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An Unfair Request

Up to the time of the special Student Senate meeting yesterday, the Administration has maintained that the special charge proposed for next year would be a temporary, emergency measure to meet increased enrollment projections.

When the Daily Nebraskan first reported the possibility of such a student charge (estimated around $40 for the year per student) Vice Chancellor Joseph Soshnik repeatedly told the reporter that this was NOT a tuition increase—just an emergency charge for one year only. Soshnik repeatedly instructed that the word "tuition" not be used in describing the charge, under the assumption that it be for one year only.

And yesterday—well, yesterday, Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin admitted that it "could very well happen" that the "one year" special charge will become a permanent addition to tuition costs. (The philosophy behind this seems to be that if the students can pay the special charge one year, it wouldn't be prohibitive for them to pay it ever afterwards.)

In light of the fact that the special charge "could very well" become permanent, we feel that it must not be placed upon students.

The special charge is necessitated by the fact that errors were made by the Administration and the Legislature in the estimates of projected student enrollments and the funds which would be necessary to pay for the larger enrollments.

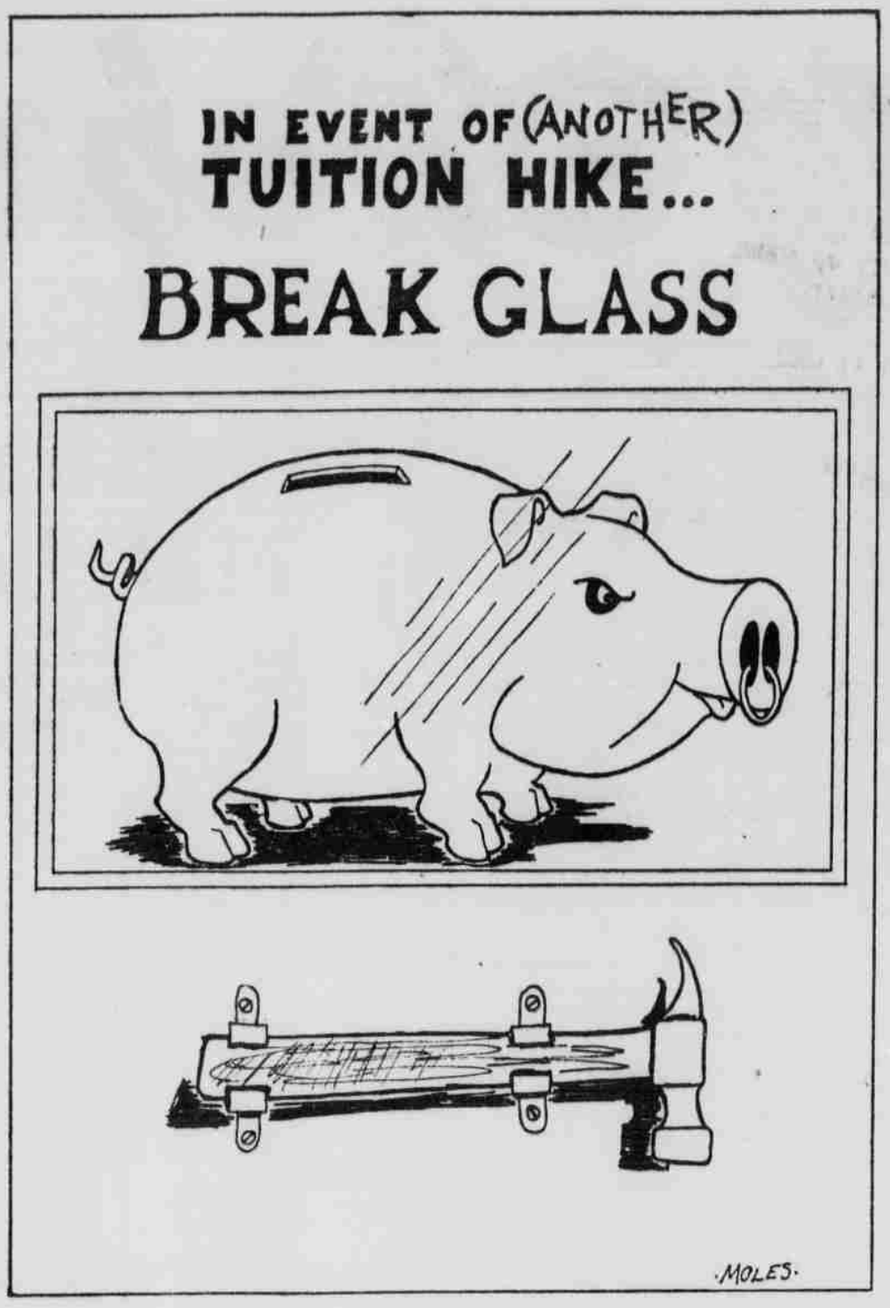
We ask—is it right or fair that students be subjected to higher tuition costs when they were in no way responsible for the misjudgments of the Administration and the Legislature?

