try to steal.

Fowler’s ambition is to become a professional baseball player. The papers have reported that major league scouts have their eyes on him. He pointed out, however, that “So far nobody has contacted me about a professional contract. I’ll talk to the scouts after the season’s over. If nothing develops, I’ll continue with music.”

His biggest fan is his grandmother, Mrs. Zela Hyler, who has kept a comprehensive scrapbook of clippings about his baseball and musical accomplishments over the years. A definitive scrapbook about Fowler seems especially important to her because, “Dave never says too much about himself,” she said. “He’s too modest.”

Fowler did admit that pursuing two careers has been painful at times. Literally. He’s had to strum his guitar with fingers which were jammed by foul tips. His ability to shrug off bruised fingers to play his guitar is an attribute which was shared by baseball greats of another era—the St. Louis Cardinal “Gashouse Gang” of the early 1930’s. A group of them were well-known as amateur musicians, playing under the name of “The Mudcats.” To WU baseball fans, it isn’t too far-fetched to hope that Fowler could some day become a part of a Cardinal baseball renaissance in which sweet music is played on and off the field.

Weinberg Forgives Record

It would take a lot more than sweating out a final law exam to make a grrouch out of Michael A. Weinberg, associate professor of history. We weren’t surprised when we called to apologize for misspelling his name in last week’s Record and he quipped, “Oh, forget it—I liked the article so much I’ve decided to change my name.”

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place and the settlement was approved by a vote of 108-104.

In a related development, two students met with Chancellor Danforth and Gloria White, director of the University’s Personnel Office and Affirmative Action officer, last Thursday afternoon and requested them to answer charges made in a petition allegedly being circulated on campus by the Revolutionary Student Brigade. The petition stated that in retaliation over the workers’ dispute, the University has initiated job speedups, deliberately allowed unsafe working conditions to exist, and in general has treated employees poorly.

In response to the charge of deliberate job speedups, White explained that two years ago, the University hired a national consulting firm to make recommendations on how the workload for maintenance employees could be equalized. “The firm made specific written recommendations to Executive Vice Chancellor Carl Dauten, which were implemented immediately,” White said. “For example, a maintenance employee who had to clean laboratories might be assigned to clean one building only, whereas an employee who had to clean classrooms only might be asked to clean rooms in two buildings. Laboratories, obviously, are a much harder cleaning job.” No specific complaints about speedups have been brought to the Personnel Office.

Answering the charge of unsafe working conditions, White said that the Personnel Office has a full-time Occupational Safety and Health inspector whose job is to inspect campus buildings and grounds for unsafe working conditions. When he finds unsafe conditions, he first gives the specific department head a verbal warning, followed by a written warning and subsequent inspections to see that the unsafe conditions are eliminated.

White said that the only complaint about unsafe working conditions which she has received is that the railroad tie steps between the maintenance building and the upper parking lot on the north side of campus are slippery when wet or icy. “The steps were put there primarily for students crossing Millbrook so they wouldn’t have to climb the grassy hill to the main campus,” she said. She added that it was a “major construction job which will take time to correct. If any employee has a complaint about unsafe working conditions or general treatment, the Personnel Office will be happy to investigate the matter,” she said. “No complaint is ever ignored.”
Wilson to Leave Research Office Post

Linda S. Wilson, WU’s associate vice chancellor for research, and her husband, Paul Wilson, who will receive his Ph.D. degree soon from the WU School of Social Work, have accepted appointments at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Later this summer Mrs. Wilson will assume responsibilities in the newly created position of associate vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois, and Mr. Wilson will join the School of Social Work faculty there.

“It is rare for a couple to find good appointments at an outstanding university,” Mrs. Wilson said. “My commitment to Washington University is a deep one, and this has not been an easy decision to make. When I leave my job in August I know that we will be leaving one of the very best academic and staff groups in the country. To break these rewarding professional and personal ties will be difficult. But we feel that the quality of our experiences here should help us meet our new challenges.”

Mrs. Wilson has been associate vice chancellor at WU since March, 1974; she was assistant vice chancellor for research from 1970-1974. Mr. Wilson, former pastor of the St. James United Church of Christ, St. Louis, has studied in the WU School of Social Work since 1970. His research focus has been inter-organizational analysis, especially as applied to health care delivery systems.

A University-wide search committee is being formed by the WU administration to seek candidates for Mrs. Wilson’s replacement and to recommend her successor to Chancellor William H. Danforth. Danforth said, “Linda Wilson has done a marvelous job and we are sorry to lose her. I can understand her decision, even though I regret it insofar as the University is concerned.”

Daniel Kipnis, WU School of Fine Arts student, sets up a sculpture on Hampton Ave. south of I-44. It is one of three sculptures by WU artists placed on the parkway in cooperation with the St. Louis Park Commissioner.

(Photograph by Gail Cissna)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES H. LAUE, founder and co-director of the Community Crisis Intervention Center of the Social Science Institute and associate professor of sociology at WU, and Gerald W. Cormick, co-director of the Crisis Center, director of the Environmental Mediation Project, and associate professor of sociology at WU, will discuss the emerging field of intervention in community, racial and environmental disputes at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, at Lewis Room Auditorium, Library Building, Fontbonne College, 6800 Wydown, Clayton. The relationship of social policy and planning for the future and the role of interveners in a series of recent cases, including Selma, Wounded Knee, Charleston (West Virginia), Boston and the 1972 political conventions, will also be discussed. The Community Crisis Intervention Center is among several institutions in the nation working to settle crises and disputes by mediation.

PROFESSOR HEIKKI SEPPA of the School of Fine Arts has been honored by craftsmen in his native Finland. On April 12 he received a diploma from the Precious Metal Industry Guild of Finland which stated that it was “a testimonial for the meritorious work which silversmith Heikki Seppa has done to benefit the field of goldsmithing.”

