

Editorial Comment

Special Unicam Session Breeds Hope For State's Ailing Pocketbook

Of interest to every student at the University should be the request of Sen. Terry Carpenter that a special session of the Unicameral be called to act on Nebraska's tax problems.

Carpenter and his Tax Investigation Committee have dug up many problems in tracing the state's taxation.

Carpenter would want three objectives to be considered during a special session:

- 1) Planning on the 1958 general election ballot a constitutional amendment which would virtually scrap all existing constitutional restrictions on taxation leaving the Unicameral with a free hand to write new tax laws.
2) Recodification of existing tax laws to plug "loopholes" which permit some categories of taxpayers special considerations.
3) Upgrading the office of Tax Commissioner and appropriating enough money to hire sufficient deputies to go out and enforce the laws.

The Daily Nebraskan, in general, agrees with the recommendation on the same grounds that Sen. David Tews of Norfolk agrees. Said the young solon, "There is a distinct advantage to considering the tax laws at a special session" so they will not have to compete with 614 other bills as we had in the 1957 session.

But this newspaper has another consideration in mind.

It was about a year ago that the University requested of the Unicameral an increase in the funds to support this institution. Sen. John Beaver of Beemer, who was speaker of the last session of the Unicameral, told University students, in effect, then that the state can spend only so much money on particular projects because the state collects only a specified amount of taxes each year.

Now putting two and two together we come to the conclusion that one of the reasons the University didn't get as large a budget increase as it requested was that the state just couldn't afford it.

This newspaper, with the naive of laymen, suggested to the legislators that more could be spent on the University if the state had a new way not only of taxing everyone fairly but of taxing those who pass through the state, spend money here and move on.

We suggested a joint income-sales tax. We still don't know whether this was a good idea.

However, it appears obvious that the University, if it is going to accept and meet the challenge which has been thrown at the feet of educators, since the rise of Sputnik, is going to need more money from some source or another.

The question then arises, "Who should supply these additional funds which must be obtained to maintain a high calibre of instruction, more-than-adequate facilities, and research?" One might answer that the guardian angel of learning, The Ford Foundation, should do the job.

Others say that the students must be hit for another tuition increase.

Wiser men say it is up to the government to support government institutions.

And so now that a move has been made which might lead to the government's assumption of what is rightfully the government's duties; now that a move has been made which will direct

the attention, if not the action, of the members of the Unicameral toward a revamping of our antique tax system; now that a move has been made which might result in the state's obtaining more money—a fair share from every citizen of the state—we are awaiting anxiously the next move.

In general the members of the Unicameral believe that careful study should be given Carpenter's proposal before any action is taken.

Few have said they are definitely for or against the proposal. They want more specific information and they should get it.

For example, Sen. Don McGinley of Ogallala said, "I want to reserve any comment until I what Sen. Carpenter's purposes and proposals are for a special session."

Sen. Ray Simmons of Fremont stated, "I would want to make a real study of the proposals before making wholesale changes in the laws. I think there is as much danger in making ill-conceived changes as staying with the situation as it is. There may well be some merit in the special session proposal but I would want to know all that's involved."

And so would we all.

But this newspaper believes that the senators will be influenced by the beliefs of their constituents. Therefore we suggest that readers of this newspaper write their senators and request that an immediate study be made of Carpenter's suggestions and that if a special session is warranted, it should be called at once.

The purposes of the Daily Nebraskan are not to ram Sen. Carpenter's proposals down the throats of the law makers within our state. However, we have had the bitter experience of seeing, along with the other citizens in the state, that the present tax laws are, at least, inadequate to meet the needs of growth, of overall administration, of education.

From a special session of the Unicameral could come, in the next regular session, renewed consideration for the problems which a university such as ours faces in these times of crisis in education. We believe it would be for the good of the state, the nation, the individual, to move ahead in the field of instruction. But without more funds it seems almost impossible.

Tomahawks

The Residents Association for Men hopes to get a Chapter of Tomahawk, independent sophomore activities honorary, established at the University this year.

We are interested to note that the Independents are getting interested not only in activities but also in letting the men who play a part in helping the University through their activities be recognized by an honorary organization.

It is similarly interesting to note that the Independents believe that developing leadership and cooperating with other campus organizations are two essential parts of university life.

But the most important part of the objectives of the organization is that it would serve as coordinating body for activities of interest to the independent students of the University.

