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### Why the Activity Tax Is Compulsory.

THERE is something peculiarly obnoxious to many people in the idea of compulsion being applied to force them to do anything. The Nebraskan would ordinarily be among the first to oppose any course of action applied to students on the basis of compulsion. As a matter of fact the Nebraskan has spent some considerable time and space in objecting to military training and physical education, largely on the grounds that ate compulsion in these matters was not justified.

Possibly it seems somewhat inconsistent, therefore, for the Nebraskan to champion the cause of a compulsory student activity tax. To iron out this apparent inconsistency is the purpose of the Nebraskan's explanation today of the reason for the compulsory feature of the activity tax.

THE whole theory of the activity tax is based on the principle that quantity support allows lower price. In other words, the athletic department can well afford to reduce the price of its tickets in half if it is assured of the support of twice the number of students who previously purchased athletic tickets. The same holds true for the various campus publications.

To assure this support, the compulsory feature of the tax is absolutely necessary. You must understand, therefore, that the compulsory provision is not based on the idea that every student should be forced to pay the tax, whether he wishes to do so or not. It is simply the mechanism which reductions.

A voluntary fee plan could not operate on the co-operative basis what items the students want insimply because you, as a prospec- cluded in the plan. If the students tive payer of the fee, would not know how much you would have to pay until the number of students cate their desire for the plan, such who entered the co-operative agreement became known. Whereas you may have figured on paying a low price, the fact that few students paid the voluntary fee might mean the raising of the price to such an extent that you too would be unable to pay the fee.

EVERY semester you pay a compulsory fee for something in this university whether you like it or not. You were not asked when you came to school whether you wanted to pay the fee for military training or physical education. You were not asked whether or not you wanted to pay the medical fee.

But the main point of this comparison is the fact that these latter fees bring you no advantages which could not be secured if you the Medical college for that day took the courses voluntarily. The fee would be no higher in either case. But in the case of the ac- guests.

tivity tax, the compulsory feature makes it possible for you to secure privileges which otherwise would cost you considerably more.

That is the main idea of the activity tax, namely, that by paying a tax, you receive in return something you want at a lower cost than you could otherwise secure it.

The Nebraskan, of course, is here assuming that these privileges are something that you do want. If you are dead sure that you do not want them, then, of course, you must vote against the tax plan. But ask yourself sincerely if you would not like to have these privileges, and do not shy at the idea that they are being forced on you.

The virile soldiers in training for the next war have been provided with mattresses on which to reundergo.

#### The University Budget Again in the Limelight.

THE controversy over the state budget with particular emphasis upon university appropriations has become so old that possibly interest in it has waned somewhat. It is brought out into the open once again by reason of the approval by the state senate of the recommendations made by Gover-

The senate, predominantly of the same party as both the governor and the lower house, has seen fit to stand by the budget prepared by the executive in accordance with law. The house abandoned that leadership and is now at loggerheads with the sen-

Friends of the university who have no personal stakes in whether or not the institution gets more or less, have rallied to the defense of the Bryan budget as providing for sufficient reduction without endangering the possibilities of the school for serving the state. The senate has seen the matter in the same light. It would seem that the house could gracefully defer to the judgment of the governor and the senate, especially in view of the fact that the governor is actually the responsible agent for his own budget in case it is approved.

Important notice to students. If you are planning a picnic some time next week end, don't forget to order your chaperones early. The the evening, and if necessary the demand is great, and those who wait until the last minute may be left without any chaperones.

#### STUDENTS TO HELP SET UP PROPOSED BLANKET TAX PLAN

(Continued from Page 1). measure student opinion to it, althe he is personally not in favor of including that item in the plan. "The result of the ballot," he

explained, "will give the Student council a basis for further action makes possible the drastic price on the plan. First, it will indicate whether or not the students want the tax plan. Second, if they do want the plan, it will indicate vote disapproval of the plan in any form, the Council will drop the proposal. If the students india tax plan will be drawn up and submitted to the Board of Regents with those items selected by the students themselves included."

All students now in school who register for classes for next fall will ballot on the plan in the office of their respective dean as they finish the registration process this spring. Senior students will vote on the plan at the spring

# Pre Med Day Will Be Held at Omaha May 6

The annual Pre Med day will be held Saturday, May 6, on the university Medical College campus at Omaha, according to an announcement from Prof. H. W. Manter, of the zoology department. All students registered for pre-medical work are invited to be guests of and registration will begin at 8 a. m. Pre-Medics from other colleges in the state wil also be

#### ATTRACTS DISPLAY

Omaha Camera Club Exhibit Will Be Taken to Iowa University.

