Just Between Us . . .

By DON PIEPER
Editor

Monday was a big day at the Statehouse for the University.

In the morning, the proposal to increase the mill levy for Med School building improvements was discussed on the floor of the Unicameral and in the afternoon, the Budget Committee heard the University ask for increased appropriations.

There are two basic reasons for both increases:

1. The University is planning necessary expansion throughout the whole school.

2. The inflation has necessitated increased salaries for all types of employees.

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The Legislature gave every University-measure most careful consideration. At the budget hearing, the senators were very courteous. When I asked the Chancellor after the meeting if he had any comment for the students, he said:

"Tell them that this committee has shown an intense interest in University affairs and I have absolutely no complaints about the way this afternoon's meeting was conducted."

In the morning debate over the Med School mill levy, nearly every speaker emphasized the importance of a solid medical college in a progressive state like Nebraska.

Perhaps the most surprising development of the morning's session, was a motion by Senator Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff. He moved to amend the Med School bill to bring the University money at .33 mill instead of .25 mill as the Revenue Committee had previously moved to do. Committee members had said that the one-fourth mill levy would still bring the University the same maximum ($6,000,000) but over a longer period of time.

Carpenter, in bitter speeches, maintained that the Med School needed the money now because "teaching doctors is the most important job the University of Nebraska or anyone else can do."

He whole-heartedly supported the University plan to build up a modern medical center. So did the other senators—but they were willing to spread the building out a little longer.

Under the .33 mill levy proposal, the University would get $1 million a year for six years, but under the .25 amendment, $750,000 would come in over an eight year period.

It would have been nice if Carpenter's amendment had passed. But the Unicameral vetoed it down with a voice vote. Carpenter's enthusiasum concerning the need for Med School improving is indeed encouraging. He said several times that other senators would be as eager to do something as he was if they would go to Omaha and see the condition of the college.

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But, during the afternoon hearing, Med School had to share the spotlight with the rest of the University as the Chancellor, Comptroller John Selleck, members of the Board of Regents and several deans and department heads, told the Budget Committee of the importance of our school.

Perhaps the most influential testimony, however, came from a tax-paying mother from Tekamah who told the committee that agricultural research by the University has saved many dollars on her farm. She said that farmers would be more than glad to pay heavier taxes to the University because it was almost impossible to count the ways our school helps the citizens of the state.

She spoke in behalf of the University as a whole—with special emphasis on the farm problems—and announced that her two children would come here to school.

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Just between us, the best way to impress the Legislature is to have your folks write the senators and tell them about the importance of the University.

NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

Backfire!

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy took a step too far—once again—when he tried to assume presidential duties late last week. But he was quickly checked by the Administration.

Following what his opponents hoped might develop into a dressing-down by President Eisenhower in the Bohlen case, Sen. McCarthy by-passed the administration completely Saturday when he announced that his investigations subcommittee had obtained an agreement from owners of Greek merchant ships in which they said they would break off trade with North Korea and Red China.

The step was McCarthy's first in the field of foreign relations—an area reserved by the Constitution for the President. And the administration was quick to foil McCarthy with an announcement Monday from the State Department that Greece had already put into effect a new order prohibiting Greek-flag ships from trading with the Communists. The State Department said arrangements with Greece had been completed before McCarthy's startling announcement that he had obtained promises from 242 merchant ships to cut off their trade with the Reds.

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Did McCarthy know that for several months the executive branch of the government had been negotiating with Greece on that very subject? No one will venture to say. But officials do insist that the Greek ship owners must have known that their government had issued a decree forbidding Greek ships from carrying strategic goods to China

Besides the behind-the-back talk about McCarthy's little episode, the Republican senator from Wisconsin received some blunt criticism from Mutual Security Chief Harold Stassen. Stassen told McCarthy to his face that the senator and his subcommittee are "undermining" the administration's efforts to halt trade between the Iron Curtain and the West.

