

## Living Unit Plan: A Bomb Or A Dud?

That explosive topic, Representation, will be dropped before the Constitutional Convention Sunday. In the main, two different types of representation have been presented to the students so far—living unit and college.

Word has it that the honorable John Klein has a proposal to present to the group, but it is being shut up in a big black secretive crock until his big moment Sunday.

A few rays of light have managed to wiggle their way out however—rays that deserve comment.

His plan involves representation by living unit, representatives given to the districts on the basis of the number of people voting in the last election. This will cause a conflagration of reapportionment every year—reapportionment that could include Gerrymandering, and will definitely include an unintelligible amount of confusion. Confusion within the Council offices when they struggle with the figures, and confusion on the part of the voter as to which district he will be in each different year.

It will also include setting up districts for Lincoln students and for apartment dwellers, figuring out what to do with Lincoln students who are affiliated—do they get to vote in both districts?

And then there are the commuters. An estimated 100 people commute from Omaha alone, and several from other surrounding towns. Get they no vote?

All three of these groups will undoubtedly have few qualified candidates apply for positions on the Council but will nevertheless feel entitled to a voice in the selection of its members.

To put several Greek houses together in one district will inevitably result in the election of the representative from the largest house. Every year the same house will have its member on the Council, whether or not he is the most qualified. This jeopardizes the quality of the Council, assuming quality is what is being sought.

In order to be effective, Student Council must be composed of a cross-section of students, students with different viewpoints. Viewpoints may be divided vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The Greeks may be pitted against the independents. A split there has long been an unconfessed entity, but at the same time an existent reality.

Greeks and independents, together, have worked to overcome this split. Most realize there is little reason for its existence. True, there have been sour apples in both baskets who have continued the strife. To place representatives on Council on the basis of whether they are Greek or independent, which is, realistically, what this plan does, is to ignite this brush fire struggle into open conflict.

A more sane way to look at the view-point question is to categorize by vocational choice. Home economists have different views from lawyers; agriculturists different from the business administrator. In order to accomplish a cross-section in this manner, the college representation system should be employed.

It is a simple plan, with few complications. It does not exclude anyone or create special problems with any small groups. It also does not exclude persons who may not have voted in the last election. While apathy is not to be condoned, these persons still deserve representation.

After all, this is a Student Council, not a Council of the Students Who Voted in the Last Election.

SUSAN SMITHBERGER

## Happiness Is...

- Not slipping on the ice.
- Seeing your math teacher slipping on the ice.
- Having math class dismissed for two weeks. (Misery is having to pitch in to buy the gent a card.)
- Being in the group with 96 per cent fewer fatalities.
- Living at the sin center of Nebraska. (Misery is trying to explain it to your mother.)
- A father who will accept a collect call.
- Mousing.
- Being the only one who laughs at your teacher's favorite joke.
- Not having to live at the Y these days.
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## The New Guard

By Bob Weaver

There are now forty-nine members of the Nebraska Legislature, a good percentage of whom are new, who will take up their duties in January. As in past sessions, this one will be confronted with many issues and proposals which will go a long way toward determining the educational, political and economic future of Nebraska.

Scottsbluff's Senator Carpenter has announced an intention to present a rather comprehensive tax program involving the repeal of personal and intangible property taxes to be replaced by a sales-income tax. Other provisions for reform of the state's antiquated property tax structure are presently being discussed.

Senator Marvin Stromer has indicated the possibility of new and far reaching power legislation. His proposal to unite the state's institutions of higher education into a university complex to include the four Teacher's Colleges, the University and with the possibility of including the University of Omaha and any of the junior colleges, would provide efficient and orderly planning of higher education. Let's hope such a reorganization would increase rather than reduce quality higher education.

The Legislative Council interim study committees have reported, with several proposals to improve state administration through the creation of a new state Department of Administrative Services. This proposal would give the governor a

more effective hand in state administration. A new state office building has also been recommended to provide for ever increasing space needs.