The photographis exhibit of the Omaha Camera club, consisting of more than seventy-five pieces, now on display in Morrill hall gallery B, has attracted many visitors, according to Prof. Dwight Kirsch, chairman of the school of fine arts dministrative committee.

Several entries from this group have been accepted for international exhibition. After the exhibition on the Nebraska campus closes Sunday, April 30, the collection will be taken to the University of Iowa for a similar ex-

## Several Alumni Visit College of Pharmacy

cline while practicing on the rifle range. What rigors these soldiers the following alumni visitors who called during the past few days: Rudolph Vertiska, retail druggist, Humboldt; Leslie Downie, retail druggist, Elmwood, and Charles Lesh, deputy prohibition administrator for Nebraska with headquarters in Omaha.

#### KOSMET ARRANGES FOR BROADCAST OF MUSICAL NUMBERS

(Continued from Page 1). yesterday from Van Steeden stated that the material is being held while waiting final arrangements for the audition.

Tickets for the show, which will be presented in the Temple theater every night next week from Tuesday thru Saturday, are being reserved at the box office in the building. Early reservations have been unusually heavy, but there are many good seats left for every performance, members of the Klub

Tickets are being sold at the box office, at Ben Simons, and thru an organized campaign of workers for the Klub. The price is fifty cents, and all seats are re-

#### INTERFRAT BANQUET DUCATS DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS HOUSES

Continued from Page 1). for the banquet tickets. The new low price of the dinner should alall fraternity men to attend. Carlyle Sorenson, in charge of the ticket sale, asks their co-operation in making the banquet a success, since it is the one occasion of the year at which all Greeks get to-

# Request All to Attend.

In order to increase the number of men attending, the interfraternity council has asked that the tables be closed at houses for money be applied on the banquet tickets.

Professor Schramm will make announcement of scholastic rankings and the presentation of plaques to the fifteen fraternities with the highest ratings at the din-

Eddie Jungbluth's orchestra has been scheduled to play at the gathering as a special attraction.

#### ENGINEERS' BANQUET TO FEATURE SPEECH BY BION J. ARNOLD

(Continued from Page 1). fundamental scientific research and resultant successful airplane flight;" Michael L. Pupin, "in recognition of pre-eminent service in advancing human progress through engineering, and for devotion to scientific research, leading to his invention which have materially aided the development of long distance telephony and radio broadcasting"; as well as other outstanding men of science.

Arnold, an honorary member and past president of the Western Society of Engineers and past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, was accorded this distinction "in recognition of devoted unselfish and preeminent service in advancing hu-

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man progress and for pioneering am opposed to fostering and builds work in the engineering and economics of electrical transportation."

Arnold, who was educated in the public schools of Ashland, before enrolling in the university, will be met in that city by the Omaha and Lincoln Engineers club, it There the two clubs will planned. entertain him at luncheon. In the afternoon the group will inspect the Lincoln water works at Ashland, then motor to Lincoln in time for the banquet.

The engineers making arrangements for the luncheon in Ashland include Roy Cochran, state highway engineer; Dave Erickson, Lincoln city engineer; L. F. Seaton, university operating superintendent; J. C. Detweiler, president of the Omaha engineers club; John Schultz and Paul Baker, both of Other members of the committee are Henry Johnson and William Summers.

#### APPROVES BRYAN RECOMMENDATION

(Continued from Page 1). would make the university available only to the well-to-do, which would obviously defeat its real purpose.

'If you drive the university to higher fees you are killing its real purpose," Hawxby declared. should be a poor mans school.

ing up a snobbish university

Those voting for the committees' amendment restoring the governor's figures to the university appropriation were: Anderson, Ban-ning, Brodecky, Frush, Gass, Halpine, Hawxby, Kunkel, McCormick, Neeland, O'Furey, Peterson, Srb, Stewart, VanKirk, Warner and Welch. Those against include: C. Andersen, Boelts, Brunt, Bullard, Callan, Green, Nuerbauer, Pederson, Purdy, Sanden.

Members of the senate continued to roll the revised budget bill thru the second reading Saturday, and had advanced it to a third reading, as a last minute rush for tacking amendments on the measure took

Beliefs expressed yesterday in. dicate that there would not be a budget deadlock between the two Leader O'Gara House stated yesterday that he felt many members of the House were willing to accept the governor's recommendations. He refuted the charge of the so-called petition circulated by Rep. Trenmor Cone, Valley, to stand pat on the House finance committee's report.

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