By having a more regulated coordination of activities we believe that the independents could assume a more active part in the student projects at this institution.

A good idea. We hope that more definite news regarding the establishment of the Tomahawks will be available soon. Independents, take notice. It looks like you will be given a place in the sun.

A Few Words Of A Kind . . .

by e. e. hines

Dozens of people have forced me into corners and told me their plans for Thanksgiving vacation. The only place my friends don't seem to be headed for is outer space, and I thought this about most of them long before the era of Sputniks. My friends aren't the sort to go up when they leave this world.

Really I don't mind listening to all these stories about where they are going, but I wish they would at least stick around and look interested when I start to say what I am going to do. It's enough to leave one completely frustrated to spend 50 minutes listening to someone's plans for breaking the bank at Reno during vacation—only to have them dash off when you start to tell them how you plan to visit grandmother.

And don't laugh. Who would remember Red Riding Hood if she hadn't decided to visit her grandmother?

Isn't all of this talk about how and what Americans should be educated just about the most intriguing subject in the world? The argument I like best of all is the one that American youth should be left free to choose their own areas of education. I agree with this wholeheartedly. If that truant officer had left me alone I might even be playing pool with Willie Hoppe today.

By briefly glancing at recent Daily Nebraskan columns I am reminded that although the American Revolution ended in the 18th century, the War of Independents still continues.

The most encouraging thing in

the world is to see the ingenuity of one's fellow men. The other day after the big snowfall a friend of mine walked into my room with his pockets stuffed with coins and dollar bills.

"How did you do it? Where did you get all that money? I asked? "It was easy," he answered. "I shoveled walks for old ladies." My friend said he had a little trouble with some women, but that he had a technique where he would walk up to a woman shoveling snow and ask if she needed help. When she answered, "No," he said he merely replied, "I'll wait."

I read where Notre Dame let its classes out Monday because of its team defeat of Oklahoma. If it takes that to have school let out here . . . well—let's forget it.

Have you ever seen more queen contests? It may still be true that not every boy can be president, but I am beginning to think that if a girl stays in college long enough she can't help but be a queen. And those coeds of you who have not yet entered the winners circle take heed. I understand that a dog food company plans to sponsor a beauty contest on campus next month. The winner will be named "Miss Dog Biscuit" and will get a year's supply of dog food and a date with Laddie.

A major stamp company has issued a catalog which shows that for something like 1,000 books of grocery store issued stamps, you can get a free Cadillac. I am not impressed, however. Can't you imagine what life would be like after licking enough stamps to fill 1,000 books?

Daily Nebraskan Letterip

Questions Rex

To the Editor:

Subject: The Plebian Clod. This letter is indirectly addressed to Rex Menuey on his column, "The Plebian Clod." My question is, "What are you trying to tell us, Mr. Menuey?"

After wading through your various columns in the Rag, I'm still completely in the dark as to what you are driving at. At the risk of mistaking your motive I get the impression that you are hard pressed to get your column written for the paper, and therefore merely put together a bit of nonsense and hope that, since it is so obscure and inane, people will think that there must be something to it.

Now if you do mean to present some point, you are either completely garbled or exuding genius all over the place.

Possibly you strike the middle ground, but people can understand the average writer so that almost excludes you. I fear for your stability, as was evidenced in your letter to the Rag on Nov. 15, 1957.

Please take time out from "Joe and Charley" to explain what purpose, if any, you have in writing about the two characters. If this is satire on college life, you do reasonably at it.

But if, as I suspect, you have some serious motive, please explain yourself. I am sure that your readers would welcome this ray of light in the cloak of obscurity.

Hunter

Wants Action

To the Editor:

I view with interest what appears to be a discrediting of the Teachers College.

The eleven professors who are willing to stick their necks out and express an opinion are to be commended.

But they are quite cautious in that they have not come out and delivered an "either-or" proposition to the University: "Either you allow us to have a real part in recommending teachers to the state department of education, or we'll go someplace where the views of all professors are taken seriously."

This would ruffle the feathers of the administration enough, I think, to get a little—or a lot—of action pronto.

In this day and age when time is precious and the urgency of the educational problem is hanging over us like a sharp knife, we can't wait for regular meetings and lengthy studies into each and every recommendation which is made. We have to have the courage of our convictions and the ability to express them.

