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## Lowering the Student Expenses.

**D**URING the most recent discussions which have centered around the proposed activity tax, to be voted on when students pay their fees, the Nebraskan has attempted to present representative arguments both for and against the levy. The paper itself is wholeheartedly in favor of the tax, and believes it should be adopted at the earliest opportunity.

Reviewing the objections that have been raised to the tax plan strengthens rather than weakens the conviction that its benefits would be a great advance over the present lack of system. In the opinion of those who oppose the tax, it is interesting to notice that all the emphasis is placed not on what the fee would save the individual, but on the fact that it might work a hardship on some.

The best answer to such a view is to point out that under the activity tax the present cost of items included would be reduced to a point within the means of any and all students. A saving, in other words, would be effected for the individual. As if this alone were not enough to guarantee the merit of the plan, there is the additional "safety" provision whereby exemptions might be granted for actually needy students.

Such a levy is not felt unjust at those schools which have an activity fee—and there are many—and once established we believe that the weight of its merits would unquestionably dispose of adverse sentiments. It will be remembered that the Student council devoted itself with some care to finding out how such a system has been received on other campuses, and it was discovered that the tax has been extremely satisfactory in its operation.

One of Nebraska's near neighbors—Iowa State—is also balloting on the activity fee system for that campus and in the preliminary campaigning a survey of the fifty neediest students brought out that forty-three favored an activity fee!

**L**EST it be felt that the Nebraskan's advocacy of the tax is solely in its own interests, it might be well to point out that an activity levy would not increase the revenue the paper derives from circulation. The same holds true of the other items listed on the ballot. Fears that the Cornhusker, the Awgwan and the athletic department will receive greatly increased sums may be dismissed, for the money that would accrue to these activities under the prices agreed upon for a tax would do no more than equal present subscription revenues.

If it is felt that the Nebraskan has been carried away by irrational enthusiasm in advocating the tax the testimony of R. M. Hughes, president of Iowa State college, may be revealing. Said President

Hughes, in a statement accompanying the activity fee ballot on the Ames campus:

"... The fact that the University of Missouri inaugurated a student activities fee this year, and that such a fee is in successful operation in a number of other large colleges and universities, leads us to believe that it may be advisable to put it into effect at Iowa State college at the opening of the session 1934-35. . .

"The purpose of the fee is to provide a permanent, stable and economical method of supporting worthwhile student activities. Those who have studied the matter believe that such activities constitute a desirable feature of college life; that all students should have a part in their support; and that the presence of the majority of the student body at the various activities is one of the most effective methods of building and preserving student spirit and morale."

We can only add the hope that a large majority will favor the tax in the ballot to be cast during payment of second semester fees.

## The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

### 'Unusual Orchid.'

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Your editorial in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan entitled "Swinging to the Left," was, I feel, decidedly deserving of comment. It was a fine expression of the attitude of most of America's intelligent youth.

Military science as a compulsory subject, should have died with the conclusion of the "war to end wars." Why the government saw fit to continue it is beyond my comprehension. Wasn't the government pledged by the Kellogg peace pact and by numerous other treaties, not mere scraps of paper we hope, never to settle an international dispute by means of force? Why then should military science be continued as a compulsory subject?

High praise is indeed deserving by those five courageous Ohio State youths who chose to be dismissed from college rather than to let down their high moral and spiritual standards and participate in training for mass slaughter. Ohio State's administration, I feel, is highly deserving of a good case of "Bronx cheers." Is Ohio State so reactionary that she cannot see that students are not all infested with the desire to train to kill other students? If such is the case, would it not be far better to close the doors of that institution rather than to waste any more money educating people in antiquated standards?

The University of Nebraska, I feel, is decidedly in a position to be praised. She does not automatically excuse all from drill—which we may assume is her duty according to government standards. She does, however, thanks to the fine liberal spirit of Dean T. J. Thompson, excuse certain students who are actually conscientious objectors. Students are first told to interview Colonel Oury and attempt to get an excuse, of which there is little possibility since the colonel doesn't believe in conscientious objectors, and then proceed to the office of Dean Thompson, where they will be excused if they will swear to the fact that they are actually conscientious objectors.

