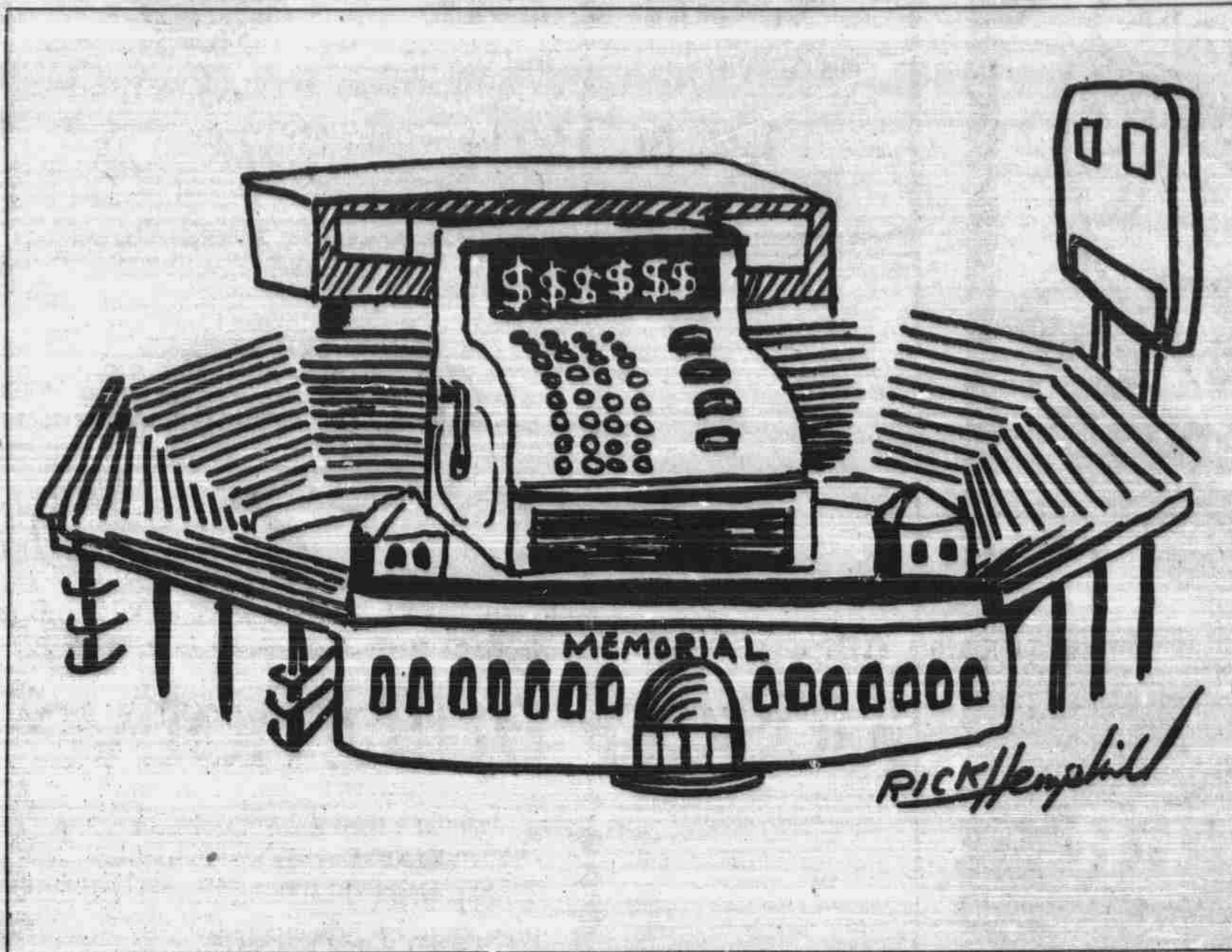


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'Think small' best idea for stadium expansion



We agree with the stadium expansion study committee: think small.

But Scott Cook, a student representative on the committee, has some valid points in wanting to think not at all.

Cook and committee chairman Jules Burbach were the only ones on the 10-member committee voting against recommending stadium expansion. The recommendation goes to the NU Board of Regents Sept. 9 for consideration.

Cook contends that if the stadium fails to fill and money gets to be a problem, it could be the students who bear the cost.

He's probably right. Miles Tommeraasen, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, says many universities whose athletics are not so financially well off as UNL collect student fees for intercollegiate athletics.

If it came to students paying for Big Red mania, it would be time to start questioning the costs.

