

Editorial Comment:

Simple Mathematics: No Money, No Men

Whew! It looked like a sure thing, but now that it has been done, it is difficult not to breathe at least one sigh of relief—about the money, that is. It has occurred to us (among dozens of other persons) that without funds, it is virtually impossible to run a con game, operate a store, buy shoes or run a University.

The University's funds depend heavily on the decision made every two years by the men in the Unicameral, and it being that time now in those two years, we have waited with some apprehension for further word from the governor concerning the University's budget. His earlier recommendation to the budget committee requested a \$2 million increase in tax funds for the school for the coming biennium. His revised request based on further study of sources of University revenue is a much more realistic \$4.

The question now becomes more tense. Will the legislature grant this increase which has been called "essential," "imperative" and all the other adjectives which are marshalled to give the request an euphonious ring.

Actually, the situation couldn't be more serious. What the Chancellor might just as well have said in his appearance before the budget committee was that either the increase is forthcoming, or the University will have to drop completely out of the

professional market. The statistics he presented were more than impressive. They pointed out unequivocally that without salary increases, the University cannot possibly hope to keep the majority of its top professors, let alone entice new, young ones to come here to teach. Sure, we have many tremendous instructors now—outstanding men such as Robert Sakai, Herbert Jehle, Samuel Eddy and Karl Shapiro.

It is not enough to have them now. The University must be able to keep them and attract others of equal calibre. During the past two years, 144 full-time staff members left the University. This represented a 23 per cent turn-over. As any good businessman can testify, a 23 per cent attrition rate is not good for business.

Who did the "turning over" is as significant as the startling number who left the University. Ten were full professors, 20 associate professors, 45 assistant professors, and 69 were instructors. It does not take much astute observation to note that the instructors are the young men, the ones who have not yet had time to advance up the academic ladder into the different varieties of professorship. Presumably, the men who have been here longest, usually the associate and full professors, are men who have long-standing contacts in the city, who have no desire to pull up stakes and move to higher paying posts. One can scarcely blame a younger man for feeling no such compunctions, however. Well-educated men are still at a premium in the country, and if other universities can offer our instructors \$2,000 a year more than we can, well, again it does not take a mathematician to figure odds on whether the man will go or not.

On the average, every person who left the University in the past two years realized a \$2,500 a year salary increase. Small wonder they went. What is astonishing is that more did not go.

And so, to return to the men in the legislature, indeed they do have a dilemma. Increased University appropriations require more money from somewhere. It is axiomatic that Nebraskans oppose tax increases. Nevertheless, without substantial increases in the funds available to the University for salaries, it seems an impossibility to maintain a high caliber school. And as businessmen, it is assumed that the men in the legislature will recognize the absolute essentialness of an increase in our appropriations.

Thankful

Editors Note: The following editorial was written by Judy Truell.

I'm going to break a self-made promise never to write about the Student Tribunal because I wish to make some thankful remarks. The Rag printed our story in the way "Doc" wrote it and in the way we felt was the true aspect of the Tribunal's operations this year. We have worked hard, tried to please many, failed to please even more, and eventually have come out with a workable student judiciary board. I feel that we have a right to be proud of the Tribunal, and a right to be proud of the student body for which it functions and which it disciplines. The editorial comment in the Rag chastised us for our continuing effort to keep the meetings closed except at request of the student. This view was not presented belligerently but intelligently. Perhaps the next year's Tribunal will see fit to change the by-laws in this respect. The Tribunal must continue to be a mobile organization that can change as the yearly temperaments demands. For this year we feel we have functioned successfully.

Interest Active In Self Government

The other day the Daily Nebraskan cautioned the IPC political committee to select candidates for Student Council on merit alone.

It appears that they have done just that. The candidates show a good distribution among the various houses. All of them, from the basis of our contacts with them, appear to be competent men.

This should not be interpreted as plug to garner student vote for the IPC slate in the upcoming elections. It is merely a pat on the back for the committee which apparently left politics out of their selections.

A couple of things disturb us about the interviews however.

One of these is the dirth of candidates from law school. Only one man applied for the job. Dentistry and Pharmacy could muster only two between them and one of these was ineligible. Uncontested nominations as well as elections are never a healthy situation.

On the other hand, there were a host of candidates from the other colleges. There were so many in fact, that the committee could spend very little time on the individual interviews.

We submit that very little can be learned about a candidate's qualifications in a five to ten minute interview. The selection then rests on how well the committee members know the individual outside the interview room.

There is a possibility that unknown but very good candidates slip through in this way. Next year, the committee might consider narrowing the field to the five or six candidates who gave the best interview and calling them back at a later date for further and more lengthy consultation.

In the meantime, the interest shown in the positions from Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Bus Ad and Teachers College is a good sign. Students apparently still want to govern themselves.

Conservative Estimate

Why doesn't the Rag have a representative on the Student Council? I'm getting sick and tired after sitting in Council meeting for the past three semesters hearing Council members waste their valuable time expounding on various stories and remarks appearing in the Daily Nebraskan.

