

Mr. President

Editor's note: The following is the text of a letter from Student Council President John Lydick to each member of the Nebraska Legislature concerning the University's proposed budget.

By John Lydick

Dear Senator:

You are going to have to make another important decision very soon. I thank you for the opportunity to present the viewpoint of many students at the University of Nebraska.

In all fairness, we appreciate the difficulty the Legislature faces in raising the money required to meet adequately the needs of the State. We are all cognizant of the fact that you are meeting this challenge with sincerity and dedication.

Yet we are strongly opposed to a student tuition increase. It is our feeling that any student or potential student should have an equal opportunity for an education. Ability and personal motivation must be the differentiating factor, not financial prerequisites. We do not have this ideal system at present, but a tuition increase would move rapidly away from this concept of equal opportunity for education.

Regardless of tax structure, the citizenry of Nebraska should not hesitate to support the State University and our four State colleges. It should be noted that the average local school mill levy is approximately 50 mills, as compared with a total of 3.27 mills for the University of Nebraska.

Our greatest tax benefit is the University and colleges of the State of Nebraska. A college education adds approximately \$150,000 to the life income of the graduate, and taxes derived from this income more than repay the State for its investment in an individual. A recent study of the G.I. bill concluded that the people of the United States have been repaid tenfold on their investments in higher education.

Further benefit to the State provided by our higher educational facilities comes from our out-of-state stu-

dents. Many of these fine students remain in Nebraska after graduation adding not only tax dollars but stability and enterprise to our State. If Nebraska is interested in a reciprocal tuition program for out-of-state students, then a tuition increase of almost 50 per cent for these students would appear to be moving contrary to the planning in this area.

We all admit that you can find students who own automobiles and dress fashionably at the University. I am not pleading for these students. But I am attempting to persuade you, if possible, for those who might not be attending college next year if there is a tuition increase. And I feel that I am also speaking for those who are not at the University right now because the present tuition, \$204 per year, plus \$60 in fees, is a burden forcing them to abandon hope for a higher education and a more productive life.

We earnestly believe that an equal opportunity for an education must not stop with high school graduation. I would ask you, on behalf of the University of Nebraska and our four State colleges to provide your young people with an equal opportunity for fulfilling their capabilities.

Thank you very much.

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2. You're not even married.

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3. You give a gift every week?

We try to remember the important dates.

4. Isn't that overdoing it a bit?

Not when you're in love.

5. You'll be broke before you get to the altar.

Oh, we're very practical. Sue gave me a pocket pepper grinder and I gave her my B+ theme on Parental Attitudes Among the Arawak Indians.

6. If you really want to be practical, why don't you get a Living Insurance policy from Equitable—and give her security. That way, when you get married, you'll know that she and the kids will always be provided for if something should happen to you.

Swell idea. Now, what do you think she'd like for National Crab Apple Day?

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Our Kind Of People

The Daily Nebraskan will not list a complete ticket of preference for election of members to the Student Senate, for we feel that it is next to impossible for us to learn enough about each of the 88 candidates, their personalities and their qualifications, to support a complete ticket to the exclusion of other candidates.

Nevertheless, we submit the following names for your consideration. They are not a complete ticket, but they represent those whose work we have watched with approval and whose ideas are those that we would like to see carried out by our representatives.

PRESIDENT: We feel that Bill Poppert should be elected over Kent Neumeister because of his tact, maturity and realistic conceptualization of the political situation as it stands on this campus at the present time.

VICE-PRESIDENT: We support Larry Frolik, through the process of elimination, for we believe that Andy Taube has the potential to wait a year and Rich Meier is second to Frolik in regard to experience with campus groups and issues.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: We like John Peak, Joe Carroll, Mel Schlachter, and Linda Miles. Included within the 36 candidates, however are many other competent people, whose excellence, unfortunately, has not met our eye, although they probably deserve our support.

TEACHERS COLLEGE: The first name with which every Teachers College voter should familiarize himself with is that of Cuz Guenzel. Other good names for the seven representatives are Bob Samuelson and Rebecca Marshall.

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS: Three positions are open; Ron Prior is our favorite.

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE: Bob Lott is, in our opinion, the best of the field.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Two names stand out big here—Skip Soiref and Terry Schaa. We would hate to see either of these capable leaders by-passed.

Brilliant Year

The Daily Nebraskan fully supports the election of the above-mentioned candidates and foresees a brilliant year for student government if both of our executive choices and many of our Senate choices are elected. We feel that this list includes the proper blend of workers and intellectuals, of experience from the present Council and designers from the Constitutional Convention, of youth and age, of old and new blood. We see no naive here, little misconception of the true purpose, and plenty of enthusiasm.

Pleased With Campaign

We are somewhat pleased with the campaign to this point. There has been some mud-scooping, and quite a bit of empty promising, but, for the most part, the campaign has been dignified and mature. We have maintained that issues have little use in a campaign in a key year such as this, and recognize that Poppert is at a disadvantage, preaching a firm and complete implementation of the constitution as opposed to Neumeister's centennial pageant and alumni reorganization.

We hope students will recognize that their votes are valuable to the candidates, that they are crucial to the future of student government, and we hope that these important votes will not be swayed by the wrong kinds of campaigning.

Election sidelight: Rich Meier informs us that his campaign posters (showing him surrounded by Playboy Bunnies) are disappearing faster than he can put them up. Undoubtedly they are being used for enhancing many make rooms around the campus, for we have seen only one intact, and that in the freshman girls residence hall.

- FRANK PARTSCH
- LEE MARSHALL
- SUSIE RUTTER

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