

Student Reactions Vary Over Proposed Tuition

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Out of 22 students polled by the Daily Nebraskan, 12 opposed, six were noncommittal, and four were in favor of the recommended \$95 a year resident and \$69 a year non-resident tuition increase.

Gov. Tiemann included the proposed tuition hikes in his university budget recommendations which were made public Monday evening.

Some of the reasons that students cited for opposing the increase included:

—The personal financial hardships it would entail for some, especially married students, out of state students, and students from lower income families that have to work to pay for their education.

—The belief that the state should take the responsibility of providing better education with adequate tax support.

—The fact that upperclassmen will be gone too soon to enjoy the benefits they will be paying for.

—Expenses going up

One coed declared, "Naturally I'm against it. It's necessary to get more money some way but I think it should be done through taxes. Expenses seem to be going up to the point where it's difficult for most kids to pay them."

"I'm not exactly for it," another student conceded.

"I'm financing my own education. I work part time and my wife works full time. I'm just glad I've only got one more year here."

"If they pass it I'm going to leave," one student said. "My folks live in New Jersey and I can go to a better school there a lot cheaper. The heck with school spirit and all. It's fine but this comes out of my pocket."

"Quite a few out of state students I know say they won't come back," another student added.

One student said "Many kids won't be able to make it with this tuition raise. Education is society's responsibility."

One coed pointed out that "most students work in summer and many have trouble finding work. I think the tuition raise will be a definite hardship, especially for those students who go to summer school."

No Commitment
Some students were not expressly opposed to a raise in tuition and a few gave tacit approval. Most of the noncommittal students were concerned about what benefits for the student would be incurred by the increase.

"If they're going to raise the tuition they should put the money into getting better teachers and into scholarship funds," one student said. "If they are trying to limit enrollment it should be with tougher entrance requirements, not higher tuition."

A graduate student from the University of Illinois said that the problem didn't affect him directly but "if I were paying out-of-state tuition I wouldn't think it was worth it."

"My basic opinion about the whole affair," he continued, "is that I feel more money should be spent on improving teaching facilities than on getting new professors. Some of the facilities necessary for teaching just aren't available here."

One student declared:
"What do I think of a tuition increase? Well, if they're going to give the students more, it's fine—if not, I'm against it."

Some students favored a tuition increase. They supported it primarily because they thought it was necessary to maintain University educational standards. One student supported it because he thought it was better than raising taxes.

Favor Raise
"I'm for it," one student said. "The University really needs the money and the tuition is still lower than most places. I hope they spend it on faculty improvements and not just on building more dorms, though."

One coed said, "I don't really think it's that great a change. The University is growing and it does need more money."

"I'm all for it," another student said. "Anyone who goes to the University and doesn't have parents who can afford it can easily get a loan."

"It's better than raising taxes," he added. "I think Tiemann's a heck of a good man. Something has to be done about this tax situation," he concluded.

Tuition Fees Since 1948*

* COST FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR

Rates	Effective	Tuition	Fees	RESIDE		
				Total	Tuition	Fees
2nd Sem.	1947-48	\$120	\$30	\$150	\$270	\$300
1st Sem.	1950-51	120	40	160	280	320
1st Sem.	1956-57	120	60	180	300	360
1st Sem.	1957-58	180	60	240	420	480
1st Sem.	1961-62	204	60	264	444	504
1st Sem.	1964-65	No Change			540	600
1st Sem.	1965-66	260	74	334	736	860

* Prior to 1948 tuition charged on an hourly basis

Would You Believe—Tuition Free School

Though the modern student may not believe it, there was a time when the University was a tuition-free school.

In the very early years of the University, from its founding in 1869 till 1892, the University catalogue carried a statement that the University was open to all qualified students in the state of Nebraska without charge for tuition.

In these years the University was financed by appropriations from the Legislature and by grants from the federal government under the Morrill Act.

Each student paid a \$5 matriculation fee but nothing else. This included all students in all subjects, including the Latin School where graduates of non-accredited high schools could prepare for the University.

The first tuition was charged in 1892 for music and art courses. Tuition was then charged by the hour until 1948. Though some courses such as lab courses were more expensive than others, the average cost was \$1.50 to \$2.50 per credit hour.

The average cost to the student was about \$40 per semester.

This cost had risen to \$60 in 1946. In 1948 the Board of Regents instituted package tuition of \$60 a semester for residents and

\$140 a semester for non-residents.

