

You'll never tire of unicycles

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Unicyclists spoke up this week.

Jon Blocker and Mike Vanous, NU students who are frequently seen pedaling their cycles around campus, say single wheel riding is much easier than commonly believed.

Many onlookers urge Vanous to "join a circus." Blocker reports curious bystanders often ask to try his cycle even though, "half of them think I'm nuts." Both find everyone wonders how difficult a unicycle is to ride.

Blocker says anyone who is used to a bicycle can learn

unicycling.

Vanous adds that unicycles are safer than two-wheelers because "you tend to fall on your feet" rather than more tender parts of the body. He also says it's about twice as fast as walking but "a lot of work" to go fast — the rider "starts bouncing" as if on horse back.

Gymnastics coach, Francis Allen, gave Blocker a somewhat worn unicycle this summer. He has been riding a friend's cycle, though, for about two years.

Under the influence of a morning hangover, Vanous, who has been riding since June,

spent \$40 on his shiny new Schwinn. He said it required only four weeks of practicing in dormitory halls to become a competent rider. Blocker claimed he could balance the cycle after two hours of practice.

Although this reporter didn't really believe them he climbed on the contraption and shoved off. With nothing to grasp but the wall and hope — unicycles have no handlebars — he finally traveled about five feet before making a graceless fall as the infernal thing skittered away.

Learned in two hours? Hmhmhmhmhm.

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Regents work to counter effects of disturbances

News Analysis

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The specter of last May's disturbances on the Lincoln Campus still haunts the Board of Regents after nearly five months.

The May unrest sent shockwaves across the entire State and the Regents have been working overtime to try to restore the public's confidence in the University.

Since May the Board has

taken a firm "law and order" position to counter the effects of last spring's disturbances. The Regents are especially concerned with the image of the University because the

governor-elect and the rural dominated Legislature will soon be deciding the size of the University budget. The state's voters will also be deciding the fate of the Regents in the November elections.

Undoubtedly the May unrest will not help the University when it presents its budget case before the Legislature. And the University will need all the help it can get to influence the economy-minded Legislature.

The Regents two weeks ago approved a bold \$199.6 million University budget for the 1971-73 biennium which is designed to help build the state and bring NU to the top of the Big Eight academically. The

University is asking the Legislature for 53 per cent more state funds than it is receiving in the current biennium.

The Regents also face a vote of confidence in the November elections. Two Regents, Dr. B. N. Greenberg of York and Richard Adkins of Osmond, will be seeking re-election and two new Regents will be elected. Regardless of these elections, the Board could follow the path of the Edsel this November. The Board of Regents will be eliminated if Nebraska voters approve a constitutional amendment to establish a single Nebraska board of higher education.

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YAF criticizes ASUN

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Seventy-three University students have decided "radical extremists" have gone too far in America and plan to do something about it, according to Terrell Cannon, chairman of the NU chapter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

YAF is a group boasting 55,000 members in high schools and colleges across the country Cannon said. The organization, founded in 1960, has doubled in size in the last two years. YAF leaders attribute the growth to their firm opposition to campus violence.

In addition to its anti-left activities, the group works for conservative candidates and carries out extensive educational campaigns, Cannon said.

YAF criticism of the Nebraska campus centers on ASUN and the use of student fees. "ASUN uses student fees to play partisan politics," Cannon said. "For example, the National Student Associa-

tion (NSA) is a partisan political group. Our affiliation with NSA means that NSA can claim this University's support."

He says most YAF members he has talked to agree, "partisan student governments created the Cambodian crisis. President Nixon didn't."

"Student fees should not be used to pay any kind of political speaker, left or right," Cannon continued. "This

tramples the rights of non-political students. Speakers should be paid from door receipts or by the groups inviting them."

The Nebraskan also comes under Cannon's fire. "Students should not have to pay for a partisan paper they don't read," he said. "There is no such thing as a non-partisan paper, but students should not

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Bayh here Thursday

Senator Birch Bayh, (D-Ind.), currently leading the Senate fight for a constitutional amendment providing for direct election of the president, will speak at the Nebraska Union Ballroom Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Bayh authored the 25th constitutional amendment which deals with presidential inability and vice-presidential succession and wrote the amendment now pending.

Bayh was elected to the Senate in a 1962 upset when he defeated 18-year incumbent Senator Homer Capeheart by less than 11,000 votes out of more than 1.8 million cast.

The Democratic Senator won easy re-election in 1968 in spite of the Indiana landslide for Nixon.



BELIEVE IT OR DON'T. Nebraska students are getting their kicks by riding unicycles. Goes to show — you've got to be a big wheel to have a good time.