

Deans: Seldom hear about Dead Week violations

By Tricia Waters

Karen will take a test Friday. Steve turned in his research paper Wednesday. Brad completed his semester project Monday.

Every semester students complain to their friends about their instructors' disregard for UNL's Dead Week policy. But according to deans and department officials, few students complain to them about Dead Week violations.

Technically, instructors can't give tests or schedule projects to be due during the last week of classes unless the class unanimously agrees to it.

College deans interviewed said complaints are handled at the department level, and seldom reach them.

Teachers College Dean Robert Egbert said someone complains of a Dead Week violation every few years and the vice chancellor of student affairs, Ned Hedges, reminds the university community of the policy.

Egbert said he has heard of some professors giving tests during Dead Week. He said they carefully have planned the semester into quarters and the last week is the end of the fourth quarter and a good time for tests.

He hasn't heard of a complaint through the Teachers College in the last 10 years, Egbert said.

Two officials said giving tests during Dead Week may work to the students' advantage.

Max Larsen, Arts and Sciences College dean, said a test during Dead Week ensures that students are tested over all course material before their final.

"As far as I know, every instructor follows the rules," Larsen said. If students tell the instructor that they don't want a test during Dead Week, they don't have one, he said.

James O'Hanlon, Faculty Senate president and director of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, said he's unsure whether professors follow the policy, but he has received no recent complaints. He said the professors know the Dead Week policy rules.

Some professors may give tests during Dead Week because students want them to, O'Hanlon said. The students might want them to stretch out their final over more days or to get them over with.

Morris Schneider, professor and department chairman of industrial and management systems engineering, said he stresses that professors get 100 percent consent from their students to give exams during Dead Week.

But he said he has never considered it unacceptable to assign papers or projects due during the last week of classes.

Maybe the students like the extra time they get to do the projects, Schneider said.

Ted Hartung, dean of the Agriculture College, said some professors will consider moving a final exam up a week if the class wants that.

He said faculty members don't initiate the move, students do.

The deans said they have no way of checking up on the professors to ensure that they follow the policy. That would require checking every class and instructor, which is impossible, they said.