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During the Democratic administration the senator was content (or at least had to be satisfied) with charging that the government was infested with Communist-sympathizers. He concentrated heavily on the State Department.

Then a couple of weeks ago McCarthy began to expand his activities in the realm of State Department activities. Still denied access to the Department's files, McCarthy opened a slight war against Charles Bohlen's appointment as ambassador to Moscow.

Secretary of State Dulles attempted to brush the senator off, but instead found himself tangled up. President Eisenhower finally was forced to clear the air.

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McCarthy's announcement was obviously calculated to catch the adminstration off guard and to impress the public with the outstanding job McCarthy has done in taking the Cold War into his own hands.

He has so much as said, "If the administration can't win this battle with international Communism, I can. Just look at what I can do if I want to."

McCarthy no doubt hoped that arguments that he is operating beyond his constitutional rights would have little effect upon the American public. "If it takes a senator—even Sen. McCarthy—to get the job done," John Q. can be heard saying, "let the man take over the Cold War."

And that is exactly the suport the senator was aiming for when he made his announcement Saturday.

Fortunately for the Administration, it had an ace in the hole. After the State Department's announcement, what can he Amertican public believe but that McCarthy's extra-legal or illegal negotiations were merely for a publicity stunt, or perhaps, a hoax?

Before the administration opened fire on McCarthy, it may have been thought that McCarthy had advanced another step along the road to the presidency. In fact, some hasty political observers rated the senator as the number two GOP possibility in 1956—after Eisenhower.

McCarthy's latest move seemed clearly aimed at discrediting the President and his administration, but in view of the latest circumstances, it seems to have clearly backfired.—K.R.

Yesteryear At NU . . .

By DICK RALSTON
Staff Writer

The Nebraskan was not quite as crusading about compulsory ROTC as was the Minnesota Daily. The editor apparently believed in the abolition of compulsory drill, but only once did he come up with more than a mild criticism.

One of the Nebraskan's criticisms of compulsory ROTC coincided with its oft-stated stand on compulsory physical education for both men and women. Letters to the editor and student opinion polls indicated that many students were disgusted with having to "waste" so many hours playing games or soldier. The Nebraskan's stand was that phys ed and ROTC should be offered, but only on an optional basis.

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The chief criticism, however, was the militaristic aspect of compulsory ROTC. The Nebraskan could not justify the program in the comparative peace of 1933.

"What is the weight of inertia that keeps this strange requirement in our universities and colleges? It is not, as so many people think, the necessity of securing federal funds for land grant colleges. That idea has been effectively dispelled since an opinion given by Attorney General Mitchell in 1920 stating that, 'It does not appear from the federal legislation that instruction in military tactics is any more obligatory to the individual student than is instruction in agriculture or mechanic arts. The statutes nowhere specifically require that the offered course in military tactics be compulsory.'

"We can't answer very briefly what this force of inertia is. We know of some of its important constituents, however, such as the vested interests of the army officials and all their wives, relatives and friends."

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The Nebraskan also expressed professional sympathy for the Minnesota Daily's campaign:

"Our sincere sympathies we extend to the Minnesota paper. We doubt if during the administration of the present editor there will be any substantial progress. We doubt if at the end of the year, the editor will be able to claim a victory in the abolition of compulsory drill from the Minnesota campus.

"But even though this constant harping on the subject seems to most people like batting one's head against a stone wall, we believe the Minnesota paper is doing a good work. It is going to take a lot of batting of heads against stone walls to make an impression. But that impression is going to be made eventually, and every head bashed is at least a slight contribution to the process of making a dent in the wall of conservatism which refuses to think or advance behind the short sighted policy of: 'In time of peace, prepare for war.'"

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WORLD REPORT

By PAUL MEANS
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TODAY'S HEADLINES ... The official meeting at Punmunjom Tuesday night (KST) lasted only two minutes . . . The Communists said nothing about the Chinese proposals and no future meeting was planned . . .

