

Veterans seek law for tuition loans

Calling it "the ugly war", members of the Nebraska Student Veterans Organization (NSVO) are trying to initiate a proposed tuition loan into law through LB499.

According to Rich Henderson, local vice president of NSVO, today's veteran receives less support than did his World War II counterparts in 1946.

Under the National GI Bill, veterans then received \$75 for monthly living expenses and \$500 a semester for books and tuition. A private (E-1) made \$50 a month while on active duty.

By today's standards, the \$75 represents an inflated value of more than \$300.

"The single vet now receives only \$220 a month, out of which he has to pay for his own books and tuition," Henderson said.

A private currently serving in the armed forces receives monthly pay of \$326.

State Sen. Wally Barnett of Lincoln is sponsoring LB499, which would allow the state to give 200 loans to veterans at 5% interest. The loans would be repaid during a 10-year period starting nine months after the veteran finishes school.

According to some veterans at UNL, the proposed bill is a good idea. It has some drawbacks, however, because there currently are 1,600 veterans on campus and only 200 loans are allowed in LB499, they say.

Archie Shoales, a member of the NSVO and a junior

majoring in general agriculture, is skeptical.

"If you can put up with the hassle, you might get something," he said, "but by the time you go through it all (red tape), you'd just as well pay a higher interest at a loan agency."

Although LB499 hasn't emerged for its final reading, the UNL veterans are optimistic it will pass, Henderson said.

"Last year we introduced a similar bill, but it was shot down immediately because we didn't have a veteran legislative council for support," he said.

The NSVO received support for LB499 this year from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans.

The only problem the veterans' groups met was a provision in the bill that would have forgiven the loan if the veteran stayed in the state eight years after finishing college. Senators feared that the provision was unconstitutional and dropped it.

Barnett introduced an appropriations amendment (LB499A) to set aside \$150,000 for the loans from the general fund.

No date has been set for final hearings of LB499 and LB499A.

"We do have a foot-step in the door in securing this loan into law," Henderson said, "but we hope in the future it won't be as hard to get action concerning vets."



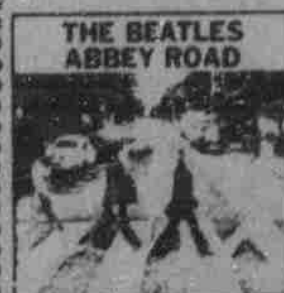
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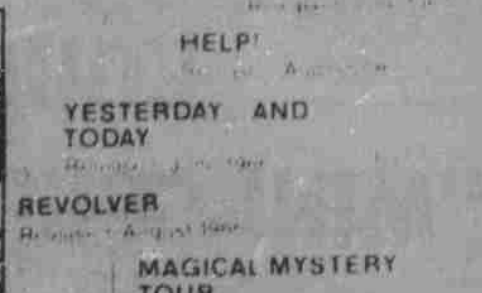
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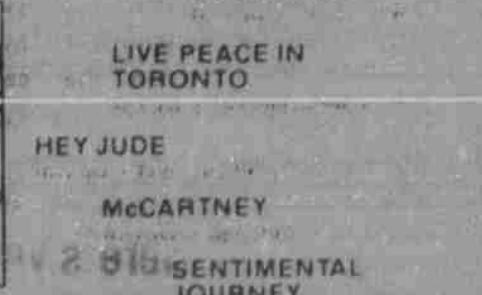
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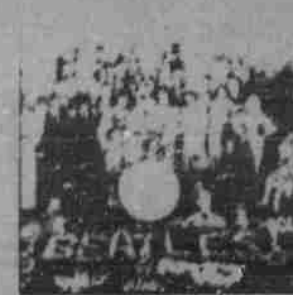
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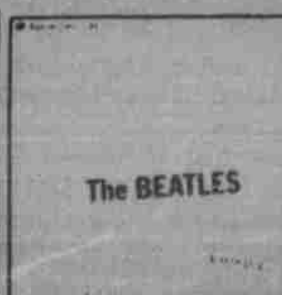
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 - 4 p.m.—Society of American Military Engineers—Union
 - 5 p.m.—Mortar Board—Union
 - 5:45 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi—Union
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 - 6 p.m.—Towne Club—Union
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