We think not. Students could assume the load, perhaps, if it were for one year only. But it becomes increasingly evident that the "one year" charge will not be, in truth, for "one year" only. Thus, we feel that some other measure must be taken to provide for the needed money.

The senators discussed the possibility of petitioning the Board of Regents to ask Gov. Frank Morrison to call a special session of the Legislature to appropriate the funds.

Hardin indicated that the possibility of a special legislative session is not good at this time. The senators will probably vote next Wednesday or before on further action they may wish to see taken on the issue.

We hope that the senators will seek action to call a special session. It is unfair to impose further tuition costs on students which will no doubt ultimately be prohibitive to some, if not many students.



If I Were King...

By WAYNE KREUSCHER

Mortar Boards are voting on candidates—in fact it's likely that they are almost through.

Innocents will be sending out their letters soon and their "spook" telephone calls, looks and remarks have already begun.

Spring is almost here and Chancellor Hardin has spoken to the senators at a special Student Senate meeting.

Sometimes one wonders if this "crisis" can really interest or excite Neumeister, Frolik and their friends as much as the ones earlier this year.

Excited or not, one has to respect these men and their assistants such as Bob Samuelson. They are still trying—no matter how late in the year or how many recent disappointments—to benefit the students like a student government should.

Samuelson has done a lot of digging into University and legislative budget records and he has found what seems like embarrassing but quite obvious questions.

One can be sure that Hardin and Soshnik are both quite honorable, well-meaning, ambitious men and one knows that there are many backroom issues involved with politics and skuldoggery.

One can't be sure exactly what Student Senate can do with its information except maybe get to know Hardin better and learn a little about the school's real problems

Another thing one can be sure of is that very few of the senators knew anything about Thursday's meeting except the time. Perhaps it's the fault of the senators—but many of them seem often to know nothing about an issue or a future meeting except what they read in the Daily Nebraskan.

In fact many of them do not know anything after the meeting until they have read the Daily Nebraskan.

It's not that the Daily Nebraskan is pro-Republican or pro-Democrat, but rather that on this campus—the news, students or almost anybody can't help but at least look pro-Republican.

To write a story about the Young Democrats on this campus, it has not been unusual in the past for a reporter to call as many as six people in trying to find some information.

Even if the information needed was as small as who will speak at the next meeting or what is senator so and so's topic or background, a reporter often has found no information except maybe a half-scribbled, nonreadable scrap of paper with a few remarks on it and thrown down on the Nebraskan's news desk.

On the other hand, the YR's, mainly because of one individual—their new president, Cathie Shattuck,—have given this paper an impression of proficiency, hard work, organization, interest and skill.

Every reporter on this paper is extremely pleased to see Miss Shattuck receive the office she has carried out unofficially for such a long time and truly deserves.

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More Letters . . .

Election Results Unknown

Dear Editor,

Yesterday, 25 women were chosen to represent one third of the campus population on the AWS Board.

Since the importance of this election is probably second only to the Senate elections, it is surprising that the results were not released to the press, nor were "outsiders" allowed to observe the counting of the ballots.

It is indeed unfortunate when people are not publicly told the margin of votes in an election that puts such a small number of people in such a responsible, representative position. The women who voted will never know if the Board was elected by a large majority, or if the election was very close.

This majority-minority factor can be very important to any group who wishes to present ideas to the Board.

Next year, the results of the AWS elections should be published for all to see. And if anyone is hurt because they were defeated by a large margin, Sorry about that.

Emily P.

Failure Students' Fault?

Dear Editor,

Who are you to call us students apathetic? It seems that when your pet project or that of other so-called Big Wheels meets with failure as did the Faculty Evaluation Book it always seems to be the students' fault.

You say that students don't give a darn. Maybe this is because they don't want something they oppose.

You also say that the only way to get students to fill out the questionnaires is to put them in their "grubby little paws" in classes during Dead Week. Are you so naive as to think that this will affect a change in the opposition students already have toward this project? Maybe if you would conduct a representative poll once instead of these rinky-dink 25 person polls, you would find out what student opinion is.

Your persistent harping on student apathy in your editorials reminds me of a story I recently heard.

A lion walking through the jungle happened on a wild bull, pounced on him and gorged himself on the bull. The lion then began to roar in contentment. A hunter nearby heard the roar and shot the lion. The moral of this story is when your (sic) full of bull shut up. I hope the editor don't (sic) have to eat her words.

