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Moslem student groups find conflict on campus

By Mary Louise Knapp

Differing opinions of Moslem student groups concerning Iran's political situation are causing tension at UNL, Moslem students said.

Nader Mardomi Gandevani, president of the Moslem Student Society, said that another Moslem group is threatening to report the actions of the MSS to the Iranian government.

The MSS is affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, a revolutionary group which supports ousted Iranian president Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Most members of the groups are Iranian students, but many members are from other Moslem countries, Gandevani said.

Gandevani said the Muslim Student Association/Persian Speaking Group, an organization which supports the Ayatollah Khomeini, has told the MSS on several different occasions that its activities were being watched and that the MSS would be reported to supporters of Khomeini in Iran.

"We are not scared of them," Gandevani said. "They seem to have a lot of power, but actually they have none. They can't do anything to us because we are the majority."

The MSS publishes a newsletter based on information sent to it from the Mojahedin group in Iran. Gandevani said that the MSA/PSG warned the MSS not to publish the newsletter and advised the MSS that it would publish its own newsletter in reply.

Gandevani said the MSA/PSG is receiving financial support from Khomeini supporters in Iran and Europe,

but added that the group has no real power because Khomeini is losing popularity in Iran.

Khomeini will fall

"Khomeini is going to topple," he said. "The Mojahedin organization is working toward a 'tawhidi' or classless society, and believes that the Khomeini regime encourages the oppression of workers, women and others in Iran."

The Mojahedin organization, under the leadership of Mas'ud Rajavi, has formed a government called the National Resistance Council, based in Paris.

Mohammad Bolorizadeh, a spokesman for the MSA/PSG, called the statements of the MSS that the MSA/PSG has threatened to report their activities to Iran "ridiculous" and "propaganda."

"We are not reporting them. There is no reason to report them," he said. "Their actions do not affect the people in Iran."

Bolorizadeh said the MSS is trying to act as if it was being oppressed by the MSA/PSG in order to get publicity.

Bolorizadeh said the MSA/PSG is not receiving any financial support from supporters of Khomeini, in spite of claims to the contrary by members of the MSS.

"In fact, three or four of our members are receiving no type of financial aid from home (Iran) at all," he said.

The popularity of Khomeini has not diminished in Iran, he said.

Bolorizadeh said Bani-Sadr rose to power because he appeared to support Khomeini.

"Bani-Sadr was popular because he gave the indication that he would support Khomeini, but when he showed otherwise, he was removed," he said.

Bolorizadeh said the supporters of Khomeini are acting in the true interest of oppressed groups and the Mojahedin organization is oppressing workers and minority groups.

Distorted facts

Nasser Ghadimy, another member of the MSA/PSG, said the Mojahedin organization distorts facts about what is really happening in Iran for its own benefit.

"The Mojahedin organization claims that the supporters of Khomeini have killed nine-year-old girls. That is an exaggeration. No one under the age of 16 has been executed in Iran," he said.

An article published in the Oct. 1 issue of the MSS bulletin, the newsletter published at UNL by members of the Mojahedin organization, said that the Khomeini regime had sent groups of girls aged 9-18 to execution squads without establishing their identities.

"It then put out their pictures in newspapers so that their parents may recognize them and consequently reclaim their bodies from the government," the article said.

Ghadimy said the girls spoken of in the article were arrested, but not executed, and the government had sent word to their parents to identify their children to get them out of jail.

Ghadimy added that the news media in the United States frequently distorts the facts and does not give balanced reports about the Iranian political situation.

