

letters

Lamenting the restriction of student fees in February, 1978. Rockford G. Yapp, III lays the blame for it on "a Small, but well-financed ultra-conservative group, who did not like having speakers come to campus whose opinions disagreed with their political beliefs." This is a wonderful re-writing of history but is also an outrageous smear on those people, educators as well as students, who genuinely believed that the speakers programs were highly unrepresentative of the range of responsible public opinion.

As a teacher for nearly a dozen years, I can testify, and did testify before the regents, that the programs have been routinely lop-sided, often deliberately so, to compensate for the alleged (but disputable) conservative domination of other public arenas. One might have thought this was a self-evident truth—confirmed, if need be, by an excursion through the back files of the Daily Nebraskan—were it not for the chorus of self-righteous denials from bureaucrats, student and otherwise, whenever the charge is raised.

Recently I have noticed more moderate, maybe even some conservative, speakers

venturing onto campus, though I don't know that I have detected any of Mr. Yapp's sinister but affluent ultra-conservatives. We shall see if this improved balance continues with the restoration of student fees. Certainly the notion of an annual review of programs is excellent, and it should be undertaken by as nearly a non-partisan group as can be assembled: i.e. not by the Regents, ASUN or UPC.

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'Long live Iran'

The decline of U.S. influence and the Soviet expansion in the last decade is one of the reasons that make many Americans very angry about the events taking place in Iran. This is also a good opportunity for a not so successful president to show his missing leadership and toughness ability, and also get peoples' minds off the more urgent problem of over 13 percent infla-

tion and 6 percent unemployment. The media have certainly done an excellent job which is to promote emotional senseless action against Iranians and symbolizing Iran as the irresponsible, dangerous enemy of the U.S. and also preventing U.S. citizens from looking deep and careful for facts with their very loud propaganda speakers. Iran is not an enemy of the U.S. The embassy takeover is an angry response of very frustrated people to U.S. Despite all, Iran has no intention to hurt any foreign individual or groups and neither would allow any foreign power to do the same to Iranians in the future.

Iran is trying very hard to be independent of any foreign influence and provide a decent life for all its citizens which hopefully will be accomplished with or without U.S. cooperation. But I hope for a constructive relationship between the U.S. and Iran. Anyway, long live Iran.

Iranian student

The article should have stated that the Iowa State student pays a voluntary \$7.50 per quarter health fee, rather than a \$7.50 per year. For an Iowa State student to be covered for the same period of time as a UNL student it would cost the student \$22.50 (three quarters fall between September and May). Iowa State has about half the offered service of UNL and only part-time staff (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) while the UHC has a physician on duty 24 hours a day. Since this voluntary health fee only covers 25 percent of Iowa State's budget, the slack is taken up by state funds, approximately \$67.50 per student, with a total of around \$90 per student, while the UNL student pays around \$58 for twice as many services and better facilities.

The Iowa State students are sent to the nearby hospital since they do not have a hospital facility there. The public hospital alternative is a good one since their public "emergency care" rates are low to begin with and are even lower for university students because of special arrangements that were made. That is not the case for Lincoln. The "emergency care" rates are relatively much higher here and the initial response to special rates for University students from the hospitals was negative.

Some figures that should have been mentioned. The Legislature recently cut paying the utility bills for the University Health Center so approximately \$29,000 extra per year is needed. Also, the Legislature will also be requiring a 10 percent pay increase, so at least \$120,000 will be needed to cover that. That means a nine percent increase is needed in the present budget to break even. If new money is not made available, obviously expenditure cuts have to be made.

I mentioned that Iowa State does not have dentistry, dermatology or a full allergy clinic. They also lack the mental health clinic, physical therapy, resident health aide program and many others that UNL offers. We, as students, tend to be more idealistic about being cured and tend to forget that doctors and nurses are human too. The university "grapevine" rivals that of the White House and Wall Street and the human mistakes that occur at "death center" are known to all to discuss over the evening meal. The personnel last year at the University Health Center had over 51,000 visits.

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Manufacturers...

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They are not told how to accept themselves, but how to constantly "improve" themselves. No part of the anatomy is left uncriticized: "Dear Beauty Editor: My elbows are always grimy looking no matter how much I scrub them. How can I get them to look as clean as the rest of me?" And when they collapse into self-loathing because of a pimple, they are offered Mariel Hemingway for Noxzema.

The editorial content of the magazine is not all foolish. The teens are offered articles on the Holocaust, family therapy, biking, health, national service, and dating older men (of say, 22). But the sensible things are overwhelmed by the consumable things.

Next to an article on a career in medicine, for example, is an ad that cautions: "Every time you scratch your head, you could be telling someone you have dandruff."

I don't know what Freud would say about teen-age anxiety, but you could be sure it would be more profound than "Fight Oily Skin."

It is clear that Seventeen was more interested in finding out what women want out of products than out of life. And advertisers are working to make sure that what our daughters want out of life IS products.

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Editor's note: The name of the above student is being withheld at his request. He says he fears for his safety if his name is published.

Health Center clarified

I would like to respond to the Nov. 20 article concerning the University Health Center and the health facility at Iowa State University.

Not all "UNL students are willing to pay more for the variety of care and services provided by the University Health Center." The article seems to imply that Health Center officials are naive to the fact that bucks are tight and that there are students that don't want any or part of the services at the UHC. Each student pays approximately \$29 per semester for the services at the UHC. It is not voluntary, it is mandatory. It isn't the most preferred method of obtaining funds but is necessary to maintain the quality and quantity of service.



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