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## How to Lower Activities' Costs.

**C**ORNHUSKER yearbook sales opened on campus Monday, being about the nth drive by some organization or institution seeking student financial support since the opening of school in September.

Each of these drives, opening with Daily Nebraska subscriptions, shifting to the Awgwan, then athletic tickets, then to University Players tickets and now to the Cornhusker, with a host of minor campaigns in between, have demanded much student effort and developed in the average student a high degree of sales resistance and disgust that makes these drives almost futile in the meager support they receive.

For the elimination of all this the Nebraska recommends adoption of the blanket student activities tax plan, now successfully used by many other schools, and will bend every effort this semester toward creation of a favorable sentiment for such a plan at Nebraska.

**A**MPLÉ evidence that the deserving student activities do not now receive the support they merit is found in the following estimates of subscriptions and ticket sales:

Athletic tickets .....	1,800
University Players tickets .....	1,500
Cornhusker (last year) .....	1,200
Awgwan (probably exaggerated) .....	1,600
Daily Nebraska .....	2,000

This in a student body of nearly 5,000:  
 The result? It is only what it must be: Those students who do subscribe to these worthwhile accessories of university life bear the financial burden of maintaining them.

Institution of the activities tax would give complete student support to these activities, resulting in a lower cost to the individual student and an increased gross revenue to the several activities.

Business Manager Charles Skade of the Cornhusker has adopted a profit-sharing plan on the yearbook subscriptions this year which points in the direction of the individual savings to students which the tax plan would make possible. Under his plan the cash price of the Cornhusker is \$4.25. If 1,000 books are sold—and that is 200 less than last year, which itself was the lowest in several years—the price will be lowered to \$3.95, entitling each cash subscriber to a 30 cent refund. A larger sale would produce a correspondingly larger reduction in the price of the book.

The same condition, under the tax plan, would work out to a reduction of the price of individual activities to a ridiculously low figure.

Roughly figuring, it is apparent that since at present only about one-third the total enrollment supports these student activities, under the compulsory tax with complete student support to each of these activities, the individual price would be cut 50 percent and still result in 50 percent larger gross revenue.

The benefits of the plan to such student institutions as would receive this support is plain enough. In the first place they would benefit by larger total receipts. However, the advantages go beyond that. They would know in advance what their income was to be and could budget for the year accordingly, avoiding the hazards and uncertainties of chance. For the publications, the increased circulation would mean greater advertising revenue and result in better publications for the students and more certain tenure of existence for these publications, which right now are finding their position precarious, to say the least.

The same benefits would accrue to such other branches of student activities, as athletics and the University Players, included in the tax.

**P**AST efforts to secure support for such a plan at Nebraska have met with opposition, chiefly from the athletic department which, as the Daily Nebraska sees it, would be one of the greatest beneficiaries of its adoption here.

The opposition argument of the athletic heads last year was that under the blanket tax plan, fewer tickets would be sold. This, if the tax were compulsory, could not possibly be. Figure again, John, 1,800 against 4,500 tickets! Think it over!

The other argument was that many students cannot afford these accessories and should not be compelled to pay for them when they don't want them.

But there is another side to this, too. How about those students who do think these activities worthy of support? Why throw the whole financial burden on this one-third of the student body, when distributed evenly over the entire enrollment, the individual cost would be not more than half of what it is now?

The case resolves itself down to this: Are the extra-curricular activities which would be embraced in the blanket tax plan a worthwhile part of a college education? The Daily Nebraska maintains that without these a modern education is not complete and sees in the blanket tax plan the only equitable method of distributing the cost of their maintenance.

The Student council this year has taken up the project. The Nebraska recommends favorable action of the council on the matter and a petition to the board of regents asking its adoption.

In the Wabash college-Depauw football feud, that has lasted forty-two years, Wabash has scored 432 points, and Depauw 411. The first game was played in 1890.

**Dr. Williams Addresses Meeting at Corning, Ia.**  
 Dr. Hattie Plum Williams of the department of sociology recently addressed a joint meeting of the

Lions club and the Better Community club at Corning, Ia., on "A County Relief Program." Mrs. Williams was a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Bain, both former students of the University of Nebraska.