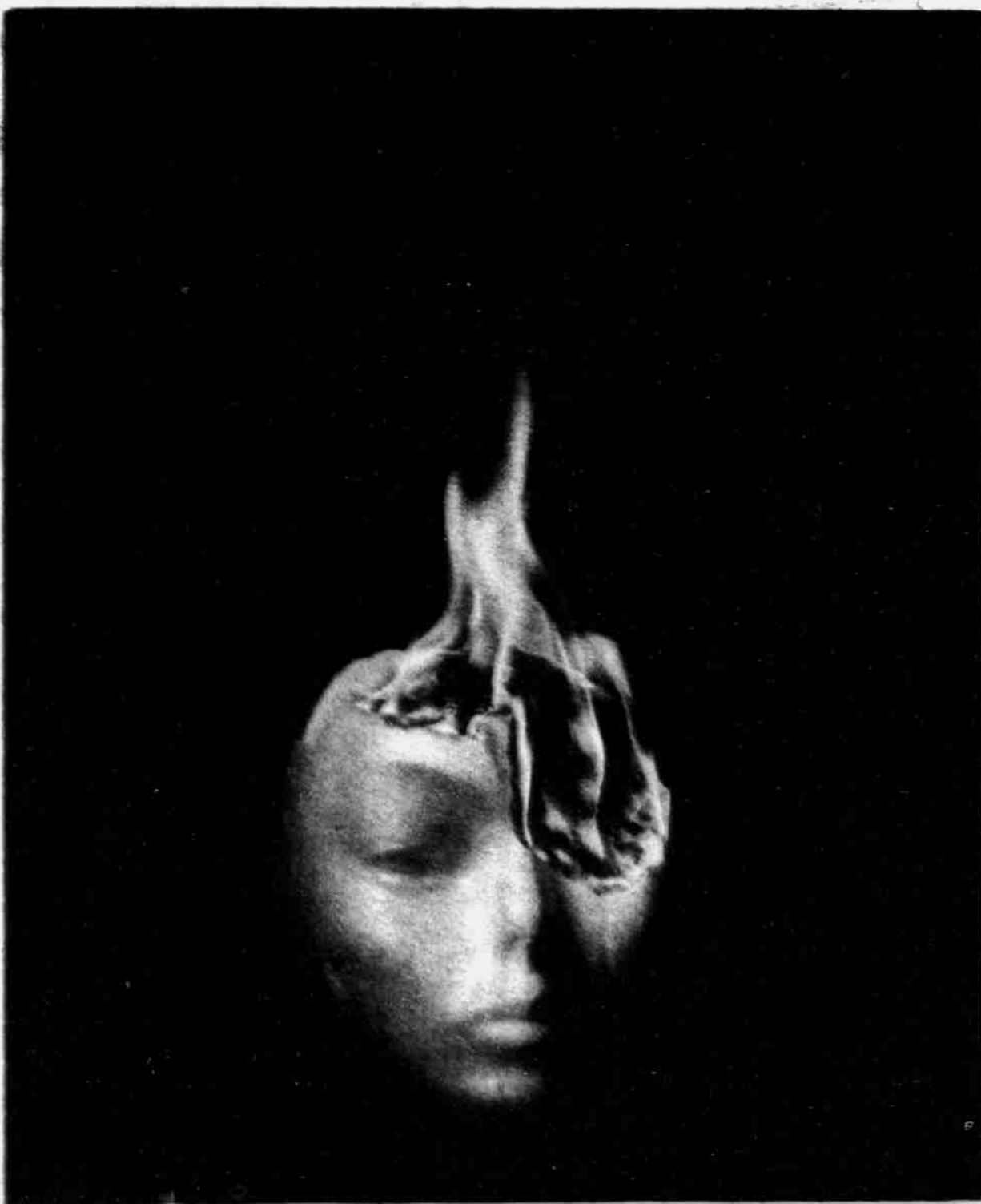


Photo by Mark Billingsley

Halloween is upon us. Things will go bump in the night, ghosts and goblins will roam the streets and pranksters will reach deep into their bag of tricks. But that's little reason to lose your head, for the safety of November will come with Sunday's first light.

Mockler: Budget cuts have serious implications for UNL

By Jeff Goodwin

Gov. Charles Thone's proposed budget cuts could have a serious effect on the university, according to Rick Mockler, ASUN Senate president.

"It's obvious that our business college and engineering college are just strapped right now," Mockler said. "All of the colleges have been strapped over the last couple of years. I don't think any college can afford a cut right now."

Mockler said faculty salaries are already lower at UNL than at comparable institutions.

"For the average faculty member to have his salary cut would be devastating," Mockler said.

Mockler said many members of the Nebraska Legislature are up for election next year.

"I think there is a tendency for legislators, in election years, to not account for inflation," Mockler said. "I don't see them voting for a tax increase next year."

In a statement NU President Ronald Roskens released by Jim Raglin, NU director of public affairs, Roskens said the cuts would be difficult for the university to absorb.

"If the university is required to reduce by some \$4 to \$4.5 million its 1981-82 budget, it will be both difficult and painful. We cannot at this time isolate areas where such cuts will be made."

"For example, we have bids out for essential equipment and we already have expended funds to obtain other equipment and services essential for our campuses."

"Now we must inventory funds still

available and carefully consider where reductions can be made with the least adverse impact upon the university."

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln said one option to explore was the selective cutting of certain departments while leaving others relatively intact.

"We should be able to distinguish priority items from nonpriority items," Landis said.

He said he considered the university to be a priority item.

Landis said politics would probably dictate the outcome of the budget battle.

"There are 32 Republicans down here," he said. "Gov. Thone should be able to get through what he wants."

Sen. Don Wesely said most members of the Legislature were suffering from a lack of information about what the effect of the budget cuts would be.

"We need to get that information and get it quickly," Wesely said. "It places us in a very difficult position."

Wesely said the proposed cuts and their effect on the university had left him concerned.

"The outlook is really bleak," he said. "The university will be really hurt by the cuts. It will only make their budget problems worse."

Wesely said there was little chance of a tax increase in lieu of a budget cut.

"The mood of the public is to cut," he said. "They just don't want taxes increased."

Wesely said a possible solution was to increase the tax rates and then reduce the budget in the next regular session.

"But I doubt there's any chance that that will be pursued," he said.

GLC discusses student wheel tax

By Eric Peterson

A Lincoln city lobbyist outlined a proposal at an ASUN Government Liaison Committee meeting to increase the city wheel tax and to extend the tax to Lincoln university students who drive to work.

The wheel tax is assessed on each vehicle when it is registered.

"It has become increasingly obvious that the city does not have enough money to do all the repairs that could or should be done," said Deb Thomas. She said the tax was started in 1963, and has been set at \$8 for more than a decade. The new proposal would increase the tax to \$12,

and increase the tax again to \$18 on Jan. 1, 1984.

The purpose of including students who drive to work, if they are not legal residents of Lincoln, is to make them pay a fair share of the city's street repair, Thomas said.

"The purpose is not so much the number of dollars but the equity question," she said.

Thomas said the wheel tax could bring in "the ideal sum of \$150,000," but that only a fraction of the approximately 3,500 taxable students probably would pay it.

"It's just the question of fairness," she said. She said Lincoln residents said they don't mind paying their fair

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