



## to the editor



Dear editor:

I really feel that people who support the abolition of the student fee allocation system should, at the very least, rethink their position within the so-called academic community. Somewhere these people are missing a big point: the influx of a wide variety of ideas and data available to the student body is the least we should expect as part of the offerings of a half-way decent university.

Having talked to a number of folks who are adamantly against the present fee situation, I find they tend to consider themselves conservatives, are more accurately described as reactionaries and sound like book burners. The major hassles they usually

allude to are not really that fees are spent, but who and what they are spent on.

I feel that the fees which bring speakers and ideas to campus in any sort of public forum are a valid way to spend student money—no matter what the ideas. Especially when one considers the lack of intellectual diversity in our quaint little prairie outpost—the unique village of Lincoln. ("Unique" coming from two Latin root words: "unus" meaning one and "equus" meaning horse).

The fees are, admittedly, a form of taxation. And getting used to this probably is part of getting ready for life in the real world for some folks. Consider, for a minute, if taxation for schools, public health programs, libraries, etc. was simply optional for each taxpayer. Especially in times of tight money. Scary, isn't it?

I'm a working student and, much to my dismay, this makes attending a lot of things impossible. But I can't begrudge the portion of my fees which supports them. On the contrary, I would vote for an increase if

it would assure a steady flow of reasonably well-attended speakers and imported personalities. Even intellectual lightweights like Josh (with his repugnant "if I can't find evidence to disprove a proposition, then it must be real and true" pseudo-logic) would be valid. I wouldn't step across the street to be insulted by the man—but this is my value.

Personally, I am hard-pressed to understand why someone would come to any public university for an education and then form or participate in a group which dedicates itself to working to limit the data, ideas and experiences of the intellectual community as a whole.

Possibly they should consider transferring to a small, religious college where the men of God screen out "bad think". Or perhaps they could redirect their negativism toward such things as spending taxpayers' money to pamper the regents, flying them first class to sporting events, etc.

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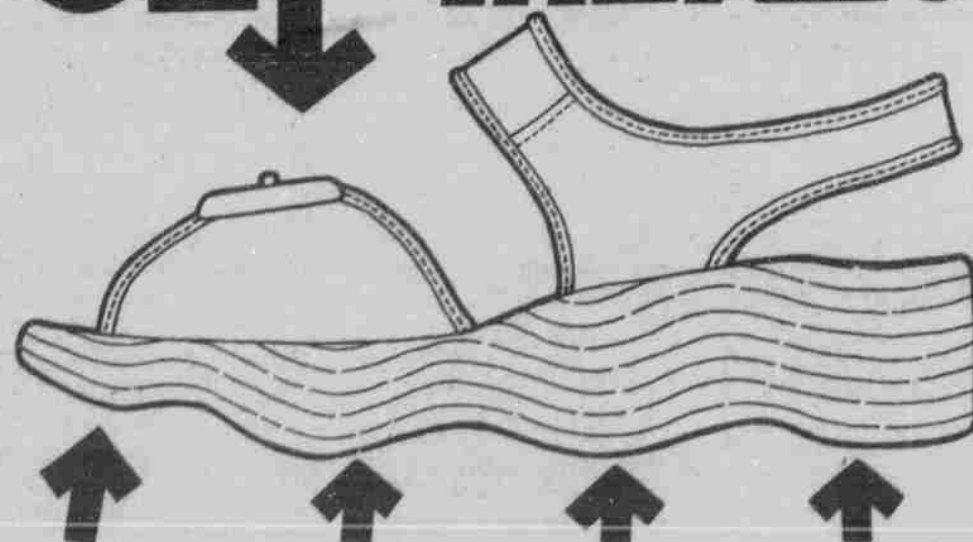
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