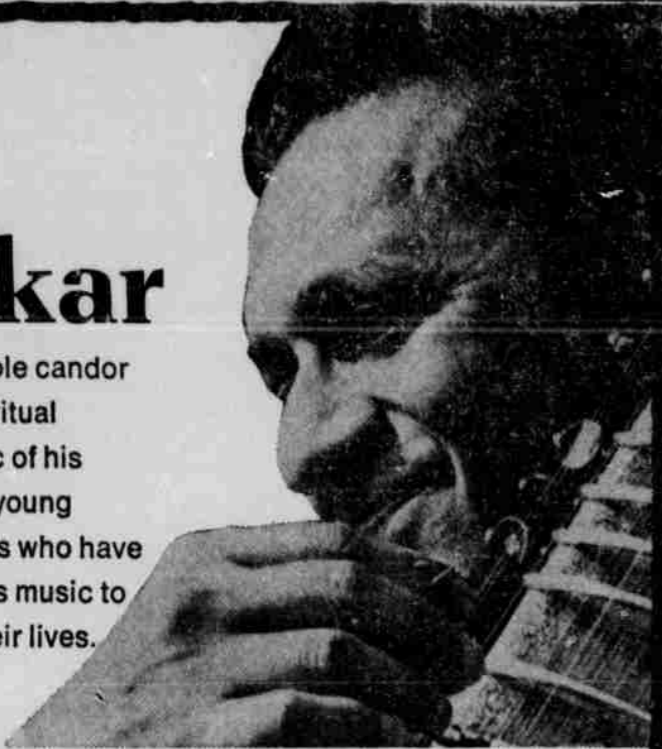


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Lenore Buford

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She is basically happy with the department of romance languages and the college of arts and sciences. "There are some very real problems, but basically the college is all right," she said. "However more can and will be done."

Miss Buford, a French teacher who has studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, emphasized the importance of studying foreign languages and culture.

"STUDENTS SHOULD come into contact with other cultures, but that is difficult to do," she said. "If, after having attended NU, a student becomes curious and interested in a people who have different values and different cultures, then the school has provided an outlook which will greatly enhance future development of that student."

In the future of American universities, Miss Buford sees a rethinking of fundamental concepts which will not be easy. "Students must decide what they come to college for," she stressed. "And the administration and faculty then must decide how can we best provide that for these things."

She approves of some demonstrations. "I am happy to see that students are making themselves heard. But I cannot understand violence, such as permanent records being destroyed. After all, I need mine."

NEVERTHELESS, because of what has happened at colleges and universities throughout the United States, the schools are listening to the legitimate criticisms of the students.

She would like to see the administration and faculty explain more of the whys behind certain stands. Students think that a malicious conspiracy exists when it doesn't. There is such a great amount of muddling through things, she said.

Nebraska school sex education to be discussed in legislature

University and other educational concerns will continue to be in the Legislative limelight this week as Unicameral committees hear bills and testimony on secondary and higher education.

The Legislature's Education Committee will hear a presentation Monday concerning the progress of sex education programs in Nebraska public schools. Although the topic is not included in testimony on any bill, crusaders against such programs in schools will use the committee meeting as a public forum on the subject, according to statehouse sources.

Dick Davis

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According to Davis, people are more sympathetic to change now, but they are still not motivated to change.

"It is up to the University to realize the deficit a black student comes to this campus with," he continued. "There should be tutoring programs and advisors for black students."

"The advisors should also be black. A white advisor simply can't understand the problems of a black student. The black student today doesn't know how to cope with the system like white students do. The black has no authority he can go to, to help solve his problems," he said.

Davis doesn't advocate black separatism or total integration.

"I just want a complete divorce of all prejudices and a chance for blacks to compete on an equal basis with everyone else," he said. "On that equal basis, I am confident I can win in a competitive situation."

A colored person and the black has the attitude of wanting to please whites, according to Davis, but the black person just wants to live on an equal basis.

"Some of my friends who wanted badly to be accepted by whites when they came here have changed," Davis added. "They have either been rejected by the University or they have achieved total black awareness. I hope it is the latter."

There needs to be a consumption of knowledge on the part of blacks, Davis feels, because the more knowledge that is consumed, the easier it is to relate to the system.

THE MONDAY PLANS were attacked editorially in the Sunday Lincoln Journal, which pointed out the danger of Legislative meddling in Nebraska school curriculum procedures. The Journal invited the Legislature to "keep its nose out" of such matters, leaving the topic to traditional local control groups.

Monday the Education Committee will also hear testimony on LB1366, which would authorize a constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to determine the method of selection for members of the State Board of Education.

The bill was presented by Sen. Don Elrod of Grand Island, following the publication of a letter and comments from present Board members predicting the firing of State Education Commissioner Floyd Miller. Board members involved were the subject of criticism and discussion all over the state following the release.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS the board will probably hold another meeting soon to vote on keeping or firing Miller.

Thursday the Government and Military Affairs Committee will hear testimony on Terry Carpenter's LB1381, which would make it unlawful to disrupt administration or operations of federally funded educational institutions.

This bill would make it illegal for students at any university or college that receives any federal monies to "disrupt" normal campus activities. Fines range from \$500 to 10 years in prison depending on the nature of the offense.

Also, any law officials who are involved in possible disturbances would not be subject to the penalties incurred on students and faculty. Recently, President Richard M. Nixon urged similar federal measures be passed by Congress.

THE LEGISLATURE'S Budget committee will hear LB 667, sponsored by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, which would allocate \$134 million to fully fund state aid to education.

Last week, the Budget committee finished hearings on the University budget requests, after listening to appeals from officials from Lincoln and Omaha, as well as student representatives speaking on behalf of the University's requests.

The state open housing bill, heard before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee in March, has passed first reading on the floor of the Legislature, and needs to be passed twice more before it is signed into law. Provisions prohibit discrimination in any transactions involving property and covers nearly all facets of society.

The question of funding for the many bills will be one of particular heat, especially since the Legislature defeated a proposal by Gov. Norbert Tiemann to allow the sales tax rate to remain at two and one-half percent to cover the state's business. Several state senators have begun to complain via the news media that the number of bills passed cannot be funded by the existing state sales and income tax rate returns.

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