Not that I mind the criticism of the paper, my reporting, the position of the story on the page, headline, etc., etc., but the fact is that most of it is uninformed, baseless, and could be settled by one who knows the background of just how the story happened to get in there anyhow.

The original purpose, I understand, of having organization reps on the council was to get the council closer to the activities of the student body.

Now I ask you, what other campus organization dedicates itself completely to knowing what is going on all over the campus?

In my opinion, the editor would be the logical one to occupy the council seat. His experience and knowledge of campus affairs would be almost unparalleled in the



Hoerner

fact that in order to attain this position one must spend several semesters reporting, staff writing, etc. During this period the editor usually has spent at least one semester either at the position of senior staff writer, or managing editor. Both of these positions involve reading virtually all the material that appears in the Nebraskan and a lot that doesn't ever see print.

The Council of course couldn't expect to always get favorable publicity no matter what they do from such an arrangement, but the fact that each organization would know better the actions of the other would be to say the least an outstanding improvement.

In case you are wondering why my sudden outburst of feeling for this, Wednesday a few council members spent almost half an hour criticizing the Rag for printing a story that other council members had asked us to print.

With the Nebraskan editor on the Council not only would the right hand know better what the left hand was doing, but the foot down in the basement would be in on the deal too.

John Hoerner



Excavations

By Kandy Satkunam

It is pleasing to note that with the new addition of the City Student Union, the Advisory Cabinet of the City Union Activities Committee would also be formed.



The Cabinet which would comprise one representative from the Graduate Students, Computer Students, International Students, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Residence Halls for men, Residence Halls for women, Independent men, Independent women, has some great problems that are yet to be solved.

It seems to me that the City Student Union is lacking in some way that might attract more students. One evening, Sandy and I tried in vain to figure out some ways and means to solve this problem.

Add Beer?

May be the introduction of the supply of beer in the Cafeteria of the Union might be attracting! Why not? The students of the University of Wisconsin have the liberty of drinking beer in their Union Cafeteria!

Or, it might be fun if there were a floor in the Cafeteria where the students might be able to dance from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. during the week days and till mid-nite during the week-ends. The juke box can be used for the choice of music. Accordingly, the lighting system in the Cafeteria might be adjusted to give a soothing atmosphere.

I think a good number of the students might take advantage of this, especially during the week days when most of the dance halls in the city are not open, or even on week-ends when these places are filled. I recall one week-end when my friends from Iowa could not

find a place where they could dance. I am sure that if they had the facility of dancing at the Student Union, they would have appreciated very much, and yet spent less money than they would elsewhere.

Frankly speaking, I can hardly pin down the things that attract me in the Student Union. I certainly liked some of the programs by the nation's prominent artists that were offered at the Union. But, the admission rates were so high that I could not take advantage of them. Of course, the movies were free, and as such I did not miss any.

Handy Idea

Perhaps, it might be a good idea, as Bob Handy suggested, to include \$1.25 or even \$1, a semester with our tuition fees. This money might assist the city Student Union to invite more and better artists and yet everybody would have the privilege to free admission. I must congratulate Bob Handy for his brilliant idea, and I sincerely hope that every student would support this proposal.

In an institution of seven to eight thousand students, it is sad to note that a very small fraction of the students take advantage of the Student Union. The City Union officials and the members of the Activities Committee are doing the best to satisfy the students on the campus. But, they seem to feel that the response is not very satisfactory.

There is nothing much that can be done unless the students co-operate with their suggestions. Perhaps, the Student Union might conduct a poll. Or a "suggestion box" might be placed in the Union premises where the students might put in their suggestions.

We have an excellent Student Union. But, there is something that is lacking. Perhaps you might have the answer!

A Few Words... Of A Kind

By e.e. Hines

Somehow an issue of that provider of thorough and unbiased reports of the goings on and out of the University of Nebraska crept into my garret the other day. Before bandaging up my coffee grounds in this particular edition of the Nebraskan, I took time to review it carefully in an attempt to gain a better understanding of the state of my fellow men. And behold!—I saw where the University was having trouble figuring out what to do with its watchwork remnants and was willing to bend an ear to anyone who might be able to step in and set time and the Elgin building aright once more.



Perhaps the reason why the solution has not yet been reached is because it is so obvious. Elgin Building, I suggest, should be converted into the Department of Conformity and Wholesome Recreation. This department would include an area for all functions by University student groups. The obvious advantage is that when students are searching for a place to hold their pre-formal gingerale parties they will not be subjected to shyders who charge exorbitant rent without including such essential extras as chaperons. The sprawling one-time factory could offer all of these services in a handy well registered package.

One feature not to be overlooked is the fact that with all social functions confined to the campus the students will not have to cross civilian streets which serve as avenues for fiendish men waiting to pounce on unescorted sorority girls, as well as by-paths for intemperate drivers.

