

Carpenter moves to stop Nebraskan fees

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Calling *The Nebraskan* "a lousy newspaper" and "in poor taste," State Sen. Terry M. Carpenter of Scottsbluff Wednesday introduced a bill which would prohibit the use of mandatory student fees to support the campus newspaper.

"I don't think it's fair," he said, "for 20,000 students to be forced to subscribe to a paper they might not want."

However, the Scottsbluff lawmaker said he was not opposed to the newspaper existing on a subscription basis. Currently students pay \$1.25 per semester in student fees to

support the *Nebraskan*.

He said an example of the newspaper's poor taste was an article appearing on the editorial page in October giving information regarding abortion and birth control methods.

Carpenter's bill, LB 70, would prohibit the University from using its cash funds to support a newspaper on any of its campuses. But Carpenter said he would recommend during hearings on LB 70, that the bill be applied to all state supported schools of higher education.

Carpenter said two *Nebraskan* editorials in October criticizing his opposition to the University's con-

troversial course in homophile studies "were a contributing factor" in his introduction of the bill. He said the editorials "were uncalled for."

Besides attacking Carpenter's stand on the homophile course, the editorials were also critical of his handling of hearings in Omaha in October regarding the homophile course. One editorial said Carpenter was holding the hearings for political reasons and to embarrass the University Board of Regents.

Another editorial described Carpenter's actions during the hearings by saying: "Standing center ring in Carpenter's private circus, they (University

officials) let the clown trap himself in a web of contractions, malice, and nonsense."

President Joseph Soshnik said Wednesday he would have to check with University lawyers before commenting on how the bill would affect NU campus newspapers.

Carpenter's bill comes at a time when the *Nebraskan* has been increasingly under fire because of its use of mandatory student fees.

The NU chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom has threatened to seek a court injunction to put a freeze on all student fees at the University. In addition, the NU Committee for Undisrupted Education

recommended to the University Regents in November that *The Nebraskan* be stripped of its student fees and be placed under the control of the School of Journalism.

Tenure bill

A bill requiring legislative approval for tenure systems for professors at state colleges and universities was introduced in the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday.

The bill, LB65, was introduced by State Sen. Terry M. Carpenter of Scottsbluff.

Carpenter also introduced a bill which would require the earmarking of University appropriations.

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Go Big Snow!

There is hope.

By Thursday afternoon, the University of Nebraska campus should be pretty much dug out, plowed out and graded out of the worst blizzard in 25 years.

"Maintenance men were set to work through the night Wednesday and we hope things will be back close to normal," Campus Security Chief Gail Gade said late Wednesday.

Some campus streets were impassable Wednesday and most student parking lots still snow packed. But Gade expressed hope University crews would complete the shovelling job by late Thursday afternoon.

Perhaps the best bet for student parkers is the fairgrounds parking lot, which was cleared Tuesday. However, Gade pointed out that 14th Street was clogged so shuffle buses were hindered.

The City of Lincoln has responsibility for all campus streets.

Classes were officially called

off Monday and Tuesday, the only time in the memory of long-time NU administrator Carl Donaldson that classes had to be postponed two days in a row.

"It seems that about every four or five years, classes are dismissed for one day," said Donaldson, now a special consultant to the President, who has been associated with the University since the 1920s.

The last official dismissal was for a blizzard in 1965. It lasted just one day. Six years earlier, classes were called off to celebrate the Cornhusker's upset victory over perennial football champion Oklahoma.

The timing in this year's blizzard (it came at the end of vacation period) caused many students to be away from Lincoln or the state, Donaldson pointed out. There was just no way they could get back in time.

And a number of other University people were in Miami for the Orange Bowl. In fact, the decision to cancel

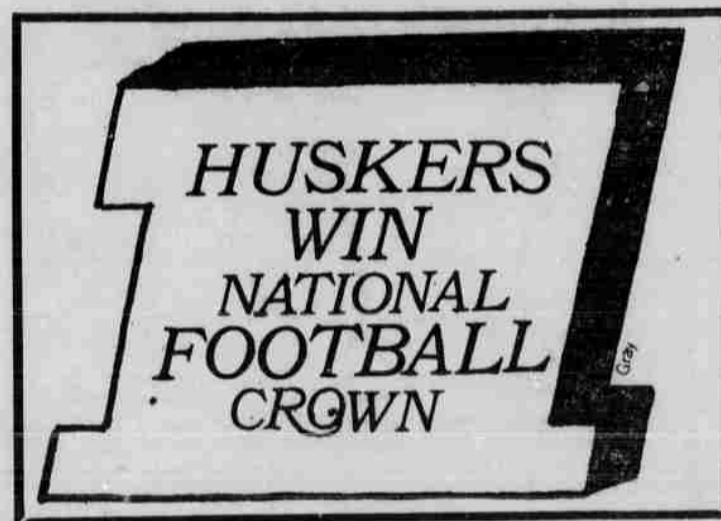
school was made early Sunday by President Joseph Soshnik and Chancellor D. B. Varner from their Miami headquarters.

"We fed them information on the roads and weather by telephone," said NU public relations man Dick Fleming. "And they made the decision."

The two days of class will not officially be made up, according to Dean of Faculties C. Peter Magrath.

"We are assuming instructors will make sure work will be made up when necessary," Magrath said. "There is no plan for additional school days." It would be impossible to add one or two days of class days without disrupting the final examinations schedule or the beginning of second semester.

Nor can University snowmoving equipment work day after day without disruption. Equipment breakdown and lack of personnel has caused delays in snow removal, Gade said.



by JIM JOHNSTON
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The world has learned what Nebraska football players have known all season — they're the best college football team in America.

The unbeaten Cornhuskers, ranked ninth when the season opened, received 39 first-place votes this week to claim the Associated Press 1970 mythical national football crown.

But there's still some who believe the Huskers took the back door into the national championship. They claim there were too many "if's" involved in Nebraska's big New Years day achievement.

The Cornhuskers were ranked third going into their New Years night date with Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl. Upsets over Texas in the Cotton Bowl and Ohio State in the Rose Bowl were needed before Nebraska could claim the national title.

That's where all the "iffers" stake their claim.

IF Notre Dame hadn't defeated Texas, the Longhorns would be the national champions. IF Stanford hadn't defeated Ohio State, the Buckeyes would be national champions after the Cotton Bowl results were learned.

But those who try to take the glamour away from Nebraska's national title, are forgetting an even bigger IF. IF Nebraska hadn't defeated LSU in the Orange Bowl, the Cornhuskers would not be national champions.

Texas and Ohio State had the same opportunity. But there's more to a championship team than just having a good reputation. The making of a No. 1 team comes from winning and driving in clutch situations... when it really matters.

All Texas had to do was win the Cotton Bowl and the national title was theirs... the Longhorns choked. All Ohio State had to do was win the Rose Bowl... the Buckeyes choked.

All Nebraska had to do was win the Orange Bowl... but the Huskers didn't choke.

To the contrary, the Huskers proved they had what it takes to be national champions. Trailing 12-10 in the final quarter, Nebraska proved it had enough to come back for a 17-12 win.

That's the way it's been all season.

"Run anything you want," a member of the Nebraska offensive line told quarterback Jerry Tagge after LSU had gained the 12-10 lead on the last play of the third quarter. "We're going to move the football on this drive."

And the Huskers did move the football. They moved 57 yards in just 10 plays on the drive that scored the winning touchdown for a 17-12 triumph.

Nebraska put it all together when it had to. That's where Texas and Ohio State failed. And that's why Nebraska now ranks as the best college football team in America.