Designer, Student Win Awards From Stix Baer & Fuller

Victor Costa, the noted fashion designer who is now based in Dallas, received Stix Baer & Fuller’s first annual Golden Award last Wednesday at the Washington University “Friends of Fashion Show 1975” in Edison Theatre on campus. J. Arthur Baer, II, chairman and chief executive officer of Stix Baer & Fuller, made the presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Baer, Chancellor and Mrs. William H. Danforth, and the WU Women’s Society had invited invitations to the show, an annual event on the campus. Stix plans to honor an outstanding designer each year with its Golden Award.

Costa received a gold-plated sterling silver sculpture mounted on a black marble base inspired by the Stix Baer & Fuller emblem, a stylized tree. Approximately eleven inches tall, it was designed by Heikki Seppa, internationally known metalsmith and associate professor of art at WU.

Also cited for exceptional ability at the show was Ilene Sue Katz, a junior in the WU Fashion Design Department. Chosen the winner of the award of excellence in fashion design, Katz received a $1000 scholarship from Stix Baer & Fuller. Baer made the presentation.

Crow Professor Named

Edwin T. Jaynes, professor of physics at WU, has been named Wayman Crow Professor of Physics for the 1975-76 academic year. He will replace Eugene Feenberg, who will retire in June. Jaynes, whose research specialties are statistical mechanics and quantum optics, joined WU in 1960 as an associate professor and was named full professor in 1963. Prior to coming to St. Louis, Jaynes taught at Stanford University and worked in the field of microwave development for the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C., and Sperry Gyroscope Company, Garden City, N.Y. He received his master’s and doctoral degrees from Princeton University. Feenberg will become Wayman Crow Professor Emeritus after his retirement.

Stephen Ridgley, for whom Ridgley Library (now Ridgley Hall) was named, made his fortune through the sale of lamps and spirit gas after he moved to St. Louis from Boston in 1838. An English immigrant, Ridgley held various jobs in Boston, including four years as a sailor and eight in a lamp factory before moving west.
EXHIBITIONS

School of Fine Arts Student Exhibition 175, of painting, graphic communication, drawing, multi-media, ceramics, and photography. Opens Sunday, May 11, with reception 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m. Steinberg Hall. Through May 23.

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CALENDAR
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THURSDAY, MAY 8
4 p.m. Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Seminar, "Regulation of the Secretion of Neutral Proteases from Fibroblasts and Macrophages," Dr. Zena Werb, WU Division of Medical Genetics. Corl Aud.

4:30 p.m. Department of Mathematics Colloquium, "Recent Developments in Set Theoretic Topology," Professor Istvan Juhasz, Mathematics Institute, Budapest, Hungary. 199 Cupples I. Tea at 4 p.m. in 222 Cupples I.

FRIDAY, MAY 9
4:30 p.m. University College Faculty Day Program, with address by John B. Ervin, dean, School of Continuing Education, "The Present and Future of Continuing Education." Edson Theatre. Refreshments at 5:30 p.m. in Beamont Lounge.

SATURDAY, MAY 10
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Ethnic Heritage Colloquium, with introduction by Professor Sandra Schoenberg, WU Sociology Department; presentations of studies of the Carondelet, Soulard, Hill, and Ville neighborhoods; summary by Professor Marvin Cummins, WU Sociology Department. Lunch provided. Women's Bldg. Lounge.

MONDAY, MAY 12
4 p.m. Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Seminar, "Anomeric Specificity in Glycolysis and on the Mechanism of FDPFase Action," Professor Stephen J. Benkovic, Department of Chemistry, Pennsylvania State U. Moore Aud.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
4 p.m. Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Seminar, "Transdetermination," Dr. Ernest Haddorn, Department of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, U. of Zurich, Switzerland. 213 Restock.

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SATURDAY, MAY 10
8 p.m. Galant Ensemble Concert, with Dan Presgrave, conductor. Sponsored by the WU Wind Ensemble and Department of Music. Steinberg Hall.

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(Continued from page 1) practice, Weidenbaum said, they are not. Some advisory committees have considerable clout; others are mere window-dressing. Included in the first category are so-called U.S. Treasury Department Financing Committees. "They advise the Treasury on quarterly borrowings, what interest rates to pay on securities, long-term bonds, short-term treasury bills and many other matters. These committees have important impact on decision-making," he said.

In sharp contrast, Weidenbaum recalled his appointment to the President's Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the U.S. Labor Department. "My sole duty," he said, "was to receive a certificate of membership." Weidenbaum also made reference to what he called technical advisory committees, composed of experts who counsel on specialized subjects. "For example, the advisory panels of the National Science Foundations have one major and clearly defined task: to review and make recommendations on proposals for NSF research grants in their area of expertise (economics, mathematics, physics, etc.) Essentially, this is a 'peer group' review process, whereby academicians and other professionals evaluate research to be undertaken by colleagues in their respective fields.

Interestingly enough, Weidenbaum's statistical analyses show that college and university faculties constitute the largest body of government advisors. Of 100 major organizations having representation on federal advisory committees in 1972, W.U. ranked 20th with 59 representatives. The AIF-CIO headed the list with 264 representatives; the U. of Massachusetts was last with 24. If one considers only privately supported institutions, W.U. placed 9th. A comparison of the size of full-time faculties of both public and private schools (based on rough estimates) puts W.U. in 11th place in number of representatives to federal advisory bodies.

Says Weidenbaum of his research: "The data presented provide only an initial indicator of the participation of outsiders in the activities of the federal government; hopefully, they will stimulate further research and analysis."