Also included in the Department of Conformity should be those knights of virtue—the campus police—whose devotion to duty has cleaned student parking areas of unqualified parkers. These fellows have done such a fine job that they deserve better quarters. Where else but the Elgin Building in some spot adjacent to the social function area where raids may be conducted in swift, precise fashion when some devil's disciples smuggle in ale of a non-ginger nature in an effort to defile all that the University stands for.

Another feature in the Department of Conformity should be classrooms for freshman orientation courses which are badly needed in order to acquaint new students with the serious nature of the University enterprise. This course should emphasize the need for rapport between the administration and students with special care taken to make the students feel at home. The administration, it should be stressed in this course, wants you to look upon it as your parents away from home just as the University is your home away from home. There should be no hesitancy on the part of the administration to explain that it hopes it won't have to spank you, and that it won't as long as you are a good little boy or girl. Lessons should be included on:

- Ten easy ways to love your studies.
 - Ten easy ways to avoid temptation.
 - Ten easy ways to love the administration.
 - Ten easy ways to do as you are told.
- The scope of my program is such that, of course, I have not been able to work out all of the details. But I

am sure that many of you will agree that utilization of the Elgin Building in the fashion I have suggested will help bring nearer the day when students and administration dwell together in peace and happiness as one big good-hearted family.

Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 250 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Downgrading

To the Editor:

I have noticed that there have been a number of letters in the "Letterip" downgrading Judy Truell's mind and her column, "My Little World." Roger Borland has written something on her behalf in his last column but this conveys nothing to the students as he may just be being kind to a fellow staff writer. As a student with no connection with the newspaper I would like to say that I happen to like Judy's column and am sure that many other silent readers do also. The reason I like them is that they are well written and interesting. The "Daily Nebraskan" is a newspaper and as such is composed of news items and columns. If these columns were removed all that would remain would be a very bland fact sheet and I am sure that is not what the editor has in mind when he asks for material.

If some people do not appreciate something that is written by a college student, accepted by a college newspaper and printed in that paper then they should look to themselves first before they start pointing at anyone else. It may very well be that the trouble lies with their not being able to understand the subject matter. When I read something that confuses me I do not say that it is poorly written, I say that I do not understand. By doing this I may be letting some poorly written material slip by without the criticism it deserves but I do not wind up condemning good writing.

Rodger H. Skidmore

Tremendous

To the Editor:

I feel that the plan submitted by Mr. Handy for taking \$1.25 from each student's tuition is tremendous. This is something the University has heeded for a long time.

It also seems like the most practical way to do something like this. Since I am sure that were we to have to pay for the attractions separately, the price would far exceed the \$1.25 per semester. I suggest that the Union do what is necessary to promote this project so that it will be workable by next school year if possible and for sure in two years.

Waiting

Vice-Versa

To the Editor:

Has it occurred to you, as it has to me, that the world is full of illusions? During my high school days I looked forward to classes at the University of Nebraska where the professors would shuffle into the classroom stroking a long grey beard. But instead of watching the young cleanshaven professors glide into the room, I count the beards on my classmates.

Joan L. Graf

Them Cowboys Ain't What They Used To Be

If Wyatt, Bat and Jesse could just see themselves now. These invincible characters of the modern-day TV western would probably roll over in their Boothill graves if they realized how humanitarian, law-abiding, polished and brave they have become. Time magazine reports.

For although these old Westerners probably did make a mark for themselves in times past, they now are known for different qualities—Jesse James for his beneficent character although he probably gave nary a farthing to the poor; Wyatt Earp for his great respect for law and order although Earp actually was more interested in the profits from his red-light district holdings than impounding criminals; and Bat Masterson who holds a similar niche in Western history than he held when he was living west of the Mississippi.

Although Masterson fans may protest an attack on their hero, western history authorities say the most exciting thing Bat ever did was to hide behind a saloon piano when a gunman was on the prowl.

The westerners of yesteryear might wonder how the modern day cowpoke would even want to squeeze into a pair of tight pants instead of the comfortable "hair pants" right off the cow.

But Hollywood and the horses were made for each other and it was love at first sight. But how comes?

Nobody knows for sure. Time reports, but the psychoanalysts are looking at such things as sex symbols (all those guns, of course); Oedipal patterns (to kill the wicked sheriff really means to kill Pop); and indirect aggressions (women are likely to think of their husbands in the villain's role.)

But although the westerners (even the adult ones) are probably as phony as a P.T. Barnum attraction of the century, who can say that they ought to be abolished.

Don't you feel kind of a feeling of empathy for Maverick as he gallops to triumph every Sunday night? And besides, all them TV Western ladies are so purty.

Kiss and Hit Driver Injured

Kiss and run? Or kiss and hit. The Los Angeles State College Times reports that one of its reporters slammed into the back of another car when his girlfriend kissed him.

Both are now in the hospital with serious injuries.

One Million Trees Shipped to State

Karl Loerch, University extension forester, is in charge of shipping approximately one million trees to points throughout Nebraska. The trees are being shipped from nursery beds at the Nebraska National Forest. Some 35 local residents are assisting University and U. S. Forest personnel in the job.

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