

Nebraskan Editorials:

... Time To Quit

Pete Elliott had a reasonably successful season on paper and an even more successful season in terms of good will and confidence in better things to come.

The agenda of the board of Regents showed suggested increases for all members of the football coaching staff and for Athletic Director Bill Orwig.

Orwig is listed by the University as a full professor and Elliott is listed as an associate professor.

It was the University's Athletic Director who was responsible for bringing Elliott and Jerry Bush to Lincoln.

It is said that Elliott is being considered for coaching positions at other Universities, but if after an average season he is given a \$2,500 boost, what will the University have to do when he has a successful season and the competition becomes stiff?

It may be possible that it is necessary to give Pete Elliott a large pay raise. It may be that collegiate athletics have reached the point where football coaches—as a commodity—are worth more than college presidents.

The Nebraskan believes that Coach Elliott is an asset to the University of Nebraska, but we also believe that Bill Orwig, as Director of Athletics and as the man who bears responsibility for all athletic programs, should be paid more than any coach who is responsible to him.

It may cost money, but we believe that if

Pete Elliott is to be paid \$14,500, then Bill Orwig should be paid \$15,000. When the figure begins to approach \$17,500, then it is time to quit.

Regent J. LeRoy Welch, in making the motion to boost Elliott's salary, said that "Elliott's outstanding success during the first year should bring him a salary more commensurate with his service."

At the present time, Elliott is somewhere—no one is quite sure just where—possibly listening to offers of greener pastures.

It would appear that the University is trying to enter big-time competition which in itself is all right, but when it becomes necessary to offer large pay boosts and disregard any notion of academic privilege, then it is time to settle down and become accustomed to Big Seven competition.

This is not intended as criticism of our football coach nor is it a form of disrespect for the Board of Regents. We are proud of our University and this pride is built in the classroom—where we are taught by associate professors who earn upwards of \$5,000 each year—just as much, if not more so, as our pride is built by victorious football teams.

The editor of a college daily at a large university on the west coast recently suggested that the football team be paid openly and that what he believed to be professionalism be labeled as such.

Let us not close our eyes to the cost which has been paid time and time again for winning football teams. Let us not close our eyes to the disgrace for which many of us were responsible in connection with the departure of Bill Glassford from the Nebraska football scene.

There are more important things in this world than a salary increase for a football coach, but the tragic note is seen in that fewer and fewer people are able to name those more important things.

Unfair Taxation

State concern for the University's higher budget request has increased since the legislature has gone into session.

A few basic ideas must be remembered as we look at the problem in the light of need. Nebraskans, must, of course, look at every angle of the situation in order to understand just what Chancellor Hardin means when he said that we are faced with a major crisis in education.

People in the state got a practical view of the problem when it was announced Saturday that Dr. Colbert C. Held will leave the University to assume a better paying position.

Two choices remain for the state to make. The University can become a powerful influence in education and research. Or it can become a second-rate institution of higher learning.

An interesting article in the Chicago Sunday Tribune was entitled, "When you glide, you roll down hill." This might be very appropriate for Nebraskans who are willing to get along on hard tack budgets, little tax increase and little future for state educational expansion.

The Nebraskan realizes that the state has been plagued with drought too long to make an increase in taxes a favorable step.

But perhaps Nebraska has been too long burdened under a system of taxation which is

not as fair, not as equal as other systems are. Bills have been introduced in the legislature to increase such taxes as those on amusements. A push to obtain a sales tax, or an income tax is being contemplated. We see the broadening of the tax base as the only solution to the problems of the University.

After all, the economy measures which the state is striving to effect are measures which would ease government as well as make it more efficient. But Nebraska, in contemplating more office space for the capitol which was to be "sufficient for 50 years" realizes that this is no longer an infant state.

So where can the people of Nebraska turn for help in their struggle to keep their heads above water?

For one thing, they are turning to the income of fellow Nebraskans. Now, those who live in apartments are relatively free from the burden of a fair share of taxation.

It is easy to see, then, that as the state broadens its views, as it broadens its interests and as it broadens its ideas of democratic government, it must distribute the share of support for the government to the most people.

If the University is to survive, new funds must be obtained for the University. And if, as it appears, this is impossible under the present tax base in Nebraska, the people must be foresighted enough to assume a new tax.

Nameless Example

At a New Year's Eve party at Washington, a speaker noted that events in '56 were almost back to normal. "Eisenhower is back in Washington, Eden is back as Prime Minister, and Dulles is back and forth."

Bypassing "those men who would be remembered among the great names of the epoch" Time magazine named as its "Man of the Year" a man who was on no roster when 1956 began.

Chosen were those nameless men, women, and children—both living and dead—who had "shaken history's greatest despotism at its foundation," the Hungarian Freedom fighter.

Said Time of its selection, "The Man of the Year had many faces, but he was not faceless; he had many names, but he was not nameless. History would know him by the face, intense, relentless, desperate and determined, that he had worn on the evening of Oct. 23 in the streets of Budapest; history would know him by the name he had chosen for himself during his dauntless contest with Soviet tanks."