The rate of resident tuition remained constant till 1957. However non-resident tuition increased to \$140 a semester in 1950-51.

In 1957 Sen. Terry Carpenter introduced a bill which would have doubled resident tuition. The Legislature refused to pass this but the Board of Regents was compelled to increase resident tuition \$30 a semester and non-resident tuition \$60 a semester.

The rate was further increased in 1961 when residents began paying \$102 a semester for tuition and non-residents \$222 a semester. Even this increase was less than the budget committee had recommended.

In 1965 Sen. Richard Marvel's appropriations committee recommended increases in tuition. In fact the University budget was introduced with the presumption of a sharp tuition hike.

Students at the University held a petition drive protesting the increase and Carpenter (who now favored cutting tuition) offered to lead a student march on the Capitol.

The Regents reluctantly raised resident tuition to \$130 a semester for residents and \$393 a semester for non-residents after making it clear the Legislature had forced them to do it.

November Election To Decide . . .

If 19 Is Voting Age; Solons Pass Bill 37-11

A constitutional amendment to lower Nebraska's voting age to 19 passed final reading in the Legislature by a vote of 37-11.

The bill will be on Gov. Norbert Tiemann's desk for his signature within the next few days. The amendment will be submitted to state voters in November 1968.

Principle sponsor of the bill was Omaha Sen. Eugene Mahoney. Other strong supporters were Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter and Omaha Sen. George Syas.

As originally written the amendment would lower the voting age to 18, but a compromise amendment to make the age 19 was attached when the bill was on general file.

If the voters okay the amendment, Nebraska would become the fourth state to lower the voting age. Georgia, Hawaii, Alaska and Kentucky have already done so. Eight other states are considering such a move.

In other floor action Tuesday lawmakers killed by a vote of 31-15, a bill which would have liberalized the state abortion laws.

The bill, sponsored by Carpenter, would make abortion legal in the state in the case that a mother or child would suffer grave physical or mental damage and if four physicians signed an affidavit ascertaining the risk.

A vote on the bill had been postponed from Monday after lawmakers got into a

lengthy discussion on the issue.

The bill had been deadlocked in committee over a week before it was reported to the floor, on general file.

The law makers also passed a resolution by a vote of 35-1 asking the U.S. Congress to change the national law to make the Daylight Savings time effective only four months of the year, instead of the six planned.

Good Student Response . . .

NFU Teachers Satisfied

After one week of Nebraska Free University classes instructors have expressed satisfaction with students' response to the seminars.

George Rejda, director of the Physical Research course, said about 60 students attended the first meeting last Wednesday.

Each week "two or three visiting student professors" will give reports, Rejda said, and a general discussion period will follow.

An explanation of telepathy and the theory governing this phenomenon will be discussed at the next class session.

Later the "class may attempt extra-sensory perception experiments, Rejda added. Duke University has done much research in this field, he said, and "I have written to them for information about their experiments."

J. W. Ayers, president of a Lincoln advertising firm, addressed the first meeting of the course, Art of Practical Politics.

He explained the structure of publicity campaigns. Cathy Shattuck, director of the course said, and how candidates and issues are researched before elections.

She said during later classes, the students may break into smaller groups and attempt to work out publicity campaigns involving their own names to "see how well they can appeal to the public."

The class was limited to 30 students, she added, and all attended the meeting.

Worked Out Topics
Stephen Hilliard, who heads the course, "Intellectual Commitment in the University," said the students "worked out discussion topics at the first meeting."

The course will deal specifically with conditions at the University, Hilliard said, and "I will encourage them to stay away from abstract ideas" and to discuss instead practical application.

"A great diversity of students are represented in the class," he said, and "they are already comparing notes; something they wouldn't do in an ordinary

encounter on the campus." During the first meeting of the course, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer," the instructor Alvin Petersen, lectured on the three periods of Bonhoeffer's life.

The purpose of this course, he said is to "interest students in Bonhoeffer's theology so they will read more of his works."

Of the 12 students who enrolled in the course ten attended the first class.

The film techniques class held its first meeting Tuesday and observed movies describing various film techniques.

The class will later plan a film sequence, Kris Bitter past chairman of the Nebraska Union Film Committee, said, and utilize such techniques as fade-outs and close-ups. Then the group will discuss the effectiveness of the various filming methods.

Seven students pondered the enigma of self-realization during the first discussion seminar, led by Dr. Floyd Hoover.

Hoover said the students discussed "if one must adhere to social values to accomplish self-realization."