One of those grubby little paws

Allen Ginsberg's Poetry

Dear Editor,

I sincerely hope that Dr. Narveson was misquoted in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan. Much to my disappointment, I was not able to attend Tuesday's forum on the importance of Allen Ginsberg.

As a result I did not hear Dr. Narveson's comments on Mr. Ginsberg's poetry, but cannot imagine a man of his standing saying that a certain poet would not be considered great "as his poems are better heard than read."

I do not deny that Hamlet is better appreciated through performance than reading or that a good oral reading of a Shakespearean sonnet is more profitable than a silent one. If poetry were meant to be read silently, then what would be the use of most poetic devices: onomatopoeia, alliteration, rhyme, and even meter?

If someone wished to condemn Mr. Ginsberg to mediocrity because his poetry could not be appreciated when read aloud by the poet himself, this person might have a valid argument. But I can hardly see that a poet could be criticized "as his poems are better heard than read."

Janet Bishop

Sorry About That!

Being a compendium of farce, humor and absurdity, selected arbitrarily by the Editor.

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Historical Note of the Day: In 1548, Pomerania, Klingspor, Freechstein, Bohemia, Scholckia and Morumba sign their famous treaty (later known as the "Six Pact.")

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Wouldn't it be nice if student senators wore clothes like the rest of us on their meeting days? At least they'd look representative.

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One person wrote a letter to the editor, in which she entered the small plea —"I'm interested."

The writer was interested in $40,000 which a Beatles visit might bring to the University. All that is needed is permission to use the stadium.

Well, promoters are busy. (Official and otherwise.) Local radio stations are soliciting letters requesting the Beatles to come.

I'd have to admit that a Beatles visit would inspire a little excitement in the area. My only wish is that the visit, if it comes off, could be scheduled at a more opportune time. (It would be sometime in August.)

We see some good (besides all that money to local merchants and promoters) would come of a Beatles performance in Lincoln.

The same people who spent their idle moments in February writing letters expressing their disgust of Ginsberg's appearance could spend their idle moments in August writing the same letters about the Beatles.

The Daily Nebraskan senior staff has a little game which they've been playing regularly. It's called the sick game.

Rules are simple. You simply get sick, and give your orders by phone or write your columns on your roommate's 1891 vintage console Royal.

It's about the only thing a staff member can do in order to stay away from the office occasionally. We've got the rotation system down pat.

My next day to be sick is set for next Monday (same day I have three hour exams.)

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Nebraska Union Rule of the Day: "As the 'living room' or the 'hearthstone' of the College, the Union provides for the services, conveniences, and amenities the members of the college family need in their daily life on the campus and for getting to know and understand one another through informal association outside the classroom."

(. . . Like at Hyde Park.)

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Was it **really** Chancellor Hardin at the Student Senate meeting Thursday? It's been so-o-o-o long.

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Then there was the student who slept through the "discussion" of intentions, errors in enrollment estimates, and the proposed student fee. (—Probably a senior.)

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If the "emergency charge" is tacked on to the student, we'll be **Sorry About That!**

Another Viewpoint—

Choosing Draftees

(Editor's Note: The following editorial, concerning the college's role in the selection of draftees, is reprinted from the Denver Post.)

The academic world is understandably upset at the suggestion of Selective Service officials that students in the lower half or third of their classes may lose their draft deferments and be sent to fight in Vietnam.

The trouble with such a policy is that it adds a grave new significance to the process of giving grades and places on faculty members the burden of deciding which young men will stay in college and which will risk their lives in Vietnam.

This is a burden that faculty members cannot fairly be required to assume. When a few points either way in the grade on a term paper or on an essay question on an examination can affect a student's life so profoundly, the problem of determining those points becomes almost intolerable.

Class standing is widely recognized as an unsatisfactory measure of intellectual promise. Students with heavy, difficult schedules compete with students with an easy load. Standings change each semester. A student whose intellectual awakening came late may have acquired a low class standing on his past performance, even though his work may now be superior to that of his classmates.

It is also true that students in the lower half of their classes at some universities may be better students than those in the upper half of their classes at other universities.

If the proposed Selective Service policy were implemented, it could induce students to seek out easy schools and easy courses. At the difficult schools, it could intensify even further the competitive pressures which are even now too great.

In the future, it may well prove necessary to draft a substantial number of college students. If that is to be done, we believe the responsibility for making decisions should rest with the draft boards and not with the faculty members who hand out grades.

Each student ought to be evaluated in terms of his total record in school and in life, not only on the basis of his class standing or his grades and not at all by a rigid numerical standard.

If a student is serious about his college work and spending his time in college profitably, his draft board ought to let him remain there, if it can, even if he's not in the upper half of his class.

