

STOP ACE vs. PACE

A movement has been organized to oppose PACE's proposal to provide low-income scholarships by increasing student fees.

Students who oppose PACE (STOPACE) are circulating petitions opposing "any increase in student fees such as that recently requested by PACE, regardless of whether this increase in student fees has the approval of a majority of students or not."

A STOPACE handout being circulated states, "We are told it (PACE) is a movement which will accomplish a great deal of good. Good? By whose standard? Obviously, by the standards of PACE."

"And what of those who do not support PACE? If it is passed, they will have no choice but to support that which others deemed good. Where are the decriers of lack of freedom now?"

The PACE (Program of Active Commitment to Education) proposal calls for increasing student fees by \$3.50 a semester and \$1.75 per summer session.

"We don't feel it's the right of the majority to impose this proposal on those who don't want to pay," remarked Tom Cardwell, a STOPACE organizer. "However, we aren't stopping people who want to give voluntarily."

The STOPACE organizer said the PACE proposal is an issue that "should not be voted on."

Cardwell, a senior from Lincoln, said his group will present its petitions to the Board of

Regents "if necessary" to stop the PACE proposal.

While Cardwell and others were trying to stop an increase in student fees, backers of PACE Monday collected about 1,000 signatures in their petition

drive, according to PACE Chairman Steve Fowler.

Fowler said PACE also has gotten the support of 15 campus organizations as of Tuesday. The organizations include THE NEBRASKAN, ASUN,

Builders, Mortar Board, YWCA, the Afro-American Collegiate Society, Women's Action Group, Red Cross and five residence hall governing boards.



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CSL wants to personalize impersonalized University

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Students have long complained of the University's impersonalization, symbolized by the extensive use of social security numbers and large classes. Now it appears that an influential University group will tackle the problem this school year.

One of the top priorities of the Council of Student Life (CSL) this year will be an attempt to make the academic experience more personalized for University students, CSL chairman John W. Robinson said.

Studying three recommendations of the Spelts Commission and continuing its attack on campus racial discrimination were two other priorities listed by Robinson at

Tuesday's CSL meeting. Several CSL members also mentioned the lack of adequate parking space should be a major topic of interest of the Council this year.

"I have discovered," Robinson said, "that one of the most important things wrong with this University is the impersonalization of the academic experience. Students rarely have contacts with the faculty outside the classroom."

President Joseph Soshnik has asked the Council to study a recommendation of the Spelts Commission dealing with the lack of personalization in the University. The recommendation urged the University to "explore the possibility of improving channels of communication between students and staff (faculty and ad-

ministration) by decentralizing non-disciplinary student affairs functions."

Soshnik also asked CSL to study two other recommendations of the Spelts Commission, which investigated last spring's disturbances on the Lincoln campus.

One of the recommendations urges the University to change its rules on student conduct, which the Commission said were too paternalistic to be effective. The other recommendation states the organization of Student Affairs should be altered to clearly separate counseling functions from those of factual investigation, prosecution, and adjudication in situations potentially requiring disciplinary action.

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Cash for ingenuity

Cash prizes will soon be available to students and faculty of Nebraska colleges who present the best ideas in a governmental improvement contest.

Four cash grants, one of \$100 and three of \$50, will be awarded to the entrants making the best proposals. Entries must give constructive ideas and suggestions for improving any aspect of state or local government. Winners may use the grants as they wish.

The prize money is being donated from campaign contributions given to the contest's originator, State Senator-elect David H. Stahmer. The Omaha electrical contracting executive said that he paid all expenses of the campaign from his own pocket in order to be "completely free of any obligations."

Stahmer thinks the un-used contributions should be used to find ideas that would help improve state government. He may try to use the best ideas in his legislative post, Stahmer said.

"Ordinarily we reward students for either their I.Q. or their poverty", he explained, "but I want to reward them for their ingenuity." The newly-elected senator said it is a mistake not to encourage constructive ideas.

He said he would be glad to talk with any student or group of students interested in working towards better government.

Contest entries will be judged by a three-member panel. The judges, who have not been selected, will be individuals familiar with state government. They will not see the entrants' names because, as Stahmer put it, "A freshman will be on the same level with a Phd."

If this experiment proves successful the senator-elect may try to set up a state award program along similar lines.

Entries should be sent to: David H. Stahmer, 4913 Manderson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104. They must be postmarked no later than December 4.



CSL . . . views the personalization of University students' academic experience as a top priority.