

## Commuters congregate to criticize wheel tax

By William Graf

About 200 people gathered at a special meeting of the Waverly City Council to discuss ways to fight a \$12 wheel tax levied Nov. 16 against people working but not living in Lincoln.

Jerry Corey of rural Lincoln said he had spoken with an attorney about the problem. Corey suggested that those opposed to the tax band together, hire an attorney and get an injunction to stop the collection of the tax. "If we don't get this stopped this ain't the end of it," Corey said.

"A lot of people in the rural counties are saying they're going to stop Lincoln people from hunting on our ground. Hey, Lincoln people want rid of it too. Lincoln people are saying, 'let's put it on the ballot'."

Robert Colin, a member of the Lancaster County Commission, said he thought the tax was ridiculous.

"I don't think we have to be too worried about it. If you read the statements in the local papers that Police Chief (Dean) Leitner made, there's no way they're going to be able to enforce it. They can't hire enough policemen to enforce it."

Colin received the support of nearly half the crowd when he asked if they would prefer a county wheel tax that would benefit all communities in Lancaster County, rather than one that benefited only Lincoln.

Roger Bartlett of Waverley suggested that because much of the money earned by people in outlying communities is spent in Lincoln those people should have a say in how the money is spent.

"The only way they're going to get the money from me is if someone who works for me or with me says, 'that dirty rat didn't pay it,' and turns me in," he said.

Bill Terry, a resident of the Highlands, said he thought that if it was put to a vote of the people, Councilman Joe Hampton and other pro-wheel tax council members would give the people a choice between this tax or another tax, which would cause the wheel tax to be accepted.

If the legal route is taken, Terry said, then it should be based on Hampton's comments that it is a use tax, which Terry said it isn't.

"Use taxes, such as the sales tax is based on consumption. This tax is saying that you pay the tax no matter if you drive 100 or 100,000 miles on Lincoln streets," he said.

Phil Cooper of rural Lincoln suggested that a non-residence association be organized against the tax.

Cooper also suggested:

- Withdrawing all funds in Lincoln banks and opening accounts in banks outside Lincoln.
- Asking the state to revoke Lincoln's city charter for abuse of privilege.
- Petitioning the state government for representation on the Lincoln City Council.

