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## Group Publishes Plan For Wage Cuts

### STUDENTS APPROVE PROPOSED BLANKET TAX SURVEY SHOWS

Some Express Doubt as to  
Whether or Not Plan  
Would Succeed.

The proposed blanket tax which would levy a compulsory revenue on every student for Nebraska publications and other student activities requiring financial support, has met with unanimous agreement by every student interviewed Monday in a survey.

Although some expressed considerable doubt as to whether or not the plan would succeed if instituted, little or no dissent to such a plan was voiced.

No Definite Plans Made.

Nothing definite has been formulated as to just what activities such a tax would include. Extensive work will be done by the committee interviewing business managers of the organizations to which they have been assigned, securing data on present sales price and income, and estimates on reductions which would be possible under the blanket tax plan.

Charles Skade, business manager of the Cornhusker, favors such a plan but declares that there are many obstacles which stand in the way of the successful completion of the idea.

Tax is Sound in Theory.

"The proposal of a student activity tax is sound in theory," Skade said, "but is seemingly unworkable because of the lack of funds among the student body at the present time. Every student believes that activities are of an

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### ART GROUP CLOSES ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Prof. Cunningham Delivers  
Address on Subject of  
'Why Art?'

The forty-third annual exhibition of paintings of the Nebraska Art association closed Sunday night. Prof. Harry F. Cunningham, chairman of the department of architecture and secretary of the association, delivered the address on "Why Art?"

At a meeting of the board of trustees Wednesday, the association re-elected the present officers: Mrs. Dean R. Leland, president; Ernst Herminghaus, vice president; Fritz Craig, treasurer; and Professor Cunningham, chairman of the membership committee.

The work has been especially noteworthy and has resulted in an income from memberships well beyond the hopes of the board of trustees, Cunningham says.

Dr. Fordyce's Classes  
Give Difficult Exams

During the last week Prof. Charles Fordyce and his classes in measurements began a series of standardized tests among the various schools of the county. A series of equal difficulty was given at the beginning of the year. The results of the two series will be compared to find out the degree in which the various schools tested have improved as a result of a year's training.

Advertising Instructor  
Talks at Sales Meeting

Prof. F. C. Blood, professor of advertising and sales management, spoke at a sales meeting of the Norden Laboratories recently on "Meeting Price Competition."

### What Is a Teacher Worth?

BY T. J. THOMPSON,  
Dean of Student Affairs

The mainspring of any educational institution is its teachers. It is they who determine largely the success of an institution in the field of education. Too much attention cannot be given to the selection and the retention of well qualified teachers in an educational system. It is apparent that laboratories, libraries, and housing facilities are essential, but these cannot be allowed to supersede excellent teachers as the first requirement of a great educational institution. Teachers of fine personal qualities, of ideals, of inspiration, and of fine training are eagerly sought after by college administrators.

A real teacher is an artist who gathers strength from the practice of his art. He has an interest in humanity that extends beyond the classroom, following the student into his habits of living and creating therein an expanding human interest. The University of Ne-

braska is fortunate to have among its faculty today a large number of persons who exemplify in a very fine way the finest attributes of scholarship, of leadership, and of interest in human welfare that may be found in any institution in the country. There is no reasonable, necessary sacrifice that these men and women will not make for the public good or the common weal. In any condition, under any circumstances, they would be the last ones to complain. These facts, however, should make them none the less deservingly considered in the light of the task they are performing.

Public education is having its mettle severely tested. It is a serious question whether or not its morale will be able to withstand the onslaughts that are being delivered against it on every hand. It is well for every thoughtful person—fathers, mothers, friends of

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### BLUEPRINT REVIEWS AERONAUTICS FIELD

DeVere Continues Feature  
On Graduates of  
College.

The March number of the Nebraska Blueprint, publication of the college of engineering, which appeared yesterday, contains a review of the recent accomplishments in the field of aeronautics and a summary of the work of the outstanding engineers who have graduated from this college.