## Are Nebraska Students Children?

**A** LETTER, written by one V. M., in our Student Pulse department this morning takes exception with the suggestion of the Daily Nebraskan a week or two ago that a plan be adopted at Nebraska extending to superior students the privilege and responsibility of regulating their own attendance at class sessions.

In arguing that such a plan would prove impractical and disastrous at Nebraska, V. M. bases his case on the assumption that Nebraska students are intellectual minors incapable of the responsibility of directing their daily program with beneficial scholastic results unless compulsion forces them to do so.

To prove this point, he divides the Nebraska student body into two nearly all-inclusive groups: First, those (mostly men—he calls them youths) who come to university directly out of high school because they know of nothing else to do. Second, those women (he calls them girls) who come to university to find a husband.

He further points out that the reaction of this class to the non-compulsory class attendance rule would be the disappearance of all semblance of education from this campus.

Defending its suggestion, the Nebraska disagrees with V. M.'s picture of Nebraska students. Realizing the present shortage of funds for outright luxury in this state just now, the Nebraska believes that a very large majority of the present student body is here for business—because they want an education and are willing, or able to make the sacrifice demanded to secure it.

The Nebraska believes, moreover, that Nebraska students are no longer high school children, that they are young men and women almost ready to assume their places in the world.

But even if V. M. were right, his argument against the proposal would still not hold. For embodied in that proposal were two requirements which would exclude his class of student from participation.

The Nebraska specifically stated that the privilege would be extended only to juniors and seniors, who presumably are near intellectual maturity, and only to those in these classes who had proved during their first two years real scholastic ability and sincerity in the form of stipulated average to be arbitrarily set at 80 or 85 percent.

The Nebraska continues to recommend to the administrative authorities of this university that to these advanced and superior students be granted the responsibility for regulating their own attendance on class sessions. The benefits from such a plan, now used in many schools, have previously been enumerated.

## Shepherd Sarcasm.

**L**ESS than ten years ago, he was a college student who wanted to get somewhere in dramatics, but who by some mannerism or isms didn't click with the crowd at the dramatic club he endeavored to associate himself with. Today, it has been made public that the same club has backtracked and is begging him to accept the honor of a membership. The only difference of the days then and the days now is that the 1925 Gary Cooper was just a hick sheep herder from Montana and today he's one of screenland's best liked leading men.

Gary Cooper's case is not isolated, but his is an outstanding illustration. His case mirrors the quantity of sham and barefaced snobbishness that so often deterrers and sidetracks a college man's career. Cooper was a man who couldn't amount to anything in college because he had to pull too many ropes and hop too many class barriers.

Today he has done many a man's heart good by making first class monkeys out of the same dramatic club whose members turned their backs on his efforts less than a decade ago. Today he threw in their teeth, with his slighting regard of the honorary, what a lot of fairweather idiots they had shown themselves. It wouldn't be a bad idea to have a few more Gary Cooper cases in every college to make this self-appointed cream go sour—and like it!

## Distinction for True Scholars.

**A**N effort to distinguish between those who graduate from the University of Nebraska by skinning through the bare requirements from those who leave the institution after making a sincere effort to acquire as much knowledge as possible is the basis for the plan announced recently to grant to graduating seniors "degrees with distinction."

While it is unfortunate in some respects that this plan involves a certain amount of red tape requirements which must be met, and while it also embodies the principle of judging on the basis of grades to some extent, the plan is commendable because of its large measure of flexibility which allows both students and faculty members considerable discretion in applying the scheme. It is hard to see how such a plan could be worked out without a certain degree of specified requirements, but the mere discretion allowed in judging the student's merit by personal contact rather than by an arbitrary system of requirements the better.

It is becoming more and more universally accepted among educators that scholarship cannot be proved nor sometimes even indicated by a list of grades. The wide divergences in the methods of grading, and the wide divergence in the scholarship required in various courses, makes "an average" far less meaningful than it is supposed to be. Requirements eventually tend to degenerate into pure mechanical processes which can be completed often without yielding much profit or requiring much mental effort.

That is the explanation why so many dullards secure degrees from universities, and why relatively few students go out of their way to do more than meet the requirements. To be sure, the dullards may have a poor set of grades, but they were able to get by, and their diplomas look just like any other diplomas.

