

Survey: Higher tuition won't mean better education

By Kathy Stokebrand

Results of a recent survey have shown that 72.9 percent of UNL students questioned said that a proposed 10 percent increase in tuition would not mean an increase in educational quality.

In addition, 73.7 percent of the students surveyed said that the educational quality at UNL is declining.

The survey, conducted by the Government Liaison Committee, questioned UNL sophomores, juniors, and seniors for a total response of 118. The percentage of students believing that the educational quality at UNL is declining increased as their hours did. By classes, 58.8 percent of the sophomores, 67.44 percent of the juniors, and 92.68 percent of the seniors surveyed said they felt the educational quality was declining.

Students also were asked if they thought the NU Board of Regents had "educational quality in mind when they discuss tuition raises." About 51 percent of the students surveyed said the Regents did have educational quality in mind, and 47 percent disagreed.

According to GLC member Brad Belt, it is the students' view that the educational quality at UNL is declining. That is all the more significant when one seriously evaluates the educational hierarchy of the nation and the Big Eight, he said.

Nebraska is among the lower 30 percent nationally in faculty salaries. However, Belt said, tuition here is the second highest in the Big Eight.

Belt said one could tentatively conclude from student perception that educational quality is on the decline and that an

increase in tuition will not serve to increase that quality.

Furthermore, if one looks at faculty salaries—tuition ratio as compared to other land grant institutions—the quality of education is not that good to begin with, Belt said.

At the regents meeting Friday, ASUN President Bud Cuca plans to ask the Regents to reconsider the tuition increase and consider possible alternatives to the straight 10 percent increase. It is GLC policy that less of an increase in tuition is warranted and that funds should be earmarked, Belt said.

The Graduate Assistant Teaching Program would be one example for earmarked funds. This program is easily recognized as increasing the quality of education, Belt said.

He said that regent policy is one that costs are going up so students should help bear the costs. Belt said when the cost to

the student means dropping out of school, the cost is too high.

Belt added that a straight 10 percent tuition increase is similar to saying that the income tax for everyone in the United States should be a flat rate. If this increase is passed, it will mean that tuition has gone up 33 percent in the last four years.

The GLC is the research and lobbying agency of the ASUN, appointed by the ASUN. Purposes of the committee are to: (1) evaluate proposed state and local legislation that would affect UNL and its students; (2) survey student's opinions about that legislation; and (3) lobby on behalf of ASUN and the student body.

Although recruiting for GLC members has not actively begun, Belt said that membership is open to anyone interested in lobbying or research for the student body or issues that affect it.



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Euphoria, formerly the Lady Lavender Herb Shop, sells everything from herbs, to drug paraphenalia. Deb Haselhorst is the owner.

Lincoln herb shop offers a euphoria

By Paula Bauer

Herbs and spices can be put in your dresser to make your socks smell good or mixed with water to make tea. Your grandmother might have used a particular herb tea to ease her arthrities.

Now herbs can be bought in capsule form. Solaray herb capsules, which can be purchased at Euphoria, 1911 O St., are sold as a remedy for ailments from high blood pressure to impotence and hot flashes.

Owner Deb Haselhorst said that business for the herbs is good. Capsulized herbs are more expensive than the loose variety used to make tea, but she said people will pay more for the convenience and the smell.

Some of the herbal remedies smell awful, she said, so many people prefer to just take a pill.

"Herbs are just starting to come back. People are getting back into what their grandparents did," she said. "Herbs really are the basis for medicine."

Books and pamphlets about herbal remedies also can be purchased at Euphoria.

The store also sells woodrose and psilocybin mushroom seeds. Hawaiian woodrose seeds come in 20-seed packets for \$4. Haselhorst said they are sold with the intention of planting, but most buyers scrape off the coating and eat the seed to get a "buzz like speed."

She added that the coating contains strychnine, so a person could vomit for several hours if the seed is eaten without removing the coating.

She said there is little demand for either woodrose or mushroom seeds.

Mushroom seeds are legal in seed form, but she said "people aren't supposed to plant them." She said the demand for them is low because of the difficulty in growing them. Psilocybin mushrooms are hallucinogens.

"They need certain temperatures and growing conditions, so they're fairly hard to grow."

Euphoria also carries marijuana paraphenalia. Haselhorst said the pipes "are just a side-line. The herbs are the main thing."

Euphoria, formerly Lady Lavender's Herb Store, has been open for a year and is owned by Haselhorst and her husband Greg.

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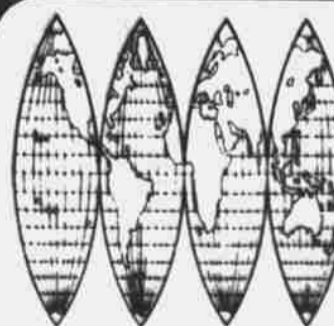
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