An orchid then to the university, which is darned unusual.

—Conscientious.

## College World

Jan. 30 has been set as the date for the ball sponsored by the Austin Girls Settlement club of Austin Texas in honor of President Roosevelt's fifty second birthday. Admission is a dollar a couple and the proceeds will go to charity, 50 percent of it being divided among the three local orphanages and the other half going to Warm Springs endowment fund in which the president is especially interested.

Eight Northwestern university women who termed themselves "the silliest fools in the senior class" have organized a new "honorary" society to be called "Martyr Bored" decided to respect organization of tar

Board. Unlike its older sister the new clan will elect for membership only the most representative of the college "do-nothings."

Geogre F. Zook of the United States department of the interior in Washington announces that there is nothing in the C. W. A. code to prevent the employment of students who are eligible for work. Zook adds that the C. W. A. officials were not adopting any nation-wide policy in regard to college projects, since the work for the most part is produced to aid unemployed men.

Because of the increasing nuisance caused by skunks in the vicinity of Penn State college, the state game commissioner has ruled that students may kill the animals without the necessity of obtaining a hunting license.

Columbia university's traditional ghost, who is supposed to haunt the tunnels and halls of the college dorms, made its appearance before members of the freshman class in the John Jay lounge recently.

For the first time in six years Washington State college will present an comic opera. The Firefly with music by Rudolph Friml, and libretto by Otto Mauerbach will be given by an all university cast Jan. 26 and 27.

Fraternalities of the University of Southern California are worried by a rumor that the A. S. S. U., an organization corresponding to the Panhellenic association of Nebraska, intends in the near future to forbid all night pledge parties and off campus dances.

Editors of Stanfords Criteria have issued a call for new material, stories, poems, articles, to be printed in the next issue of the magazine. Publication in the college magazine is not limited to Stanford students.

## Contemporary Comment

### Why Is a Censor?

When we see a girl at a new stand buying "Snappy Stories" we are inclined to be disgusted and wonder why we allow the selling of such literature. But when Eskine Caldwell's "God's Little Acre" is withheld from the American book store, we are more disgusted than before, and feel indignant that we are subjected to censorship in such a manner.

Movie after movie, with its eternal triangle plot and violent love scenes shown in the slum sections of New York City, furnishing amusement for hundreds of young children, impresses us with the need of some kind of control. But when we learn that "The Green Bay Tree," one of New York's most popular season plays, suffered drastic cuts before being shown in United States, and thereby lost realism and completeness, we are once more astounded and inclined to declaim the causes of such a condition.

The recent trend in the United States, appears to be favoring more liberal standards. Both "God's Little Acre" and Joyce's "Ulysses," when released from censorship ban, were a triumph in that the case decisions established precedents. Magistrate Benjamin Greenspan was particularly emphatic in handling the latter case, declaring that "the opinion of recognized literary critics was more relevant than that of the professional smut specialist."

We are inclined to rest the blame for the present condition, under which we must conduct campaigns to see or hear things recognized as worthwhile by eminent critics, with Magistrate Greenspan, on the censorship board itself. We are distinctly encouraged that the courts have taken their present stand and hope they continue in this direction.

—Syracuse Daily Orange.

## New Low Rates

	R. T.
Seward	.35
York	.65
Grand Island	1.25
Denver	5.75
Los Angeles	14.75
Sioux City	2.55
Chicago	5.90
Des Moines	2.90
Wichita	4.50
Oklahoma City	6.85

LEAVING TIME  
West 9:30 A. M. East 7:30 A. M.  
6:00 P. M. 12:45 P. M.  
2:30 P. M.  
7:00 P. M.

## FAIRWAY BUS SYSTEM

B4224 Central Hotel

With the Californian's typically noble spirit shining forth in their faces, the Student Welfare committee will make bedside calls to all Stanfords sick or slightly ill students. The six most important hospitals of Los Angeles have agreed to turn in the names of students established within their white walls and some member of the Welfare group will call in due

time, with carrots or flowers as the case may be. Why doesn't Nebraska try this little system?

### GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

Gamma Alpha Chi will hold a meeting of the actives at 7:30 at Ellen Smith this evening. All members are urged to be present promptly.

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