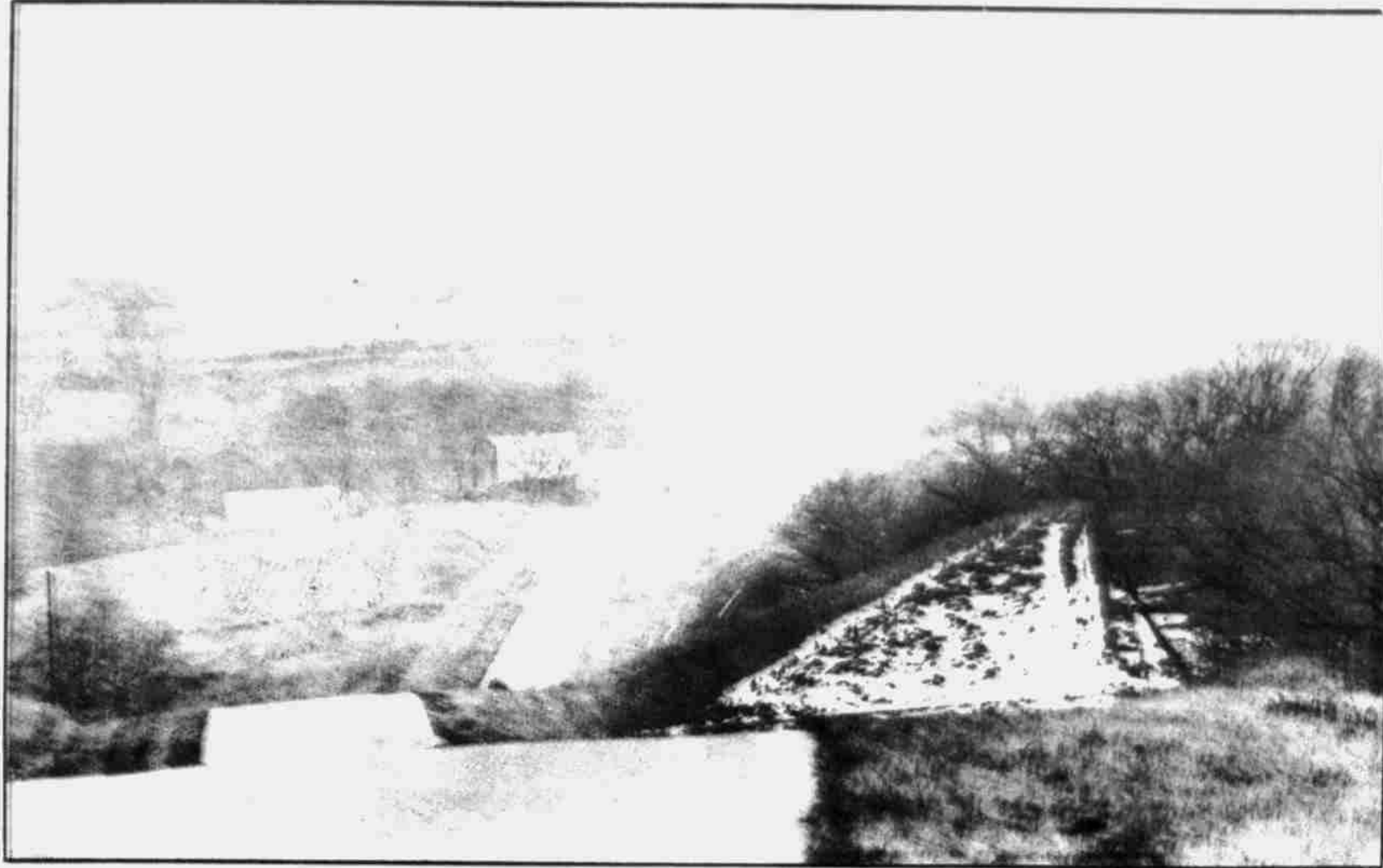


Photo by Mark Billingsley

Take me home, country roads, is what many UNL students will be singing after classes this afternoon. But students driving on this highway 10 miles east of David City should be reminded that term papers are due when they return next week.

## Charges filed in campus arsons

By Tricia Waters

A UNL police investigator attributed several recent fire-related arrests to cooperation from the university community.

Investigator Bob Fey said students seem to be starting to recognize the dangers in arson, and are offering information.

"Generally, I think that a lot of students are getting tired of this," Fey said, referring to a rash of arsons during the last few weeks.

UNL police recently have arrested four UNL students in connection with residence hall fires, and arrested one student for pulling a fire alarm. All were charged in Lancaster County Court.

Mark Dobson, 20, of Abel Residence Hall, was charged Monday with first degree arson, Fey said. He was arrested Friday in connection with an Oct. 3 fire in an Abel elevator.

Dobson was released on a \$2,000 bond and ordered to appear in court at 9 a.m. Nov. 30.

In another incident students were evacuated from Abel

Hall early Friday morning after a fire was discovered in a trash chute, Fey said. David Crosby, 19 of Abel was charged with setting the 3 a.m. fire.

County Judge Neil R. McCluhan set a \$5,000 signature bond for Crosby and ordered him to appear Dec. 7 in court to determine further proceedings.

Charged Wednesday in Lancaster County Court with third degree arson were Terrence F. Kenny, 19, and Todd M. Winkler, 18, of Harper Residence Hall.

## Student lobby group to have first assembly in Lincoln next week

By Eric Peterson

The first legislative assembly meeting of the Nebraska State Student Association will be Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Lincoln, said Nette Nelson, chairperson of ASUN's Government Liaison Committee and secretary of the SSA board of directors.

"It's particularly exciting to get all the people in the SSA legislative assembly together for the first time," Nelson said. New members of the statewide student lobbying group will learn how to lobby and get their views across to people in government, she said. Nelson said a UNL orientation for the SSA is scheduled at 8 p.m. Dec. 1.

"We will be giving general orientation, lobbying background and some insight into specific issues," she said.

Newly selected representatives from UNL should be confirmed by the ASUN Senate during its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2, Nelson said.

Each Nebraska campus is allotted two members in the SSA legislative assembly, plus one for each 1,000 persons enrolled at the individual campus.

"This gives UNL 24 representatives for this year," Nelson said. Representation changes from year to year, based on enrollment, she added.

UNL and Peru State College are members of the SSA, and UNO has voted to join the lobbying organization next fall. Nelson said the other state campuses are expected to vote on the issue sometime this year.

Each state campus is allowed to apportion its own legislative assembly members, Nelson said. At UNL, one member is allotted to each college, one each to the Non-Traditional Students Association, the UNL Culture Center, the International Students Council, the Women's Resource Center, the GLC and the Senate.

