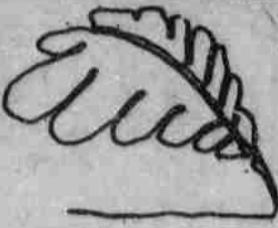


opinion

to the editor



Dear editor,

It seems to me that the charging of student fees is unfair. As a part-time student, I am paying for services that I don't use. Since I am married and have a family, I don't go to the student union for social purposes.

We have our own family physicians, so I don't use the student health center.

I realize the collection of some kind of fee is necessary for the general operation and maintenance of the university. But couldn't the health facilities be optional, as this takes a large amount of the fee?

I know other students who are in the same situation have similar thoughts about this. Since married, part-time students are increasing in number, I think the manner of collecting fees should be studied and revised.

Liz Vaughn

Complaint insane

Dear editor,

It takes a lot to get me to write to a paper, but Robin Miller's comment on the "sexist puzzle" did it. If she doesn't have anything better to do than nit-pick like that, what is she doing on this campus?

"Prince" instead of "Princess" was probably used because the number of squares fit. And since when is "period" used for "time" sexist?

Also, who said a female was doing the "household

chore" in 51 down? The screaming last week over "Ralph" was ridiculous, but this was totally insane!

CW

Parking dreamland

Dear editor,

Recently I purchased a parking permit and the headache that goes with it. I am a resident of Abel Hall and have been assigned to park my car in area 3. Area 3 has been made smaller this year, while the number of Abel residents has been increased by more than 160 students, and I am sure some of these students own automobiles.

Parking permits are really a good investment after you get your first ticket—students who don't own a permit are allotted one complimentary ticket. However, if you have already purchased a permit your fine is \$5.

If people are not familiar with area 3 they have missed a parking dreamland: gravel lots with chuckholes bigger than those found in Omaha (the chuckhole capitol of the world).

Since I have purchased my way into this bureaucracy, I am curious where my \$25 and money for fines ends up. Are these fees used to pay officers to chalk and ticket my car, to buy more writing utensils, or maybe to print signs that say "Big Red says" and post them all over campus?

I for one am aware that Big Red does not refer to the colors of the football team.

Permit 858

Editor's note: According to Campus Police Chief Gail Gade and UNL Business Manager Ron Wright, money generated from permits and fines is spent on maintenance and development of parking areas, helps support the inter-campus bus system and defrays Campus Police operating costs related to parking.

Dear editor,

I was interested in Jim Williams' conclusion ("Pit Stop," Sept. 18) that there was nothing wrong with the bridge in northern Lancaster County because he was successful in maneuvering a lightly loaded Capri across it without mishap.

Since I am a structural engineer and was personally responsible for recommending that bridge's closing and many others in the county, I can't help but wonder what was wrong with my analysis.

Perhaps I should have taken Jim along to jump on all the bridges I have inspected and analyzed for the county (nearly 1,000), and utilized his scientific approach in my recommendations.

The facts are that all of the bridges have been (or will be) inspected by a registered engineer, detailed measurements of each member have been taken and a structural analysis has been made by accepted engineering principals with a capacity of less than one ton are being closed.

This does not mean the bridge necessarily will fail under light loads. It does mean loads over one ton will stress one or more members above the stresses permitted by the American Association of State Highway Officials, and that continued applications of such loads might cause the bridge to fail.

I'll admit that publicity generated by these bridge closings may have taken on some political overtones. However, the closings themselves were not politically oriented and regardless of what Jim's inspection revealed, the bridges are not safe.

So, Jim, if you wish to keep driving over them be my guest; but don't condemn the county for protecting you and themselves. As for me, I intend to drive around them.

William E. Speece

Associate Professor of Architecture

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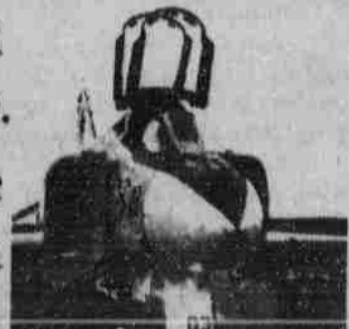


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