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THE VOLUNTARY SINGLE TAX

In this issue Professor Fossler explains at greater length his proposition for the voluntary Single Tax. This system in part is in use now in some of the schools, and is not therefore entirely new.

In the first place, we must concede that the plan has merit. It is not to be doubted that under it student activities would be supported better than they are now. A majority of students could probably be persuaded to pay the tax.

But we believe that there are several reasons why this plan is inferior to the Single Tax. In the first place, the price would necessarily have to be higher than under the plan proposed by The Nebraskan. With two-thirds of the students subscribing, and the total income of the activities being limited to this tax, the price must, of course, be higher than when all the students pay.

Furthermore, Professor Fossler's plan removes one feature that has won the Single Tax many friends among those members of the faculty who are closely connected with student life. It would not compel those who should be taking advantage of the opportunities to do so. The system would not reach the students who need it most.

Conceding therefore, that the plan proposed by the able member of the faculty is a good one, we submit that it is yet inferior to the Single Tax.

THOSE SINGLE TAX PETITIONS

Due to the action of the regents at their meeting Friday, The Daily Nebraskan has abandoned its plan of circulating petitions on the campus for the adoption of the Single Tax. This is because the regents have waived proof on this matter. In other words, they concede that the plan would meet the approval of the student body. All they want now is evidence on the matter of the legality of the plan, and the principles involved.

The Nebraskan will therefore pursue a different course. At the regular April meeting of the regents a petition for the adoption of the plan will be submitted, together with all the evidence that can be found. We will write all the other schools that have the plan and find out in greater detail just how successful it has been.

We will get the opinions of the best legal authorities on the constitutionality of the plan.

If there are any objections to the above course of action from anyone who has an interest in its outcome, The Nebraskan will be glad to hear them. We do not mean to close the discussion here, as the students should have a complete understanding of the plan before the April meeting. If anyone has any further ideas on the matter, therefore, we will be glad to print them in the Forum.

FORUM

German Dept., March 10.
 Editor Nebraskan:

Thanks for your courteous editorial on my former communication. You stated one side of the matter under consideration in all fairness. But somehow I am not convinced that your argument is sound. Had I not feared that my former note was too lengthy, I should have added a few things and thus, perhaps, have made the alternative plan more worth thinking about. May I do so now? I put it—the plan—into the forms of queries:

1. Would it not be possible to organize a "university union" in the interest of incidental or extra university activities, such as publishing a university paper, athletics, debating, dramatics, university come-together nights and the rest of the good things?

2. Why could and should there not be an active concerted canvass made, in the early part of the year, to arouse the student body, new and old, to the desirability or necessity of joining forces and standing together in these incidental and yet highly important activities? We have football rallies why can we not have student activities rallies?

3. Why could and should not an attractive and detailed year's program (of the activities in question) be put into the hands of every student when he comes in contact with university life, in the first days or weeks upon the campus?

4. Why would it not be a good plan to have an active canvassing committee of twenty-five, or more, to "push the goods" and organize the student body in the various colleges as effectively as possible and urge them to become shareholders in the enterprise? Might not each class have its own and special committee to work hand in hand with the general directing committee? Why should not every student be "seen"?

I may be greatly mistaken in thinking that with intelligent and well directed, persistent efforts the end desired—a desirable end—would be attained in a comparatively short time, if the suggestions above made were followed out. I may underestimate the loyalty of Nebraska's student body. And yet I should like to see the plan tried.

The 2,000 students who, I am informed, signed the petition some years ago for the introduction of the Single Tax or, rather, their successors and present representatives should, when they again sign such a petition, all and singly pledge themselves to pay the amount involved in the tax. That would guarantee some \$10,000 or \$12,000—a very respectable "nestegg," you will concede. Not to be willing to so pledge themselves suggests to me the patriotism of the man who is willing, nay anxious, to let all of his wife's relatives go to war and, if need be, die for their country.

Yours very truly,
 Laurence Fossler.

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UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Rhetoric I Examinations
 All make-up examinations for Rhetoric I will be given at 10 o'clock Saturday, March 18, in U 207.

Engineers' Meeting
 There will be a meeting of the Engineers' society in Mechanical Engineering ball 206 Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Benjamin Brooks of Kansas City, engineer for the International Clay Products bureau, will talk on the engineering features of clay products. Everybody is urged to be present.

Ag. Engineers Meeting
 The regular meeting of the Agricultural engineers will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in A. M. 206. D. P. Weeks will speak on water resources of Nebraska. Everybody is welcome.

Financial Statement
 The financial statement of the Catholic Students' club mixer, held in the Temple February 25, 1916, is as follows:

Total receipts, 63 tickets sold at 50 cents, \$31.50.

Total expenditures: Rental hall, \$7; doorkeeper, \$1.50; refreshments, \$4.50; music, \$12; services, \$1.50; total \$26.50. Joseph H. Ihm, chairman. Audited March 8, 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Comus Dance Tickets
 Thirty-five tickets have been validated for the Comus club dance to be held in Music hall, March 17, 1916. No more tickets will be validated for this dance. No complimentary tickets will be given. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

World Outlook Seminar Meeting
 The fourth meeting of the World Outlook Seminar will be held tomorrow in the Y. M. C. A. room of the Temple. John Adendorff of the mechanical engineering department, who was born and raised in South Africa, will speak on that country of the Boers.

Will Hold Candy Sale
 The Business Girls' club will hold a candy sale on the campus from 10 to 12 o'clock today.

Vocational Conference
 Because of the number of girls which it is supposed to interest, the vocational conference will be held in the Temple theatre at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, in place of the regular Y. W. C. A. vesper service.

THE SINGLE TAX IN A NUTSHELL

It will consist of a tax of \$300 a semester paid by each student registering.

Those who will be excused are those who cannot pay and those who are not registered for twelve hours of work.

The proceeds of the tax, estimating those who must pay at 2,500, will be \$15,000.

The tax will be divided as follows:

Distribution—	Per Cent of tax
Athletics	62½
Daily Nebraskan	20
Debate	2
University Night	2
Dramatics	4
Mixers	6
Ivy Day	1½
Incidental	2

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