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When it comes to considering the other two parties, US and STAR, there doesn't appear much to consider. Neither party has constructed much of a platform; neither party has offered a well-formulated opinion on current issues at UNL; and neither party has done much more than wage a campaign for ASUN.

It appears the US and STAR parties are running strategic campaigns making no statements of consequence in order to win the election. This is an insult to the intelligence of the student body.

Refer back to the LSD definition of a student and note that we and apparently La Raza Unida are concerned with the students and the students' needs and wants. Refer to the US and STAR platforms and note that they are concerned solely with winning the elections.

If this previous statement is questioned, then note the following: If the executive candidates of LSD are elected to ASUN, they will donate 33 percent of their salaries to the general scholarship fund. We at LSD are concerned with academics—not playing "government".

If any student has a question about the Let Students Dominate coalition for change, call me at 475-5424 or Dan Swinarski at 475-4095 to discuss our platform. We believe we are "the students party."

Tim I. Munson
ASUN Presidential Candidate
Let Students Dominate

Pro-choice side

Abortion, a morally, ethically, and emotionally charged topic, has been under

fire for some time now. Much progress has been made to ensure that safe, legal abortions are available for those who choose to have them. However, pro-choice advocates must realize that the opposition is organized, well-financed, and is striking back. They may be the minority, but they're a strong one.

The right-to-life/anti-choice groups are bombarding government representatives and lawmakers with letters, roses and other paraphernalia, pressuring them to vote against legalized abortion regardless of circumstances, and demanding a constitutional convention. They are gaining a following. A small one perhaps, but they are advancing in their fight against safe, legal abortion.

Any further advances by anti-choice groups have to be stopped. As a concerned citizen you can write your government representatives. Tell them how you feel by expressing your opinion loudly and clearly. You will be heard! Stand up and be counted—anti-choice groups are. And it's about time pro-choice advocates did also. Campaigning for abortion rights is something that has to be done now. We've got the right, let's not lose it.

Even if abortions suddenly were declared illegal, people who need to have them will find a way. Too much progress has been made. We need to keep abortions out of the dirty back alley clinics. We have to keep them available—safe and legal for everyone to have the right to choose.

Dawn Brackett
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Blank files for regent's seat

Another candidate has filed for the 7th district NU Board of Regents position.

Don Blank, 44, of McCook, filed Thursday for the position. Regent Robert Raun of Minden, who currently has the 7th district position, will not run for reelection.

Blank, a dentist and mayor of McCook, ran for the 3rd district congressional seat in 1974.

Two others have filed for the 7th district seat. Harold Kay, a lawyer from North Platte, and John Payne, a city councilman from Kearney, have filed for the position.

Prokop: Osborne's pay reflects national prestige

By Rich Jurgens

What does UNL Football Coach Tom Osborne have that few other faculty members have?

"National recognition," according to NU Regent Robert Prokop.

Tom Osborne's salary was increased from \$44,000 in 1979 to \$48,000 for 1980. The football coaching staff normally receives its annual salary increase each year, effective Jan. 1 rather than July 1 when other faculty contracts are signed.

Those who do excellent work are the ones who get salary increases, Prokop said. He said Tom Osborne and his staff have proven themselves by gaining national recognition during the past seven years, which, he said, was more than the rest of UNL's faculty members have achieved.

"Not even 1 percent of the faculty (on the Lincoln campuses) puts in the time, work and effort," Prokop said. "We pay for individuals that do excellent work, and not those that are merely excelling in some area."

Prokop said he could think of only one faculty member who has gained recognition in the National Science Foundation.

"Why haven't we got people in the National Science Foundation who have high scholastic attainment?" Prokop asked.

NU Regent Edward Schwartzkopf said Big Eight football was a competitive market. Osborne's program generates the income to support the entire athletic program at UNL, he said.

"All women's athletic programs are net losers," Schwartzkopf said. He said Osborne's salary increase was given to ensure the money needed for other athletic programs at UNL.

Schwartzkopf said faculty salaries also are given on a competitive-market basis. When other schools try to recruit UNL staff members, it becomes a competitive market and, in order to maintain excellence, higher salaries are given, he said.