But Tommeraasen also said he did not expect UNL to face that problem. Toting up the figures, he noted that UNL football is a good credit risk and should have no money problems. (At least for now, who knows what a losing season would bring?)

We tend to agree. The question then is: should we have any addition? From the student's point of view, we probably don't need one.

However, apparently, there is a demand for tickets. Athletic director Bob Devaney says there were some 20,000 ticket requests when the possibility of a new addition was announced last spring.

The regents want to satisfy the public's desire for Big Red football and they have a point: football attracts attention to the university.

We sometimes question the emphasis the regents give football. They seem to have spent almost as much meeting time studying stadium expansion (and having committees study and report) as they did selecting UNL Chancellor Roy Young.

Let's keep things in perspective. If there is expansion, keep it small. Let's not exceed demand. And let's remember, education should remain the prime goal of Big Red U.



Vance's trip to China real Ping-Pong diplomacy

"Welcome home, Cyrus. And how was your trip to China?"

"Very successful, Mr. President. A triumph, in fact."

"I'm glad to hear that, Cyrus. Frankly, I was a little embarrassed by the results of that first trip abroad you made for me last March when the Russians more or less threw you out of Moscow."

"We can't recognize you." He said, "Why not?" I said, "Because — ha, ha — all you Chinas look alike to us." Confidentially, sir, that man's got no sense of humor."

"That's too bad. What other steps did you explore?"

"Well, I told him we couldn't turn our back on Taiwan because Congress wouldn't stand for it. And we couldn't snub the Russians or lend him any money or pressure the Japanese for him. But I said "d be glad to play him Ping-Pong. That's when he stated his views, as I told the press, in 'a candid and forthright manner.'"

"What view was that, Cyrus?"

"That I was wasting his time."

"Darn it, Cyrus, I'd hoped to be the President who normalized relations with Moscow and China and brought peace to the Middle East."

"There! That definitely proves my trip to China was a triumph, sir."

"You mean we've made progress with the Chinese?"

"No, but in China we're at least holding our own."

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"I don't think the critics were fair in calling it a catastrophe, sir. Here it is only six months later and Soviet-American relations are almost back to normal."

"Then before I sent you off to the Mideast in August I publicly said I expected you to arrange a Geneva conference between the Arabs and the Israelis in October."

"That was very clever of you, sir."

"Clever? After your trip the two sides are further apart than ever."

"No, I mean it was very clever of you, sir, not to specify what year."

"All right, Cyrus, let's not dwell on past disasters. Tell me all about your great triumph in China."

"Well, sir, believe it or not, I met Chairman Hua!"

"Yes?"

"That's it, sir. I met Chairman Hua! I mean I told the reporters all along that if I didn't get to meet Chairman Hua, my trip would be a failure. And it was touch and go all the way. But — phew! — on the very last day I got to meet him. So my trip was a triumph."

"Who? Oh, Hua. Well, let's see, he said, 'How are you?' And I said, 'Swell, how are you?' And he said, 'Swell.' There was a pause. I thought of asking him about the wife and kids, but I don't know whether he has any. So I told him a golf joke. I don't think he plays golf."

"That's too bad. Did you explore steps toward normalizing relations?"

"Yes, sir. I said, 'Let's explore steps toward normalizing relations.' He said, 'Okay, which one?' I said, 'Well,

letter
to the editor

The allocation of student fees is a very delicate issue facing the students of UNL. Student fees, as you all well know, are a tax students must pay to attend the university. This tax allows students to benefit from certain services that would not otherwise be available if each student had to pay for the service individually.

The Nebraska Union, the Recreation Department, and the *Daily Nebraskan* are a few examples of services that are partially funded by student fees.

Presently, the student opinion for the allocation of student fees is solicited by the Fees Allocation Board (a board whose members are appointed, not elected). The executives of ASUN feel that the elected student government would more accurately reflect student opinion on the allocation of student fees.

The executives have placed before the ASUN Senate a proposal to eliminate the Fees Allocation Board and transfer its duties to ASUN.

The question is now before the ASUN Senate and soon it will be before other members of the university community.

The procedure to amend the UNL bylaws involves receiving recommendations, whether pro or con, from the Faculty Senate, ASUN, and the UNL Chancellor, with final action by the NU Board of Regents. This procedure could be completed by Jan. 1, 1978.

Decision makers in several levels of the university community will, in the next few months, either accept or reject this change.

I feel you, the student body, will be the ultimate winner if such an amendment were accepted. Please let your ASUN senator, ASUN executive, chancellor, or regent know how you feel on this important issue.

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