Gen. Mark Clark has agreed in principle to the Chinese proposal to exchange wounded prisoners . . .

The Navy unveiled Monday a guided missile that can be fired from ships and submarines and may become the world's deadliest weapon for use in overseas attacks against both coastal and inland cities.

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Politicos Bitten By Presidential Bug

This week, some three years before the next national political convention, political medicine men and some of the weekly magazines started to speculate on which of the current politicians would vie for the 1953 presidential nominations. Time Magazine listed the following men as those afflicted with the presidential bug:

Tennessee's Estes Kefauver, 49, who ran stronger than any other Democrat in the presidential primaries, last year, never has stopped running.

Texas' Lyndon Johnson, 44, who, according to Time, drained the last ounce of publicity out of committee on military affairs last year, is showing a rare talent for keeping Northern Fair Dealers and Southern Democrats working harmoniously as the Democratic Senate minority leader.

Missouri's Stuart Symington, 41, Truman's Secretary of the Air Force, won the Democratic nomination to the Senate last summer over Truman's opposition and then won the election while Missouri voted for Eisenhower. Symington, who is now speaking out for a strong U.S. defense polity in the Senate, has even picked his 1956 opponent: Joe McCarthy.

California's William F. Knowland, 44, has gained complete control of federal patronage in California. In the Senate, he has supported a strong U.S. foreign policy in the Far East (pro-Nationalist China, anti-Korean stalemate), and last week asked the Administration to condemn Russia as an aggressor in Korea.

Purdue Eponent

Engineers Not Recommended For Marriage

Verily, I say unto you, marry not an engineer for engineers are strange beings possessed of many devils; yea, he speaketh eternally in parables, which he calleth axioms, and his sword is a slide rule, and he hath but one Bible—a handbook!

He talketh always of stresses and strains, and without end of thermodynamics. He showeth always a serious aspect and seemeth not to know how to smile. He picketh a seat in a car by the springs therein and not by the damsel beside him! either does he know a waterfall except for its power, nor a sunset except for its specific heat.

Always he carrieth his books with him, though his damsel expecteth sweetmeats, when he openeth the package to disclose samples of iron.

Yea, he holdeth his damsel's hand, but only to measure coeficient of friction, and kisses but to test viscosity. For in his eyes shineth a far-away-look which is neither love nor longing, but a vain attempt to recall a formula.

There is but one key dear to his heart, and that is the Tau Beta Pi key; and when to his damsel he writeth of love and signeth with crosses, mistake not these symbols for kisses for they represent unknown quantities.

Even as a young boy he pulleth a girl's hair to test its elasticity, but as a man he discovereth different devices; for he would count the vibrations of her heart strings and reckon her strength of materials; for he seeketh ever to pursue the elusive electron, and inscribeth his passion in a formula; and his marriage is a simultaneous equation involving two unknowns and yielding diverse answers.

Wilson College

Pastoral Aide Work Offered For Women

Wilson College is beginning a new program of training this year for young women who wish to become pastoral assistants in Christian education.

According to President Paul Swain Havens, the program, embracing courses long offered here to students, consists of a new coordination between the departments of Bible and religion, education and psychology.

One of the features of the program is the emphasis laid upon the cultivation of a student's distinctive talent and his application of this vocation. "If a girl's talent is artistic, musical, literary, or dramatic for instance, the appropriate department of instruction will help her develop it, not only for her personal enrichment and satisfaction, but also as a means of enhancing her usefulness is her Christian vocation," President Havens said.

"She may elect an independent study course to learn how to present the Christian message effectively through story-telling, drama and the written and spoken word," he explained, "or she may find through the study of art a fresh approach for awakening an understanding of Christianity and its message."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS . . . . . By Bibler

"I'm tryin' to prove a theory — that stupid, dumb blonde with the tight sweater got an 'A' from him in American Government last semester."

Union Cues

Posters, Committees Busy City Ag Unions

Marianne Hanson

It won't be long now—just two days, in fact, and Easter vacation will be upon us.