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YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HER DEMONSTRATION LAST YEAR.

Voice of The Turtle



Ha! The fools—they've done it again. They have given us a new year to ruin. Now we can go out and start new wars, and complicate the ones we have already started, and hate people, etc.

Probably everyone had a good time over Vacation, what with turkey and ham and prime ribs and mashed potatoes to surround, and ten hours of uninterrupted television every day.

Also, most likely everyone went home with cases of books and papers and everything, and proceed-

Fred Daly

ed not to get anything done. After four years I have developed a keen sense of not getting anything done. I can not get anything done for hours on end.

New Year's Resolutions used to be a very big deal, but now they are pretty much left alone. We are becoming less and less a race of hypocrites, apparently.

The Christmas Holidays are a time for getting married, one is led to understand. I got my roommate married off out in Ogallala, and I owe around for wedding presents dating back to November.

According to whoever writes rules of social behavior, you have one year in which to send a present. So don't clutch, it will get there eventually, just as soon as money can be raised for postage.

Collegiate Poll: Adequate Preparation

Minneapolis — (ACP) — Educators, politicians, parents and many other interested individuals have discussed the kind of a job colleges are doing in educating the youth of this nation for the future. Much of the argument concerns the perennial issue of liberal vs. narrow, intensified study. Methods of teaching also come in for praise and criticism.

In order to get the collegiate slant on this issue Associated Collegiate Press asked the following question of a representative national cross-section of college students:

DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR COLLEGE IS DOING AN ADEQUATE JOB OF PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE LIFE?

Table with 3 columns: Yes, No, Undecided. Rows for Men, Women, Total.

In general, college students overwhelmingly support the kind of a job their present colleges are doing. When asked reasons for their decisions, most students reply in terms of their own individual situation, saying they are satisfied with their choice of program, etc.

A very satisfied sophomore attending Mississippi College (Clinton) has this to say: "I'm getting an all-around education and am growing mentally, spiritually, physically and socially." But a sophomore at Tyler Junior College (Tyler, Texas) states: "Scholastically yes; mentally and spiritually no."

A University of Denver sophomore qualified his opinion by ap-



Pandoria

Sunday night Loretta Young put on a tall hat and gave the television audience a good look at the Hollywood conception of ancient Egypt.

Dick Shugrue

"You write too deep," one friend said. "You fail to say anything but repeat the big words in Webster," coughed another. My own brother looked cross eyed at me and said, "Get down to brass tacks, boy!"

Nebraskan Letterips

To the editor of The Nebraskan: The unfortunately misrepresented stories concerning the Big Seven Student Council convention's discussion of campus liquor policies prompts this letter.

The wire stories which ran in several local papers, obviously constructed from isolated quotes in the Kansas City Morning Times (Dec. 28), implied that the Nebraska delegation broached the entire subject of collegiate drinking.

These three embarrassing implications could not be further from the purpose and tenor of the discussion among the Big Seven student council presidents in Kansas City over Christmas vacation.

In the first place, the subject of campus drinking regulations had been placed on the pre-convention brochure at the written request of the University of Missouri, and was not presented by any member school for special consideration at the conference.

Secondly, the Nebraska delegation argued, against the direct opposition of several other Big Seven schools, that the conference administrations were all obliged by state law to enforce drinking regulations on campus.

The suggestion which we broached, and which was informally agreed upon by the member schools in lieu of an official vote, was to the effect that Big Seven administrations exercise caution to see that legal boundaries are not overstepped in the enforcement of drinking regulations.

This was neither an attempt to "revamp university rules banning drinking" nor was it an effort to enlist sympathy for on-campus drinking, but was merely intended to strengthen our position of enforcing drinking regulations in accordance with state law by trying to insure, in so doing, that (1) the legal rights of the individual are not impaired (as in cases reported at Oklahoma University where locked cars had been broken into) and, (2) the legal rights of universities are not over-extended (as in cases at several schools, including Nebraska) where administrations find themselves in the legally indefensible and virtually unenforceable positions of supervising all impromptu gatherings.

Thirdly, our explanation of Nebraska's drinking policies came in response to a question by the K-State discussion group chairman, and were defined as enforcement of drinking regulations on campus and at university functions (which I interpreted by the Student Affairs Division as four or five students gathering socially.)

It may be pointed out that our delegations supported this stand strongly, and contended unequivocally that drinking regulations must be enforced on University, state-owned property, disagreeing only with the interpretation that the institution could legally and practically enforce drinking regulations in all off-campus gatherings of more than five students.

It is unfortunate that the news stories did not adequately reflect the spirit and temper of the student council convention, and even

more unfortunate that the resulting misrepresentation evoked comments questioning the motives of the Nebraska delegates, but I hope this explanation will help to clear any further misapprehensions which may have occurred.

Editor, The Nebraskan: This business of tuition for University students must arouse universal interest throughout the state. It fits in well with our program for conservation and utilization of natural resources.