The group will also analyze the music of such composers as Bach and Hayden, he said, "as examples who are men who achieved self-realization."

Amidst Denunciations . . .

NSA Supervisory Board Calls For CIA Severance

Amidst denunciations from the "new left" and the "new right," the National Supervisory Board of the National Student Association has called for an immediate and complete severance of NSA's relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency.

According to the Collegiate Press Service, the 10-member supervisory group issued a statement last week saying that the CIA had placed NSA's officers and staff members in an "ethical trap" in past years.

As the board issued explanatory statements, left and right student organizations united in opposition to the NSA, following disclosure last week of a 12 year relationship between NSA and the CIA.

The Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), a "new right" student organization, expressed "deep shock that the CIA should secretly attempt to influence student opinion."

For several years, YAF has led a "Stop NSA" campaign, charging that the Association's politics were left-wing and against the national interest, the Collegiate Press Service said.

Paul Potter, a former national affairs vice-president of NSA and a founder of Students for a Democratic Society, charged that "the pattern of lying is just built into the very guts of the organization."

Potter said a thorough investigation of the CIA connection should be conducted, and called for an NSA constitutional convention.

NSA National Supervisory Board chairman Sam Brown, a Harvard Divinity School student, said that "honorable people acting out of the best of motives were faced with an impossible choice: to expose the relationship and thereby harm themselves and hundreds of others or to remain quiet and thereby be dishonest to new generations of students."

According to Brown, NSA officials who were to be told of the CIA relationship were first asked to sign a national security agreement. The agreement provides for jail terms up to 20 years if classified information, such as the NSA-CIA link, is disclosed.

During the years of the NSA-CIA association, which began in the early 1950's, the student group received

as much as 80 per cent of its funds from the intelligence agency. Most officers and staff members of NSA's International Commission were aware of the relationship, the Collegiate Press Service said.

Brown said that "at least 15 other foundations and individuals have passed funds to NSA for the CIA." All CIA financial support ended in Dec. 1966. Brown added.

E. G. Williamson of the University of Minnesota, a member of NSA's national advisory board, added that the disclosed relationship of NSA with the CIA "does not reduce the intrinsic worth of the many substantial contributions NSA has made to the welfare of students on over 300 American campuses."

The resolutions dealing with the proposed tuition increase, supporting William Steen and supporting the ASUN Student Bill of Rights will be voted on at a Young Democrats meeting Thursday night.

The resolutions were brought up on the floor at Young Democrats (YD's) meeting last Thursday but there was some dissent within the organization over the resolutions and they were tabled for one week.

Three ad hoc committees were formed to investigate the advisability of adopting these resolutions. One resolution would oppose a tuition increase.

Another would offer public support and financial aid to Steen, owner of the Heroic Bookstore, who claims that he is being tried under pornography laws which are unconstitutional. The last resolution would support the ASUN Student Bill of Rights.

Bruce Mason, vice-president of YD's and acting president, said after the meeting that "I personally

support these measures because I believe it is important that YD's enter actively into campus and student affairs."

The Bill of Rights committee, headed by Leon Luzio will act as a delegation to the ASUN Student Bill of Rights Convention as well as investigating the bill and methods of making sure it is accepted by the administration and the Board of Regents.

One YD member stated that "as far as calling for a student strike to get it accepted goes I feel that only ASUN has the authority to initiate action although I imagine that Young Democrats would support them."

Bob Bartee, chairman of the Tuition Investigation committee, said that "we will recommend that a resolution opposing a tuition increase be adopted and that appropriate measures to stop a tuition increase be employed."

The date for officer elections was also set at the meeting. They will be held on March 16. Mason said that "all students wishing to vote must have their dues paid by March 2.

Proposed Tuition Rate Would Top Big Eight

If Gov. Norbert Tiemann's proposed increase in tuition is enacted, University students will pay more than any other state residents in the Big Eight.

The proposed increase would also put the University 34 per cent above the present average of Big Eight institutions.

The Midwest Research Institute's study showed average Big Eight tuition and fees at \$320. Tiemann's proposal for the University is 34 per cent above that.

University	Resident	Non-resident
University of Colorado	\$372	\$1,120
University of Missouri	\$350	\$850
Iowa State University	\$345	\$930
University of Nebraska	\$334	\$860
University of Kansas	\$292	\$692
Oklahoma State University	\$288	\$736
University of Oklahoma	\$288	\$736
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Young Democrats To Vote Thursday On Resolution Supporting Rights Bill

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