Students in Greek housing and cooperative housing are given one representative each, the Residence Hall Association is allotted two members. In the future, three representatives to off-campus and independent students will be appointed.

Nelson said campus organizations will choose their own representatives, and off-campus and independent members will be selected from applications to the senate speaker Brian Haun. The deadline for all applications or member submissions is next Monday, Nelson said.

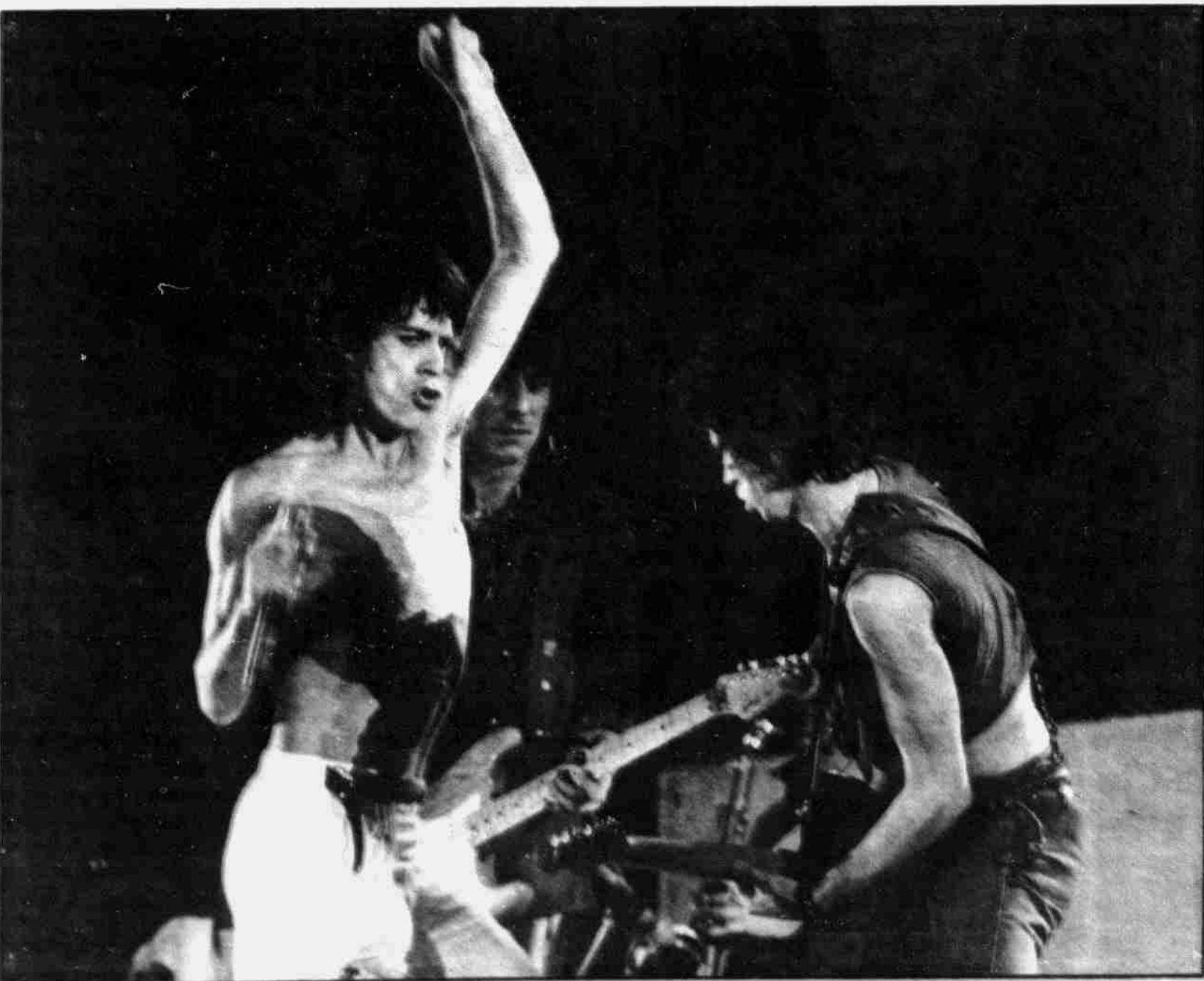


Photo by Jon Natvig

You'd think by now he could afford a shirt. Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones were in Cedar Falls, Iowa, last weekend for one of the last stops on their U.S. tour. For more pictures and a story, see Page 6.