"I'd be disappointed if no one was recruiting our faculty and staff," Schwartzkopf said, adding that when UNL's faculty is in demand by other schools, it proves that the university has excellent people.

Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, said contracts for athletics differ from the faculty contracts because football player recruiting starts in January.

No changes in ticket policy

By Rich Jurgens

No changes will be made for at least another year concerning student football tickets and the problem of ticket scalping.

Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the NU Board of Regents has abandoned the idea of using student photo identifications to eliminate football ticket scalping.

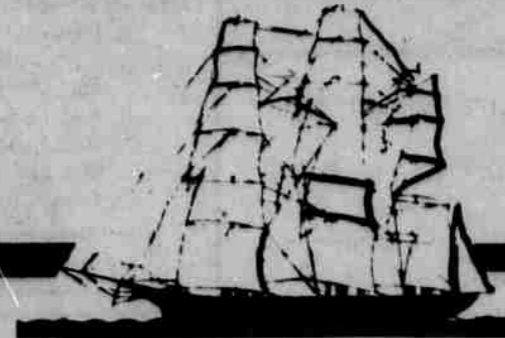
However, next year will be an experimental year, with the gates to the football stadium being monitored closer, Armstrong said. The 67 tickets confiscated last year represent only a small number of the students that did scalp their football tickets, he said.

However, Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber said if the student football ticket policy is enforced, it will be a waste of money to hire extra workers to check tickets at the gates.

"If we don't want to enforce the policy, why have it at all?" Prokop asked.

Prokop said the regents' sentiment is that ticket scalping isn't a big problem. He added that he saw no need to push the matter any further.

In order to save money, Prokop said general admission and student tickets for next year's football games should be printed alike, but students still should have reduced prices.



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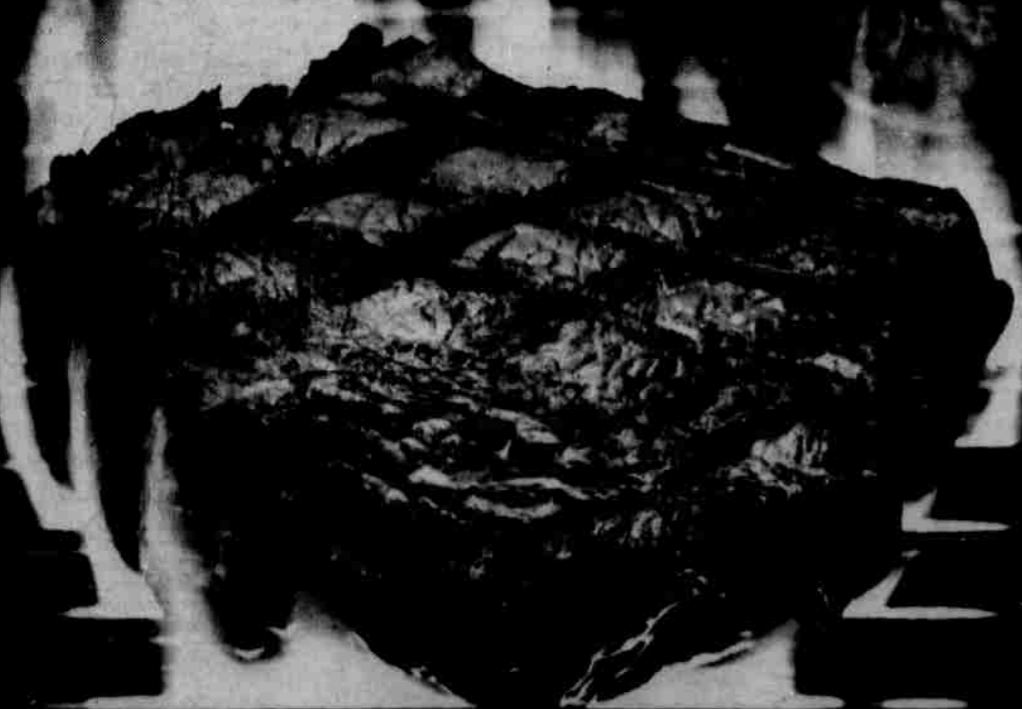
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