In the two days remaining until we all high-tail it for home, Union committee meetings and activities will be held as usual; and they will resume their interrupted schedule Wednesday, the day after vacation.

Thursday, April 2, however, the City and Ag Unions will close shop along with the rest of the University. The Union building will be locked 9 p.m. Thursday, but the Crib and main dining room will stop serving at 1 p.m., and the Round-up Room will close at 6:30. A poster in the main lobby announces the Union closing hours.

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Speaking of posters, approximately 70 of these colorful placards are posted in the Union each month, advertising University activities. They are all the work of Dale Sass, one of the approximate 100 student employees of the Union.

Sass, an Art senior, has designed the posters for two years, averaging 15 minutes to half an hour on each one. He enjoys the work, and after graduation plans to become a commercial advertising artist.

This vacation business has somewhat complicated the filing for Ag Union Board positions which opened last week. Because of the interruption, according to Bill Waldo, present Board chairman, filing will be open until the Friday after vacation, April 10. Eight Ag Board positions are being contested; Four activity committee chairmen and four sponsors.

Any Ag student may apply for an activity chairmanship, but sponsor candidates must be classified as a junior or senior before they are eligible. Each chairman and sponsor will head one of the four Ag Union committees—publicity, house, dance, or general entertainment. Applications may be obtained in the Ag Union activity office.

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The Philodendrons, Sansevierias, and Hahnii have moved into the Ag Union. Sounds like a formidable foreign invasion, but actually it's only another evidence of spring—the addition of several potted greens in the lounge. Continuing the spring theme of "bringing the outdoors indoors," the Union dance committee plans to provide a garden setting—complete with wishing well—for the Starlight Terrace Dance April 11. The Ag affair, to be held in the College Activities Building from 9 to 12 p.m., will feature Dave Haun's orchestra.

Tennessee

Push Button Teaching Used In Classrooms

Push button learning has come to the University of Tennessee's campus. An electronic device now being used experimentally by the College of Engineering enables the student to register an immediate protest without interrupting his professor if he fails to grasp a point in lecture.

Called the "student reaction meter," the push button learning aid has a meter which faces the lecturer and shows him how many students are not understanding the presentation. If the number is large, the professor repeats and clarifies his material.

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Unique in the south and perhaps in the nation, the reaction meter is being used now in elementary engineering courses. Originally suggested for use at Tennessee University by Engineering Dean N. W. Dougherty, the device was designed and built last summer by Professors C. H. Weaver and W. O. Leffell of the electrical engineering department.

Termed simple and practical for almost any classroom, the meter is calibrated by the teacher according to the number of students in the class. Each student has an individual push button on his desk and can set the meter needle quivering.

With the control in his hand, the student can show when he is failing to grasp the subject without personal embarrassment. The professor, in turn, can determine the percentage of his class understanding his lecture.

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Professor C. Albro Newton is handling the experiment for the engineering drawing department. He says the meter is at its best when used consistently by the same professor and class. It takes time, he says, for a class to get over the novelty of the idea and use the system conservatively.

Class Cuts

New Hampshire Sets Up New Code For Attendance

Cutting rules at the University of New Hampshire will be determined by the individual colleges, in accordance with a rule passed recently by the University Senate.

The new ruling passed by the group of faculty members and administration officials will take responsibility for administering attendance rules away from the University administration.

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The revised rule will read as follows: "Rule 10.11. Every student is expected to accept the responsibility for satisfactory attendance in each course in which he is registered. What constitutes satisfactory attendance will be determined for courses in each college by the faculty of that college. Any student who does not meet the criteria for satisfactory attendance, renders himself liable for disciplinary action.

Rochester

Special Financing Offered

To encourage productive scholarly research by University of Rochester faculty members, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, the University recently announced a new plan of support through a series of summer fellowships.

For the coming summer, approximately five fellowships will be granted, each with a cash award of $400 to $800. All full-time members of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences below the rank of full professor are eligible. Most or all of the fellowships are expected to be awarded in the fields of humanities and social sciences.