The review of aeronautics written by John T. Coffee, jr., presents in a brief form the advances made in aviation in very recent times, particularly in 1932. The aspect stressed by the article is the experiment in the direction of flight in the stratosphere.

The feature written by Charles DeVore, giving brief biographies of graduates of the college, is con-

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### Pictures May Be Had At Registrar's Office

Students whose pictures were taken at the beginning of this semester should call for them at the Registrar's office in Administration building, room 103. It will be necessary to present identification cards.

Agricultural college students may obtain their pictures in Ag hall, room 202.

FLORENCE I. M'GAHEY,  
Registrar.

### Politics Versus Education.

SWEET tempered dispositions were turned sour yesterday, when the further detailed report of the legislative investigating committee dealing with the university was published. University employees who had already made sacrifices and students who have already felt the curtailments in educational functions, and who were prepared to make bigger sacrifices, and suffer more educational deprivations were stunned by the report which indicated nothing more than a bungled attempt to achieve certain political objectives.

The whole problem of university administration has been assumed by a group of men, most of whom have never before had the slightest connection with the university. They have resolved to determine for the university how much each faculty member shall be paid; this resolve taken despite the fact that the committee or any member on it could not in a year of intensive study make itself aware of the administrative problems, to say nothing of the educational problems involved.

It is useless to point out the absurdity of the report. It is patently an example of unexcelled misunderstanding by the committee of its proper function in view of its limited knowledge and experience. It even indicates a total failure to grasp the idea of what is the proper function of the legislature. The Board of Regents, established by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, is specifically empowered by law to "fix the compensation" for university employees.

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## MAXIMUM SALARY WOULD BE \$5,000

Investigating Committee Submits Detailed List of  
Proposed Salary Slashes; Asks Regents to  
Follow Recommendations Closely.

A detailed supplementary report of the university legislative investigating committee was published Monday evening in city papers listing all university employees and specifying in each instance the amount of salary cuts recommended. The committee decided that \$5,000 should be the maximum salary paid, and proposes cutting Chancellor Burnett's salary from \$9,600 to this maximum figure.

All other faculty members, it is proposed, shall take cuts of varying amounts except such employees as are receiving less than \$1,000. By applying a varying standard of cuts, the legislative committee completely threw out of line the existing ratios of salaries to each other.

By reducing all salaries to \$5,000 and below, the highest paid employees on the campus would be those who receive salaries from the federal government or from the athletic department. Coach Bible and Col. W. H. Oury would be the highest paid faculty members. Each of these men receives almost all his salary from sources other than the state.

Dean C. W. M. Poynter of the college of medicine at Omaha would get the same salary as the chancellor, if the committee's report is accepted.

In making additional cuts the committee wants all dean's salaries cut from the present figure of \$5,500 to a uniform scale of \$4,000, and all other salaries over \$1,000 subject to reductions from 10 to 50 percent.

Dean H. H. Foster of the law college would get the heaviest loss if the cuts are accepted, his salary being cut from \$6,850 to \$4,000. The remaining deans of the various colleges were recommended cuts ranging from \$1,500 to \$1,000 all receiving an equal salary of \$4,000.

Slashes in the salaries of the university administration ranged from cuts recommended by Dean Thompson and L. E. Gunderson of \$1,500 to minor deductions of less than ten percent in office personnel.

The committee's cut, added to the cut proposed by the governor, brings the total reduction in the university general appropriations fund for the coming biennium to \$1,067,600. Instead of the 15.1 percent slash in the governor's budget, the committee wants an additional cut, bringing up the percentage to 23.2 percent, which would in reality cut the Bryan budget from \$6,129,661 to \$5,774,661.

While the legislature does not set the salaries of members of the faculty, the investigating committee has submitted recommendations as to what it believes the pay of every teacher and employee should be. It urged that the regents follow the recommendations as closely as possible after the legislature makes the appropriations.

