

Expand, Or Limit

The tuition issue stands now in the minds of most students a confused mess. Plans for action—since many students seem to want action—are appearing on several fronts, but few, judging from comments we have heard and letters we have gotten, understand what is happening. We have previously supported the petition drive to object to the legislature's raising the tuition rate at the University and state teachers colleges.

We now extend our support to the second point in this program, the letter writing campaign to the senators. If senators themselves admit that this is the most effective way to bring influence to bear on themselves, we have no choice.

The whole situation is looking increasingly futile and ugly. We would like to see a simple levy, which would bail everyone out of trouble . . . and there is trouble. Some senators maintain that the University is ready for a tuition raise "to keep us in line with other Universities." If they have no better reason than that, they would do well to try to keep us in line with other universities with regard to faculties, faculty quality and class size.

But we cannot see the entire legislature yielding to the ridiculous statements of Wray Scott, president of the Association of Nebraska Taxpayers, who thinks

students should relieve the tax burdens of the people of Nebraska. Our legislature has been criticized, but we defend their intelligence and integrity to the point that we believe they feel a state's responsibility to the school that bears its name. Personal talks with 20 per cent of the senators have assured us of this.

This is a critical period—a time when pressure from the forces of Anti-University could be instrumental in bringing the end of a senator's career. It is the type of critical period that requires profiles in courage.

As the tuition issue stands from the student viewpoint, we have reason and action. Reason: we must expand or limit, of this there is little doubt. We do not feel it right to limit. To expand takes money. Money takes taxes, bond sales, or tuition raises. We do not feel that many can stand to replace bond sales with tuition. Can or should.

Action: work for taxes and bond sales in ways that will bring the most pressure to bear. Pressure, not resentment. Maybe there is not much we can do, but there is a little we can try.

The petition should be signed, the letter should be written. Too much is at stake to forget.

• FRANK PARTSCH

CAMPUS OPINION

Obligation To Better University

Dear editor,

It should be the purpose of every serious student at the University to acquire an education which will fulfill as many future educational needs as possible. Certainly, the administration, the legislature and the Board of Regents are trying to provide an adequate physical plant.

These efforts are to be commended. But, will there be a campus atmosphere which will inspire students to make use of these facilities?

Only \$132

Dear editor:

Have you ever seen the crowds at Pershing whenever some singer comes to town or the mob in the Union or the cars on campus or the cloths we wear (not rags)? We pay only \$132 per semester for a reasonably pleasant higher education experience, and then everybody throws money at us. Why shouldn't the students yap more of the cost.

Larry Asman

Squee's Squabbles

By Susan Smithberger

Greek Week doesn't seem like a good time to attack one of the main governing bodies of the Greek system. But maybe it is a good time for each of its members to sit back and analyze exactly what it is doing.

Last week Panhellenic succeeded in raising the ire of the Daily Nebraskan by excluding reporters from its meeting. The answer given by Panhellenic President Diane Michel was that if the reporter had been a Greek, she would have been allowed to stay. Up until this time, I had laughed at the exclusion. It was just another of Panhel's petty little moves. But the ideas of excluding a girl just because she wasn't a Greek made me wonder if the Greek system is so poor that it can not stand to have another group look closely at it, to readily see its weaknesses.

This week at house meetings the sororities all found out about the secretive matter. They were all told to keep this great wealth of information confidential, and a special warning was given not to allow the Daily Nebraskan to know the contents.

First, let me say to those of you who do not know what this little tidbit is don't worry about it. It isn't worth knowing. It is just an ineffective bit of bureaucracy.

Second to all: these are my own personal convictions, not necessarily those of any group.

Third, to Panhellenic: I am a member of this great

organization and frankly, I'm embarrassed. This little bit will never serve the purpose for which it was intended.

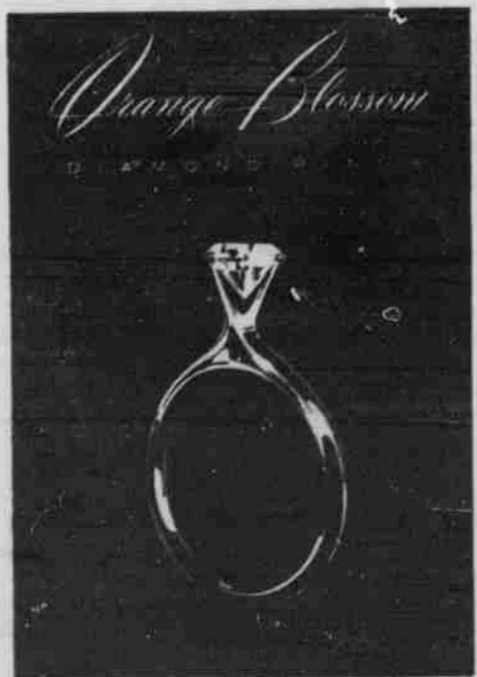
The piece of paper is now being sent to the Board of Regents. Please, please, Panhellenic, reconsider.

It would be better than nothing be said at all than for this gutless bit to be released. Any member of the press, any member of the "Opposing" side, can tear

this apart so fast it would make a lightning bug shudder.