Now perhaps the true scholars should not care whether or not they receive any material recognition. Perhaps they should not want some distinctive diploma to set them apart from others who have merely passed the requirements. Possibly they should be satisfied with the realization that they have spent their four years of college to good advantage and that what they have gained by diligent and intelligent pursuance of their studies is their own reward.

Despite this realization, we believe that they will also be pleased to achieve a slight material distinction, and certainly it is coming to them. The plan has its merits, and God preserve it from degenerating into merely another set of requirements which can be met and passed by mechanical processes.

## The Student Pulse

**B**rief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student interest are welcomed by this department, under the usual restriction of space, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

## Fifty Years Hence.

**T**O THE EDITOR:  
 The editor of the Nebraska expresses his views about compulsory attendance of classes in college, and while we agree with him that there should be no such thing, we do believe that he is many years in advance of his time. In other words, non-compulsory attendance of classes in the University of Nebraska as it stands today would be an utter failure for many reasons. In the few colleges where they do not have compulsory attendance the students are there for knowledge's sake and not because their parents insist that they do right by the family name, go to college and join dad's good old fraternity.

Furthermore, most of the students in our state universities are too young to realize just exactly what they are supposed to get out of this higher education. They usually come into the university immediately upon graduation from high school, and at a youth of eighteen has little idea of the real values of a university education.

The argument that many use for going to college is that they are afraid that if they stay out a couple of years and work they never will go back to school. A great many students would be much better off if they did stay out of school a couple of years and never came back.

Another argument which the fairer sex especially use is that "proud mother" must give her daughter the proper social background. Any college boy will tell you that the only reason a girl goes to college is to get married, and the way most of these girls in college act we do not blame these chaps a bit for thinking such thoughts.

Can you picture the situation that would result from non-compulsory attendance on classes with students like the above in our universities? The results are easily foreseen. The old dorms would be torn down, not for the sake of improving the campus in general, but for the purpose of erecting new "Moons" and other campus caking shops. If the taxpayers object now to the "goings on" in the university, can you imagine what they would do then? We would be the laughing stock of the country.

The only solution we see to the problem is that an age limit be put on the students entering the university. A law that reads: "Any student under twenty-one years of age cannot enter university" would be of great help to the problem. It is true that we would not have so many students in our universities, but those that would be there would know what they were there for. The general attitude would be "He went to college because he wanted a higher education" and not "He went to college because he had nothing else to do" as it is now. With students like the first in the university like the first mentioned non-compulsory attendance of classes would be a great success. But until then there is no use of even thinking about it. When that time comes the university will be a university in "spirit" as well as in "letter."  
 —V. M.

## No Flag-Waving Patriot.

**T**O THE EDITOR:  
 I was quite interested, puzzled, and amused by the letter appearing in Tuesday's Student Pulse section, closing with Mr. Linn's lovely flag waving poem. Mr. Linn is certainly doing his best to prove a great many of Mr. Burlingame's excellently made points.

What Mr. Linn could possibly have been driving at in his second paragraph is far beyond my feeble powers of comprehension. If it is an attempt at satire, it is very clumsily done, and if it is intended to be something else, I wonder what it is.

Simply because one realizes that Nebraska is not the garden spot of the world, and ventures to express himself, is he to be branded a Benedict Arnold? The term cannot correctly be applied to Mr. Burlingame, since he is a native of Iowa, and has no particular obligation to Nebraska, even though he is a Nebraska student. And crucifixion is a strong term to apply to the light rapping Nebraska received. If some of these irate Nebraskans who had never before looked into a Vanity Fair until they heard of a "smart-sleek" article which cast aspersions on all that seemed so good and true to them, had read some of the previous articles on other states, they would realize that Nebraska in comparison was dealt with very considerably.

Why all this fuss about the capitol? Perhaps it is, as I have read, a distinctly new type of architecture, but to one who knows as little of the subject as I do, it might seem Egyptian or Assyrian. That is certainly not condemnatory, as their buildings were considered marvelous architectural specimens, if my meager knowledge is correct. If Mr. Linn will "take the trouble to read the article, or that section of it about the capitol, he will find that Mr. Burlingame in no place asserts that it is not a fine building. It may be "the most beautiful in the world," as Mr. Linn says, but that is purely a matter of opinion. The cult of the capitol should certainly not be forced on anyone.