Now as a follow up, I would be interested in seeing if these eleven professors will be listened to with attentive ears. Let's not have the Board of Regents sit on this recommendation until after the next election. Let's find out now whether those who have a basic knowledge of their subjects and the ability (not the "professional technique") for teaching will be allowed to assume a vital role in American education.

J. Silverheels

Council Promoter

To the Editor:

I disagree with all the recent editorials criticizing the Student Council. Anyone who knows anything about the Council knows that they are doing a good job.

It isn't going to help anything by criticizing them up and down. They are doing the best they can so why not leave them alone.

Anyone who just sits in on an occasional Council meeting cannot get an accurate picture of their



The Galley Slave dick shugrue

The comments which Dr. M. K. Elias made in the Letterip column of the Tuesday Daily Nebraskan bring about one of the grave problems which this University—and I suppose, any other public university—must face.

Dr. Elias implies that the teaching of the Russian language has been kept systematically below that in other universities. The comment, no doubt, is in regard to the statement of the president last week that the Russian school boy has five years of foreign language when he leaves his academy.

But as to the problem on the University's campus. Dr. W. K. Pfeiler, chairman of the Department of Germanic languages explained Tuesday that through the years Russian has been offered at the University.

Last year in one semester, he added, eight students were enrolled in the course and in the second semester four students were enrolled. Another year saw three students taking the Russian language one semester and two enrolled for the course the second semester.

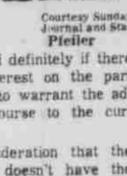
"This year Russian is not offered because in preparing the budget for the year no funds were available to hire an instructor even on a two-thirds basis to teach the course," Pfeiler added.

There is probably some psychological block associated with anything Russian. "People might believe that the FBI will investigate them if they enroll for the course," Pfeiler quipped.

The problem of what should be offered and what can be offered by a University is tremendous. Dr. Pfeiler indicated that the Russian language would be offered definitely if there was enough interest on the part of the students to warrant the addition of the course to the curriculum.

But the consideration that the University just doesn't have the money is just as real as the need to offer every course which should be included in a great university.

Does that seem to make sense? Well, then perhaps we should watch Senator Carpenter and discover what he is going to do in the "special session." The University might get some more money if the tax base is realigned. We don't know. We do know that it is imperative students get adequate education. And that costs



from the editor—

First Things First . . .

by Jack Pollock

Ours, in case you haven't heard, is a generation of "no-nonsense" in contrast to the caper-cutting ones earlier in the century. "Time" magazine reports this week.

The entire Education section is devoted to the U.S. college student of 1957, his whims, goals, and attitudes.

Goldfish swallowing has been replaced by a new type of individualism. Time says, that of an "intellectual calm" but also one of seriousness.

Says "Time" of You & I. "This then is the no-nonsense generation, and the only real danger in it is that it might become a generation of grinds. Just as the goldfish swallower is dead, so, to a large extent, is the dilettante and the knowledge-for-knowledge's-sake boy. Today's student has little patience with mere intellectual flash . . ." (Jump up, boys, jump up!)

Says "Time" of our (?) intellectual "calm." "The student now simply faces a different kind of world. It demands that he be brighter, more conscientious, more in earnest than his predecessors . . . Perhaps the most significant paradox in collegiate life is that today's intellectual calm is largely the result of the rising level and increasing intensity of the average campus' intellectual demands."

The interest today, says one political scientist, "is in Faulkner, Eliot and Dostoyevsky—writers concerned with the human predicament."

"This contrasts with the dominating interest

of the past in Sinclair Lewis, Richard Halliburton and Fitzgerald, and gives you some measure of this increasing tendency to seek and examine." Time contends.

On other qualities, a University of Virginia dean is quoted as saying, "They're good people—remarkably good morally and spiritually . . . a lot better than their fathers were in the human sense."

Concluded this week's episode, "With the rise of mass culture, the student may also feel that he no longer has as great a responsibility as he once did to bear any special cultural message to the world, or that he would be heard even if he did. The kind of leadership he seems to want to offer is not as a member of a select intelligentsia, but as something far less spectacular."

So get back to the books.

Our friend Bud Wilkinson modestly admitted earlier this year, "We cannot hope to be nearly as strong as we were last year." (In 1956 the Sooners rewrote the record books with every game they played.)

This week the Cornhuskers apparently will face an attack destined to move the Sooners further up the ranks on the collegiate football listings—at our expense. As one fan stated, "The Huskers might not look too sharp (again?) this week—Notre Dame took all the punch away—it's no fun to beat a loser."

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