

Fonda visit has apparently raised eyebrows

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Actress Jane Fonda's UNL visit next week has raised a few more eyebrows than just among admiring fans.

UNL administrators have received telephone calls questioning the purpose of Fonda's appearance, according to Suzanne Brown, Nebraska Union assistant director for programs for the Union Program Council (UPC).

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong, UNL Chancellor Roy Young and NU Corporation Secretary William Swanson all received requests for further information on Fonda's visit, according to Brown.

UPC's Talks and Topics committee arranged Fonda's Tuesday speech, which will center on politics. Fonda

gained national attention in the late 1960's with her protests to the Vietnam War.

Swanson said that a member of the NU Board of Regents, whom he declined to name, had called him to find out further details of Fonda's visit. After checking with Brown, Swanson said he informed the regent that Fonda's speech is "a student promotion and is financed by student fees." The regent had no further questions, Swanson added.

Administrative concern

Since Armstrong and Young were out of town Thursday, the *Daily Nebraskan* was unable to discover who had made the inquiries. But the calls drew enough administrative concern that Young requested a memorandum from Brown listing the cost, financing, rationale and topic of Fonda's visit.

Brown composed the memo without the input of Talks and Topics chairman Jay Yost. She was unable to contact Yost in time to meet the overnight deadline requested by Young.

In the memo, Brown explained that Fonda was chosen because of the committee's decision to offer at least two widely differing political views from well known people during the first semester. Conservative William F. Buckley spoke last month, she noted.

The memo also pointed out that Fonda's visit will cost UPC less than Buckley's, which cost the committee \$2,750 plus travel and lodging expenses.

"It (the memo) was a request for information because questions are coming to the chancellor and vice chancellor that they cannot answer," Brown said. "There was never any suggestion that the administration would stop Fonda from coming."

Similar concern in past

Brown added that administrators have requested similar information in the past. The Power and Conspiracy in America Symposium, sponsored by UPC last fall, also was subject to these information requests, she said.

"Only liberal speakers have raised questions," Brown noted, adding that UPC tries to bring speakers representing a variety of issues to campus.

Administrators have no authority to censor speakers, according to policy outlined in the Student Handbook.

"Students should be allowed to invite and hear any person of their own choosing," the handbook states. "The institutional control of campus facilities should not be used as a device of censorship."

Yost said he is disturbed that a regent has requested information about Fonda's appearance.

"We have no accountability at all to the regents," Yost said. "I can see their point of wanting to find out what's going on," he said, but added that he suspects the requests go further than simply wanting the facts.

Although he said he has not spoken with any of the administrators requesting the information, he called the requests for further information a result of the "conservative backlash of the '60's."

Patrick amazed

UPC President Shari Patrick said she was amazed at the controversy Fonda's visit seems to have caused.

"I just can't believe it," Patrick said. "We brought Bill Buckley a month ago and if that's not a balance of opinion, I don't know what is."

Patrick and Yost both said they questioned the process the administrators followed to request the details of Fonda's speech.

"Logically, it should have gone right to Talks and Topics," Patrick said. Since the committee is run by students and financed by student fees, Patrick said the students are accountable for the committee's actions.

However, Patrick added that she assumes the administrators went to the UPC staff instead of the committee members because they are more familiar with the permanent staff.

"It does make it seem like the student doesn't know how to handle it," Patrick added.

Administration criticized

Yost criticized administrators for "not having a good enough grasp to know what's going on."

He suggested that the administrators might have gone through several channels to find the student responsible for Fonda's visit, instead of relying on UPC staff members.

Sara Boatman, UPC program advisor, said she thought students should be accountable for their committee's actions.

"If we really believe in what student programming is about, as I do, I feel very uncomfortable speaking for students," Boatman said, adding that she would be happy to give advice.

"We're talking about men and women who control student fees and we strongly feel they are equipped to explain the process they used to select a speaker."

Fonda's appearance will continue as scheduled, according to Yost. Her 7:30 p.m. speech will be Tuesday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. Admission is \$1, but those with UNL I.D.s will be admitted free.

Hijacker dead

Thomas Hannan, who hijacked a Frontier 737 jet in Grand Island Thursday afternoon, died from a self-inflicted gun shot in Atlanta late Thursday.

The FBI reported that Hannan, 29, shot himself in the chest after releasing 11 male hostages and the pilot unharmed.

George David Stewart, whom Hannan had said was his lover, visited Hannan on the jetliner shortly before the shooting. Stewart is imprisoned in Atlanta for a bank robbery he allegedly committed with Hannan.

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Photo by Bob Pearson

Thursday's balmy temperatures made waiting for the bus a relaxing experience.

Next—a statue of I.M. Hipp that glows in the dark

So you think you have the Husker spirit? Well, here's what the well-dressed Husker fan will be wearing to the Nebraska-Cornhusker University football game Saturday.

First, start with a basic red and white T-shirt. One might buy the "Butcher the Buffs" shirt sold by the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity for \$3.50. It features a grinning Cornhusker holding the head of a buffalo.

Or you may choose a "Bury the Buffs" T-shirt sold by the Chi Phi fraternity, also for \$3.50. This shirt is white on a red background and shows a Husker with a spade next to a buffalo grave.

The Women's Athletic Dept. sells T-shirts for \$3 at every home game. They sport a map of Nebraska and the slogan "We're from Nebraska and couldn't be prouder" in white on a red background.

Next, let's give those busy hands something to do. A big red balloon, sold by Tassels for 25 cents should keep them occupied until the first touchdown, then a 50-cent red and white pompom sold by the UNL Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) can take over.

Don't forget to stuff an official University of Nebraska Athletic Dept. football program and a *First Down* roster under each arm. These sell for \$1 and 10 cents, respectively.

Now, what would a homecoming be without a corsage? The Chi Omega sorority has sold large red and white Homecoming mums for the last 20 years. The mums are \$2 and proceeds go to the All University Fund drive. The Corn Cobs spirit organization sell red and white

carnations for 50 cents at every home game.

But don't shut that wallet yet—you're bound to get hungry during the game so stuck up on popcorn, hotdogs and drinks from the stadium concession stands. A "Go Big Red" backrest can be picked up there too, if they have not been sold out.

Last of all, park a "Buck the Fuffaloes" sticker on your bumper, courtesy of the Theta Xi fraternity for \$1, and you are ready for the game.

If you think you have just done your part to support half of the student organizations on campus, you are probably right.

Husker football, it seems, is big business not only for the athletic department but for student groups too.

Budget request creates confusion

A budget request from the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) for \$695,000 has created confusion between the State Budget Office and NU, according to William Erskine, vice-president of administration.

The NU Board of Regents allowed a 12½ percent increase in the NU budget this year, making the total request \$113,611,575, he said. This figure does not include the Institute money because it is an area of improvement, he said.

"We distinguish in our budget those requests for program continuation," Erskine said. "Improvement is program enhancement."

IANR's request includes \$362,920 for teaching, \$95,000 for increased operating costs and \$36,000 for

a conservation survey, said Jim Knisely, UNL comptroller.

State Budget director John Jacobson said the institute request should be included in the total budget amount.

"For heavens sake, a request is a request," he said. "When it comes out of our computer, it's all going to be added together."

Erskine said the reason for the special request was explained to the State Budget Department.

"We thought that we had followed their instructions in filling out the forms," he said.

The Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources request includes increased expenditures because of higher enrollment, Knisely said.

"This presentation for the special request was discussed at some length," he said.

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