For your own good, Panhellenic, and for mine, take up your action again next Monday and release something with teeth or nothing at all. The piece you have now will serve only as bad publicity for the Greek system, the kind of bad publicity that will eventually kill it. But then maybe it doesn't deserve to live.

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Campus Opinion

New Level Of 'Excellence'

Dear editor,

The Daily Nebraskan has succeeded in reaching a new level of excellence in a most discerning and perspicacious review of "One Potato, Two Potatoes" by Mr. Diaper Sandoe. It is obvious that Mr. Sandoe is a most extraordinary journalist and well qualified to criticize Raphael Hayes and Orville Hampton for the horrible screen play for which they have received an academy award nomination.

The giant intellect of Mr. Sandoe makes itself evident when one considers the points that he criticizes. The average, ordinary journalist, after watching prejudice triumph over justice, would make such trite and common place comments as: "a well-placed mirror reflecting an intolerant ugly society" or "a moving, well-expressed statement of our times;" or "in spite of its many artistic merits, one wishes this picture could not have been made."

Mr. Sandoe remarks, however, that the picture "is apt to present almost too sympathetic a view" and that it is "sentimental" although "Bernie Hamilton," who plays the part of the Negro husband is "too stoic."

What really sets Mr. Sandoe apart from writers of lesser degree is his intense psychological interest and consequent criticism of the film because "it refuses to delve deeply enough into the personalities of the hero and heroine," and does not "follow-up" the "possible motivations of their character," even though this has nothing

to do with the purpose of the picture.

It is certainly not necessary for anyone of such calibre to back up such generalities as "the plot lacks probability in some of the most important dramatic features of the motion picture" with concrete examples.

I think Mr. Sandoe's literary style also deserves special mention. His unusual and imaginary departures from the normal such as "baldly thin," "sound track . . . picked up from a microphone" and "I fail to see the grounds . . . except on the grounds" are jewels I will always treasure in the strongbox of my memory.

It is little wonder that Mr. Sandoe was disappointed in the film and deservedly so.

B. K.

More For Mr. Sandoe

Dear editor,

After reading Diaper Sandoe's review of ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO, I would like to make a few suggestions:

1. Have your writers see a movie before you have them review it.
2. Find another method for selecting your movie reviewers. Using the first person you meet who can spell "cat" is not working out too well.
3. Remove verbiage, such as, "is not of a superlative quality," from articles like Mr. Sandoe's. The space saved could be used for more intellectual features, for example, "What Do the Beachboys Really Think of Gerry and the Pacemakers."

No Statements

Dear editor,

The current flurry of excitement over the proposed tuition raise points out a lack of any effective leadership on the part of the student body.

Friday Senator Carpenter suggested that the student body march on the Capitol to emphasize our opposition to an increase in tuition. Monday at least two, perhaps more, petitions were circulating about the campus.

As of Monday not one of the officers of the various organizations devoted to the welfare of the student body had made any statement as to the policy we, as students, should adopt.

A leader would provide leadership. That circular statement does have bearing on the case. A leader should have enough contact with the populis to sense when they desire action. He

should then, after weighing the alternatives, make a decision for the course of action to follow.

A leader must not only be sensitive to public desires, he must also take such action as is necessary to guide the group along a desired course of action.

If one of the various leaders had made a definite statement for a course of action in the present situation there would be no need for them to be disturbed over several petitions circulating the campus.

However, in the absence of positive leadership, a vacuum develops and gives rise to many splinter movements as in the present situation. Maybe, when the new student constitution goes into effect, positive leadership will come to the Nebraska campus. Let us hope so.

Roger Thornton

Editor's note: See page one.

Foolishness Great

Dear editor:

We would like to commend RAM for its presentation of "April Foolishness." The show was enthusiastically presented and included excellent talent. We noted the presentation of a traveling trophy and hope this is an indication that "April Foolishness" will be an annual event.

Congratulations to RAM!
13th floor
Pound Hall

About Letters

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Ambitious Few Object?

Dear editor,

What are all these noisy objections to the proposed tuition increase? Do they come from the ambitious few who are putting themselves through school? Or do they come from those who are afraid Daddy will yank them out of school for lack of a few extra dollars?

Don't they care what kind of an education they are getting? Don't they realize that the few inspiring instructors that are left won't stay here long if they aren't given pay comparable to that they might expect elsewhere? And I know they don't realize that Nebraska residents can attend NU cheaper than any other state institution, (even if there is a college in their home town.)

We DO need a tuition increase. We DO need better instructors and better facilities. We DON'T need more students because the University can't handle them now. We DO need better quality students, but we WON'T get them if we don't get better quality instructors.

And to place a greater burden for our education on the taxpayers is of course fallacious; the state needs

too many other things first, from which the taxpayers would get more direct benefit.

So what is all the noise? I'd really like to know.

Mary Ann Deems

Editor's note: Most of the noise comes from those of us who think that the taxpayers have a larger responsibility in providing an adequate system of higher education for ALL of its interested and qualified citizens — in short, those of us that strongly disagree with your way of thinking.

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