The colleges can undoubtedly supply the draft boards with useful information. But they ought not to be forced to take the responsibility for choosing draftees or to suffer the ill effects of a draft system that is based on class standing.

JSK

(Just Slightly Korrect)

Just between you and me —Al Capp would make a great housemother. He seems to understand the college population as it is today.

Who else would be willing to admit that they're in favor of "free love" because the price is right . . .?

CAMPUS OPINION

'Good' Speaker Coming

Dear Editor,

I was wondering why there was such a small article in the Daily Nebraskan, March 7, about Dr. Kenneth McFarland's coming to the campus on March 16.

He is a public speaker for General Motors (and a very brilliant and capable one at that) and probably one of the most dynamic speakers to come to campus this year.

I say, why not a BIG article to let everyone know he is coming to the campus so that they will be able to hear a good speaker for a change?

Just Wondering

Greek Academic Excellence

Dear Editor,

I have to commend your support of academic excellence, but I do differ with you in your application of the idea to the sorority and fraternity system as expressed in your editorial March 3.

Can it possibly be that you really believe that academic excellence of the Greek system should be achieved by merely eliminating someone who might adversely affect a grade point average? Can it be that you really believe they would have anything to be proud of if their average happens to be above the all University average if they arrive there by merely eliminating people from their membership? Can it be that you really equate grade point average with the real meaning of academic excellence?

It seems to me that when we talk about academic excellence we are referring to performance—not selection. We can best consider the matter of scholarship by assuring ourselves that fraternity programs place proper emphasis on academic achievement. They can work toward the maximum performance of each individual by eliminating deterrents to fine performance. Then and only then can the Greek system pride itself on a grade point average that is above someone elses.

As to your second reason, I'm afraid I don't even follow. Why isn't a student in good standing in the University entitled to the benefits of membership in a fraternity if that is what he wants? You try to relate your argument about a 2.00 average to scholastic probation when we could just as easily relate it to graduation requirements.

If a 2.00 average qualifies one for a degree from the University why is it not good enough to qualify him for membership in a fraternal group? I think you need to remember that it is grades below a 2.00 that are of a probationary nature, not a 2.00 itself.

Let's support together the idea of academic excellence for it is certainly laudable. But let us hope that fraternities, residence halls, activity groups and best of all individual students place worth on this as it reflects the learning process and the qualities of true scholarship. Aspiration toward any given grade point average based on anything other than performance and realization of the best of scholarly achievement by all individuals seems false indeed.

Helen A. Snyder
Dean of Women

On Platform Planks

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate the new members of the AWS Board. But just remember, ladies, platform planks are no good unless something is built with them.

Big Sister

Attack on Apathy

Dear Editor,

In keeping with your attack on apathy, I would like to point out the apathy and defeatism shown by columnists Partsch and Pokorny.

Pokorny, who has never said anything good about anyone, is a good example of apathy, and Partsch, who thinks he is the Chancellor or a god, is little better.

Your finest blow against apathy would be the removal of these writers from your staff.

Judy Washington

Sex—Precious Gift

Dear Editor,

In response to the article by Julie Morris on birth control pills (March 9th), may I express a hope. My hope is that the day is coming soon when we will stop using the threat of pregnancy and venereal disease as clubs to frighten away extra-marital sex relations. Our society is struggling to remember the positive reasons for reserving sex relations for the security of the marriage covenant.

I am looking for the day when our love of families will lead us to bring our sexual intimacy to marriage as a precious gift. I don't believe that using the weapon of ignorance is going to hurry that day.

Duane Hutchinson,
Minister - Director,
Methodist Chapel

A Deplorable Act

Dear Editor,

I don't know whether it is a fad or not but the childish act of swiping posters off bulletin boards if certainly a deplorable act. I am referring to the posters that were literally STOLEN from Abel Hall, the Union. Cather, Pound, and Selleck. These posters were advertising the upcoming Satan and the Saints dance on March 18th at the Union Ballroom.

Whoever took these posters ought to have their (?) kicked. But I must commend them on their choice because these posters were unique in themselves. The fellows that worked on them are getting little in return for their labor because they were up less than a day.

So would those "sticky fingered" people please return them? It would be very much appreciated by those who have not had a chance to see them yet.

Social Activities Chairman
David Cook

'Pure Maiden' Leadership

Dear Editor,

Three cheers for the six incumbent sophomore members who have been unanimously reelected to serve on AWS Bored. (sick)

My greatest pleasure and solace during the long lonely nights ahead of me will be the fact that ASW still has the leadership of the pure maiden who has "never been inside a man's apartment." Thank the bat-voters for nothing.

Protected,
MB 015