Last but not least will be the budget. Certainly, this is the most crucial area for education and the University of Nebraska. Facility and salary needs have been emphasized in the past. Future development programs hang in the balance. A quality education is the ever present issue. Will Nebraska, through its legislature make the long-looked-for commitment to higher education or will the University of Nebraska and the teachers colleges continue to be hamstrung?

Three years ago a group of University freshmen, members of the Junior Interfraternity Council, initiated what has become known as the Senator's Program. This was an effort to acquaint the state senators with the needs of the University and the views of its students through frank and informal means. A group of enterprising Student Council candidates adopted this idea for their campaigns. Under student Council aegis, this program fared somewhat well at first but has since become a part of that ever growing Student Council grave yard bureaucracy.

The Regents and the Chancellor comprise what has been the only formal lobbying group on behalf of the University. Those individuals which benefit directly from a realistic budget and quality education are

the students. With the help of the Comptroller's Office and the Daily Nebraskan, each student should be able to discuss their views of the budget with their senator.

If the Student Council does not reassert its initiative in this area, University Builders should coordinate an all-organization effort to make the student body's views known to the Legislature and the Budget Committee. A sincere and comprehensive correspondence should be undertaken with each state senator by students from his constituency. Various senators have expressed a desire to become acquainted with student views. A speech before the entire Legislature by a student or the testifying before the Budget Committee by several students would serve to dramatize the seriousness of our purpose and the problem. Informal discussions at the Legislature or in student living units could also serve to initiate the long-awaited-for dialogue between the Capitol and the University.

In the last analysis, the future generation of Nebraska leadership have the biggest stake in this year's legislative session. Those needs and problems which are not dealt with in this biennium will only multiply and remain for future generations. The time to act is now.

## CAMPUS OPINION

### What A Time

Dear Editor:

As I glanced over the Nov. 20th edition of the Daily Nebraskan I was brought to laughter at the headline, "Pom Pom Girls Can't Cheer When Fans Swarm Onto the Track." I thought to myself how true this is, but what a time for it to be mentioned in the paper.

I will hurriedly agree that this has been a problem throughout the fall but why mention it now when nothing can be done about it? Here is a problem that should have been solved when it was a problem. I wonder how many students will remember to stay off the track next fall because of this article?

As I read the article I was amazed at its (sic) contents. I looked at the headline for a second time and wondered. The headline dealt with only the first ten lines of print, the rest was on the Pom Pom Girls in general. Even with my limited high school journalism I thought the headlines were to fit the main idea of the story.

Respectfully yours,  
Kay Morris

### No Business Of Yours

Dear Miss Smithberger:

Your article "Within the Law" in the December 2nd Daily Nebraskan sickened (sic) me. Since when is it the duty of any police force to haul a person out of bed at an unreasonable hour for such a minor infraction of the law as a parking ticket. If this trend continues we could be hauled (sic) down to the station for such horrible (sic) crimes, (sic) as spitting (sic) on the sidewalk, and overdue Library books.

Your whole article reeks of the complacent (sic), g o o d y-gooey atmosphere, (sic) you seem to live in. If you drive and have to park your car around here, you must know how unreasonable (sic) the police, city and campus, are in giving out tickets. And if you don't (sic) drive, then I respectfully submit that it is none

of your business (sic) to criticize (sic) those of us who do.

Sincerely,  
Dennis E. Fayant

Editor's Note: First, the editor does drive a car, does park on campus, and has, on occasions, gotten parking tickets. Parking tickets are given for a reason and the campus and city police are enforcing a law put on the books by the legislators.

The case in question concerned several tickets given over a long time, some of them last year—overly delinquent. The policy of the police force to tow in cars owned by those with delinquent tickets is a sound one.

These holders have had much time to pay their tickets at a convenient hour and have chosen to neglect it. In order to enforce payment the officers must tow in the car when it is found, before it has been moved.

For those who don't understand the three letters that appear so frequently throughout the letter, sic, it is a Latin term denoting a mistake made in the original copy submitted by the author which is left uncorrected.

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