Except in a few isolated instances, as in the pink marble(?) Joslyn Memorial, or the two symphonies of the state, Nebraska has no particularly conspicuous cultural advantages to offer to that minority of her citizens outside the university who might be able to appreciate them. The fact, which Mr. Burlingame brings out, that Nebraska university professors are paid such low salaries is a shame and a disgrace to the state. The Daily Nebraskan itself has published editorials asking for better pay so that good Nebraska teachers would not be called to other universities. No storm of protest was raised over these editorials. Evidently everything is all right so long as our troubles are kept in our own midst, but the

East must never suspect that all is not perfect and serene in the goldenrod state.

Mr. Burlingame does not deny that our football team is "awful," as Mr. Linn phrases it. He merely points out the paramount importance of football in the eyes of the average Nebraska citizen. I hardly think, however, that he will be troubled in "the dim distant years" by tears at the thought of a "knife deep in the breast of a wonderful state in the wonderful west." Is there anything more wonderful about Nebraska than about any other state in this territory? The splendor of the golden West is another matter of opinion.

As for "biting the hand that feeds us," I am in favor of it, if it means that the hand will cease feeding us the same old stuff about Nebraska being God's country, and his chosen people the inhabitants thereof. "My state, right or wrong," enforced with delightful allusions to appealing symbols like the goldenrod and the Scarlet and Cream, is flag-waving patriotism, not intelligent patriotism. Nebraska spirit is a fine thing to possess—constructive spirit—and I believe Mr. Burlingame's article comes closer to being constructive than Mr. Linn's commendable effort at patriotism. But a blind defence and denial of what is obviously true, simply because of its being close to home, has no place in the intelligent man's scheme of life.

I also am puzzled as to why a man of Mr. Burlingame's talents should be compelled to remain here. Perhaps he is one of those students of human nature who enjoys a good laugh from life. Nebraska furnishes plenty of them.  
 NEIL MCFARLAND.

## FINANCE DRIVE TIME EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 7

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tions concerning the success of the solicitors.

Alice Beekman made the difficulty clear: "People seem to be just too poor this year. I have a hard time even getting a quarter. The biggest surprise I've had was when one girl handed me a whole dollar without even being urged."

Report Difficulties.

Calista Cooper tells about a girl who refused to even discuss the matter because she had never heard of the Y. W. and wasn't interested in anything that she didn't know about.

Both Elizabeth Barber and Louise Perry seemed to think that returns were not what they might be. "It's just impossible to get money now," they said.

Miss Berniece Miller, the "Y" secretary made the following statement to a reporter: "We have just gotten a good start. We intend to secure \$1,466, which will include

both memberships and gifts. This organization has been on the campus for forty-eight years and will undoubtedly continue to be supported."

When Marjorie Buol was asked if the desired amount was being easily attained she said "If I said 'no' it would discourage people, and if I said 'yes' it wouldn't be the truth. Anyway it isn't easy."

Violet Cross, who is on the finance board, emphasized that "Every girl who can possibly give anything should certainly do so. The Y. W. C. A. does more for the women on this campus than any other organization."

Evelyn O'Connor, chairman of the finance staff, said, "We can't tell definitely now, as Tuesday was the first day that any reports were made, and many of the girls had not had an opportunity of seeing those on their lists. However I'm much encouraged and feel confident that we shall make the amount we require."

## Dan Murphy and Band To Appear in Lincoln

Dan Murphy and his Musical Skippers, who played last year for the Alpha Theta Chi formal, will play Friday evening at the Cornhusker hotel for a public dance. This well known orchestra is originally from Boston.

Thirty young men at the University of Oklahoma celebrated the football game by appearing in Tuxedos. They were pledged to Jazz Hounds, campus pep club.

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## It's something extra special for our dads!

Next to our mothers we all love our dads the best! And next to Mother's Day, Dad's Day should be the most outstanding day of the whole school year. This year, November 12, the day of the big Pittsburgh game, has been designated as the day when dad is king. The campus will be open wide to the good fellows who foot the bills for our good times. And then the Daily Nebraskan has its own way of making this affair a gala one. On November 11, a special Dad's Day edition will be published. You can tell your father the next time you look that he will receive a copy of the paper welcoming him to attend the celebration at Nebraska. Let's all get together and make this a real red letter day for our dads. And incidentally don't forget that we're going to skin the Panthers on the same day.

# The Daily Nebraskan

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