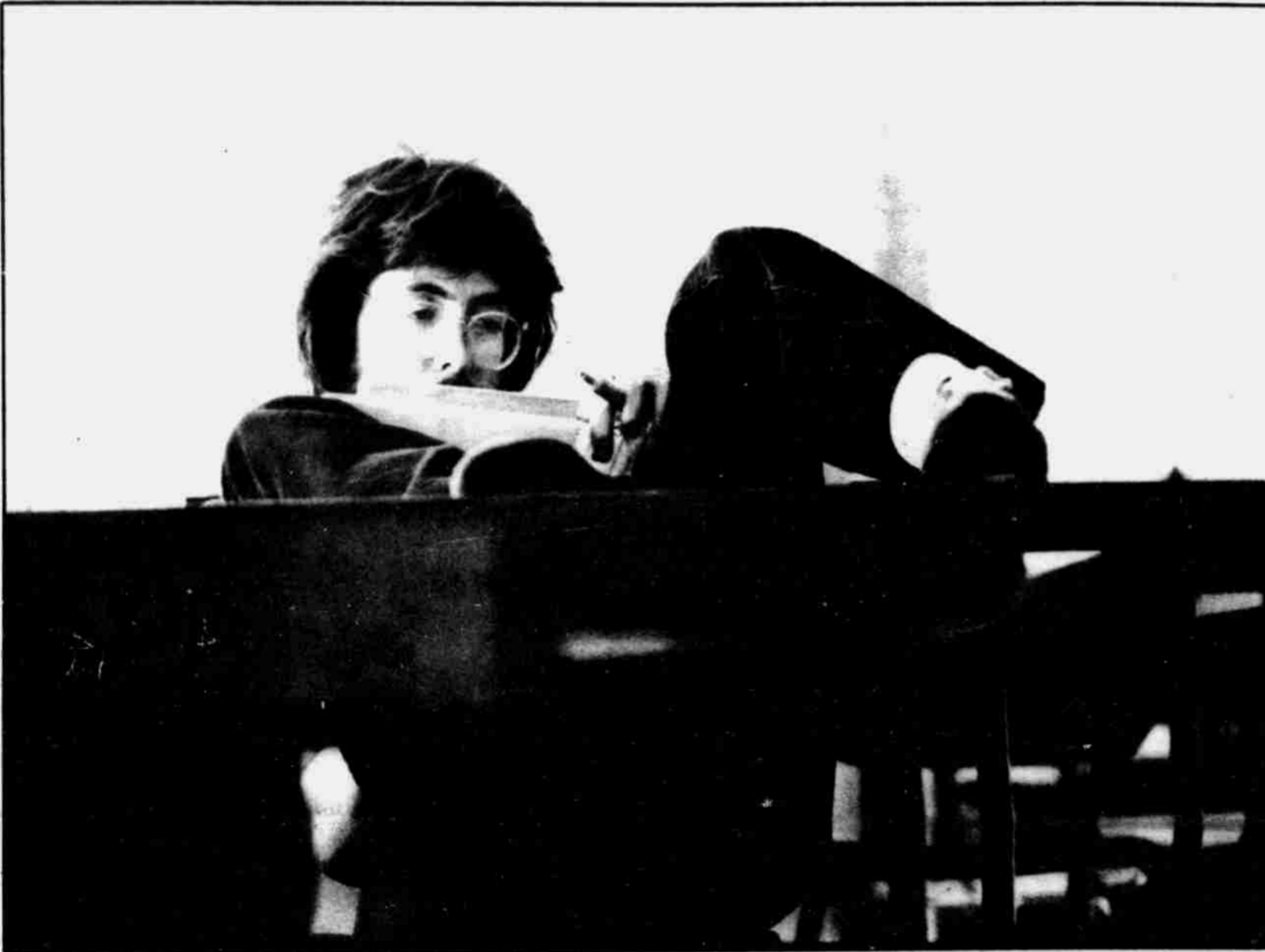


Photo by Mark Billingsley

Dead Week is almost over, but Tom Hafemeister reads on, burying his nose deep into his law books for next week's finals. Hafemeister said he has been in the Library all last week and this week too. He says he will return to Love Library next week to prepare for finals.

Nebraska representatives favor financial aid cut

By D. Eric Kircher

Nebraska's congressional representatives generally seem to agree with the budget and tax cuts proposed by President Ronald Reagan. They or their aides expressed a feeling in interviews this week that the people demand the budget be cut and that student financial aid should be cut along with the entire budget.

Nebraska's Democratic senators support cuts in the overall federal budget.

Sen. J. James Exon's administrative assistant, John Oberg, said Exon voted against Reagan's package.

Exon supports cuts

"He supports cutting the \$480 billion from the 1982 budget but not where Ronald Reagan wants to cut," Oberg said.

Exon "had trouble" with the financial aid increase passed last year and may favor lowering it this year, Oberg said. Exon opposed elimination of requirements to demonstrate need before parents and students receive aid, Oberg said.

Graduation exercises to be next weekend

UNL commencement exercises will be May 9 in the Bob Devaney Sports Center for nearly 2,000 degree candidates.

The ceremony, at which professional, doctorate and baccalaureate degrees will be awarded, will begin at 9:30 a.m. NU President Ronald Roskens will be the speaker at the ceremonies.

The NU College of Law will hold separate commencement exercises for students receiving law degrees at 7:30 p.m., May 8, in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union. Judge Warren K. Urbom, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Nebraska, will speak.

Erika Kenny, an aide of Sen. Edward Zorinsky, said that Zorinsky will consider the many letters he received supporting continued financial aid funding but "he generally has supported most of these cuts."

Nebraska's three Republican representatives in the House either will vote for or are "leaning toward" voting for Reagan's proposal.

Congressman Douglas Bereuter's aide, Renee Ross, said Bereuter stated several months ago that he wouldn't support any spending over that which Reagan proposed. She said Bereuter will be unable to vote on specific cuts, but only on the entire package.

An aide to Congresswoman Virginia Smith said Smith will be voting for the Reagan budget if it comes before the entire House, as expected.

"Generally, her position has been that she is going to support the president," the aide said. She asked that her name not be used.

Second District Congressman Hal Daub said he intends to vote for Reagan's proposal, which he expects to reach the full House by Tuesday.

Favors financial aid cuts

The reduction in the financial aid programs is needed to help the economy of the nation, he said. The cuts would reduce waste and the growth of the aid programs to "unprecedented levels," he said.

"We're faced with the task of balancing what we want to do versus what we can afford to do," Daub said.

The recent liberalization of the financial aid requirements, specifically loans to parents for their children's education, has caused much abuse, with the "free money" being used to buy cars and high-interest paying bonds, he said.

"Students who really need it (financial aid) are going to get it," he said. He also supports a proposed \$750 "annual self-help contribution" from students. Students would have to pay the first \$750 of their tuition before receiving aid.

"I think most everybody agrees a little work is good for the soul," Daub said.

Some predicted effects on the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, now called PELL grants, if Reagan's proposed cuts are passed include:

-changing the family's required contribution and not allowing the family income to increase with inflation without the required contribution being raised also. This may make approximately 100,000 families ineligible for aid.

-increasing the family contribution from 14 percent to 20 percent the amount the family has left after paying necessary expenses. This would lower the family income limit from \$25,000 to \$19,000 and would eliminate between 500,000 and 600,000 students.

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Correction

Because of typographical errors in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan, two mistakes were made in a story headlined: "Law college letter opposes Legal Services cuts."

The sentence should have read: Toft said many disputes which poor people get involved in many landlords or others who are able to afford to hire some legal help.

"We all know that without legal help in court, you're just out of luck," he said.

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