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Although the shutdown may save the university's fuel bill, the plan cannot be called a conservation measure. Employees at home or forced into taking mid-winter vacations will be burning more home heat and transportation fuels. The plan is simply a design to stretch the university's budget at the expense of the lowest paid people in the university.

The clerical staff is, of course, largely female, with C line employees at UNL traditionally as much as 95 percent women. Perhaps the administration's indifference to the effect of the shutdown on their lives is part of the same sexist frame of mind that is willing to play politics with women's bodies and the right of doctors and patients to make abortion decisions. Almost all the UNL funding for the city campus daycare facility was cancelled in 1978. Women are clearly the group within the university

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As this significant fifth anniversary approaches, it is worthwhile to reflect on a few of the major changes caused by UNL's total loss of financial support in 1979-80.

The most drastic change was the relocation of East Campus to the grassy area between Selleck, the Nebraska Union, and Love Library. The move eliminated transportation costs and guaranteed maximum usage of City Campus facilities. The livestock have, during these five years, been trained in many areas formerly dependent on maintenance crews, and the East Campus buildings were sold at profit to wealthy foreign investors.

The Union Ballroom was granted a liquor license and became the Union Discotheque, generating enough annual income from students to cover the total of all administrators' salaries.

All UNL libraries are now open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. four days a week for students who simply cannot afford to space off required term papers and research projects. An attitude of haunted desperation is required for admittance.

With the blessing of the student body, all season football tickets are now sold by auction to the highest bidders. To prevent discrimination, bidders are divided into categories: 1) Rich students, 2) Poor students, 3) Rich alumni, and 4) Potential scalpers.

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who will be most directly exploited while the administration wrestles with its tight budget.

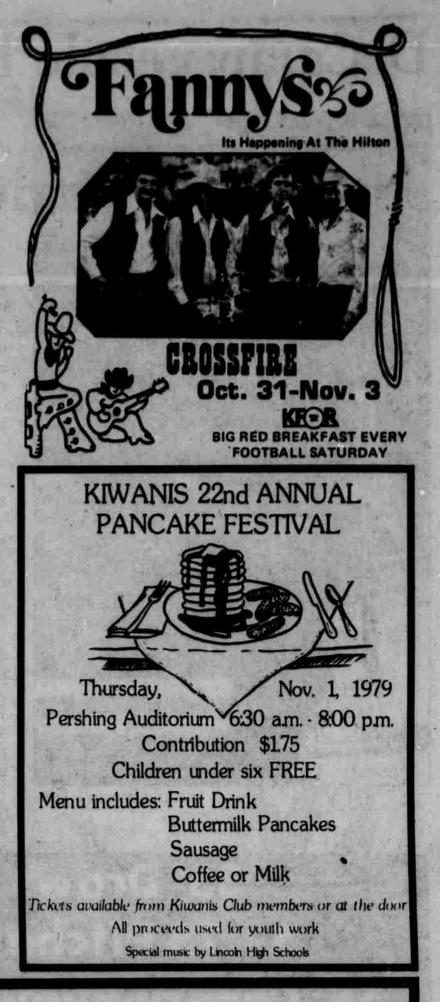
No one in the university-staff, student, or would deny the serious economic straits which are daily damaging the quality of education and employment at NU, but there is something wrong with the priorities within the institution when it lays off employees and halts research but continues to encourage expansion of programs or such additions as the proposed College of Veterinary Medicine.

The faculty and staff at NU could probably give the crowd of people at Regent's Hall a whole set of new and better ideas about how to manage things, and maybe we all ought to do just that-through collective bargaining.

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