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The purpose of the fellowships, according to Professor Carl K. Hersey, chairman of the University of Rochester Committee on Grants in Aid, is to enable faculty members to engage in research by at least partially relieving the recipients of the financial need for additional employment, such as summer school teaching. As in the case of the grants-in-aid program conducted for some time by the University, the awards may be used to meet travel expenses and other costs.

The unique feature of the fellowships, however, is that the awards may be used for meeting the recipients' ordinary expenses of life while remaining in Rochester. The awards will take the place of additional salary that might be earned by summer school teaching or other employment.

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Decisions on the fellowship awards will be based on the importance of the research project, the applicant's need for financial assistance, and his expected contribution to the world of scholarship and especially to the intellectual life of the University of Rochester.

Monkey Business

"Look at that one—the one staring at us through the bars. Doesn't he look intelligent?"

"Yes. There is something uncanny about it."

"He looks as if he understood every word we're saying."

"Walks on his hind legs, too, and swings his arms."

"There! He's got a peanut. Let's see what he does with it."

"Well, what do you think about that! He knows enough to take the shell off before he eats it just like we do."

"That's a female alongside of him. Listen to her chatter at him. He doesn't seem to be paying much attention to her, though."

"She must be his mate."

"They look kind of sad, don't they?"

"Yes. I guess they wish they were in here with us monkeys."

NUBB

Laboratory play tryouts, Tuesday, 2 to 5 p.m., Room 201, Temple.

Coed Counselor Board, Tuesday noonl, Ellen Smith.

Newman Club members, Wednesday, 9 p.m., Newman Club center. Discussion of expenses and transportation for province convention to be held.

Laboratory Theater plays, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Room 201, Temple.

'Gripe' Session To Replace Ag All-Campus Banquet

Chuck Beam

Congratulations and I do mean congratulations to the Ag Exec Board for their recent action in regard to the all Ag College banquet.

During the last Wednesday's meeting the group decided to do away with the plans for all campus banquet in favor of a general gripe session for the students.

At the present time the proposal is being presented to the administration of the College of Agriculture to get their view points on the possibilities of such a gripe session.

It is my understanding that such a gripe session would be used for the students to give their gripes against the course on the campus or against the instructor's methods of presenting the course material.

In your writer's opinion such a gripe session for the Ag College would be a good method for the administration of the college to get ideas and suggestions for making the courses offered stronger.

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The only disadvantage I can see in such a session is that some students might take it as a means to present their petty gripes against an instructor However, I think that if the students of the campus will give suggestions they may have serious thought they will offer the administration some helpful hints about course which in the students eyes' are not too strong. After all the student is closer to the source of the material than those who are trying to set up a rounded course of study because the student is actually exposed to the things the instructor feels necessary for the certain course.

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I might add at this time that some of the midwestern colleges now have such a session every semester where the students can present their suggestions for course improvement.

As I said in last week's column, I am in favor of the all campus banquet but when this suggestion was presented to the Ag Exec Board I was compelled to give the gripe session stronger support than the campus banquet. This is one suggestion that could be used to strengthen both the College of Agriculture and the courses offered on this campus.

The only limiting factor which could be applied to the suggestion of the general gripe session is that it would require participation not only by the student body but by the members of the faculty as well. At Illinois University's College of Agriculture the deans of each department are required to attend the gripe sessions so they can get the criticisms of their departments.

In closing, I would like to issue a strong peal to the students of the College of Agriculture to get behind this move and see it through. It is not only a benefit to you but to the College and the University as well.

A secret FBI report on University of Colorado faculty members to be held over the heads of the University staff, the Colorado branch of the American Civil Liberties Union recently charged.

The Union demanded that the report either be made public or be destroyed, but the university president promptly refused to do either.

The very employment of "private detectives" by the university constitutes an "infringement of academic freedom," the Union charged.

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