In making its report the committee made no recommendations for the salary of Coach Dana X. Bible and other athletic department employees, inasmuch as their salaries are paid out of the athletic fund and not from the tax appropriations.

The state papers protested vigorously Monday against the manner in which the committee is treating the university. The Omaha World-Herald seriously questions the wisdom of the proposal that the legislature limit certain salaries, designate the teaching load of professors, or in any other way attempt to exercise the functions of the board of regents.

The World-Herald concludes by saying, "But it (the university) should be permitted to make specific savings for itself, and not under the hasty dictation of an un-informed legislature."

### Prof. Pfeiffer Explains Alcoholic Content as Proposed in Beer Bill

Tells Difference Between  
Weight and Volume to  
Curious Students.

Since "beer by Easter" has become a watchword at Washington, students at the university have been wondering what the difference between the alcoholic content by weight and the alcoholic content by volume really amounts to.

While the university has not contemplated inaugurating a school of beer to teach students the fine art of beer making, Dr. W. K. Pfeiffer, professor in the department of chemistry, says that there is quite a difference between 3.2 percent beer by weight and 3.2 percent beer by volume.

"Suppose you have a hundred bottles of beer," explained Dr. Pfeiffer. "And in these hundred bottles, you have 3.2 percent alcohol by weight. In these hundred bottles there would be over 4.1 bottles of alcohol."

"On the other hand," said Dr. Pfeiffer, "if you have a hundred bottles of beer with an alcoholic content of 3.2 percent by volume, there would be 3.2 bottles of alcohol, out of the hundred bottles if it were to be analyzed."

Whether or not Nebraska citizens will enjoy the beverage by Easter as predicted by solons at the nation's capitol, is doubtful as the state prohibition is still in effect.

The beer bill which is now in the process of going in to effect with the signature of President Roosevelt, will have as a maximum 3.2 percent alcohol by volume, rather than weight, to avoid conflict with the eighteenth amendment.

### Barbara Spoerry Is Awarded Scholarship

Barbara E. Spoerry, student of the university and daughter of Capt. G. W. Spoerry of the military department, has been awarded a scholarship to the University of Lyons at Lyons, France, by the International Institution of Education. She will spend a school year there studying French.

The scholarship includes tuition for a school year which is eight months, and eight thousand francs. She will receive her masters degree from the Lyons university. Only six awards of this kind are granted to students in the United States each year. Six scholarships are given to men while only two are given to women.

### WOMEN WILL ELECT BIG SISTER BOARD

Polls to Open at 9 O'clock  
Thursday Morning in  
Ellen Smith.

From 9 to 5 in Ellen Smith hall Thursday, March 23, university women will elect members of next year's Big Sister board. Present senior member of the board will supervise the voting.

Lucille Reilly and Ruth Cheney are the nominees for the presidency of the organization. Virgene McBride, Carolyn Van Anda, Lorraine Brake, Alice Geddes, Donna Davis, Evelyn Hallstrom, Dorothy Keller and Lois Turner are the candidates for senior posts.

Junior nominees are: Calista Cooper, Arlene Bors, Brets Petersen, Alice Beckman, Ruth Hornbuckle, Margaret Medlar, Marjorie Filley and Marjorie Smith. Madeline Raymond, Ann Pickett, Lois Nelson and Gretchen Bender are the candidates for sophomore positions.

The sophomore candidate polling the most votes in the election will become secretary-treasurer of the group. Big Sisters will be selected later this spring by the new board.

### Phi Sigma Initiates Eight New Members

Eight new members were recently initiated into Phi Sigma, honorary biological organization. They are: Frank Bennett, Fernando Peralta, Elmer Palmatier, Lawrence Stoddard, Jacob Ulrich, Marian Luffman, John Morrison and Carl McGrew.

Lawrence Stoddard was elected president to take the place of Miss Elly M. Jacobson, retiring president.