

Letters

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Despite tuition hike, nursing program meets students' needs

The editorial "Nursing tuition hike will eliminate college" (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 9), contains misinformation and misunderstanding.

First, the article states that the tuition increase will eliminate the Lincoln division. While I regret the tuition increase, it only raises the tuition to the level of peer institutions in other states. Tuition for the College of Nursing, NU Medical Center, still will be only a fraction of the cost of any other nursing program in the state, except Kearney State.

In reference to the duplication of courses, the nursing program is offered in Lincoln not because the courses are

different, but because it meets the differing needs of its students and the community. Many students on the Lincoln campus are young high school graduates, and they want to participate in the full college experience. Another large group of students is older and geographically tied to Lincoln by families and jobs.

The other need that cannot be met by a program offered only in Omaha is that of Lincoln health care agencies that want faculty and students. Agencies usually can recruit with less difficulty if potential employees have worked in the agency as students.

It is not correct to state: "Lincoln

nursing students must transfer to Omaha to complete their graduate studies." Nurses who want a graduate degree apply and enroll in Omaha.

Some lecture and seminar courses can be taken in Lincoln via telecommunications. Some support courses in sciences and humanities can be taken at UNL, and some clinical experiences also can be arranged at Lincoln and supervised by graduate faculty members who live in Lincoln.

The issue of whether the college would be strengthened by having all faculty members in Omaha is debatable. We are already one faculty. Decision-making meetings are held by cross-

campus television or telephone.

As Ruth Wiese said, the nursing college does lack clinical space. This cannot be remedied by "class sections at night and early in the morning" or by holding classes in the Whittier Junior High building. Clinical courses involve

giving care in health-care agencies. Hospital and clinic routines cannot be rescheduled like scheduling a classroom.

Rosalee Yeaworth professor and dean College of Nursing

UNL can't afford to accept \$10 million gift

I have a fondness for luxury and, like many Nebraskans, I love a good bargain. When I saw the fur coat of my dreams on sale at 50 percent off, I couldn't deny it was a great deal.

I had to realize, however, three things: I didn't really need a fur coat, there were things I did need urgently and, since I could barely afford the dry cleaning bills on my wool coat, maintaining a fur coat was out of the question.

Regent John Payne is right: A performing arts center for \$5 million is a bargain that may never come our way again. Nobody wants to turn down a \$10 million gift.

On the other hand:

- Sheldon Art Gallery has reduced the hours it can be open to show a collection we already own. When was the last time you saw water in the fountains of Sheldon's sculpture garden?

- Morrill Hall now is closed on Mondays, and a collection worth millions that we already own may be lost because we can't afford to air condition the building.

- As financial aid sources dry up, the NU Board of Regents proposes making the tuition "surcharge" a 5 percent increase for UNL students.

- Good professors often leave UNL

because of low salaries, minimal financial support for research or because they are tired of spending their own money to duplicate exams or study aids for students.

Even if all were well at UNL, as a taxpayer and Nebraskan, I think the state has more pressing needs for that \$5 million than another performing arts center.

Hats off to Regent Robert Simmons for having the courage to say no to a \$10 million gift we simply can't afford to accept.

Janet E. Goebel instructor English

Residents 'deceived' in study-area construction

It came as a surprise to nearly everyone to discover the construction of the study and computer room for women athletes on the ground floor of Smith Hall.

I understand the desire for study space for women athletes, since they are excluded from the training table/study area at Memorial Stadium.

We in Smith Hall, as well as the HSS residence complex, are acquainted with the lack of adequate study space. This is an issue we have been fighting for at least the two years that I have lived


here. We have yet to have our needs fulfilled.

Last year, we were told that there was no room for more study space and that we should use Nebraska Hall, Love Library or our own rooms. But shortly, room was found for study space and computer terminals for athletes. This room came at the expense of the Smith piano room. The piano now sits in the middle of what little open-air study space existed in the public-access Smith main lounge, rendering them unusable.

My music-major roommate now will have to go all the way across campus to Westbrook to practice.

I think the residents of Smith, as well as Harper and Schramm, have been deceived. Smith residents ultimately will be paying for the maintenance and utilities for this area, but will be denied use of it, of part of our residence hall and of adequate facilities in return.

Sydney Warner Smith Hall President junior/art history



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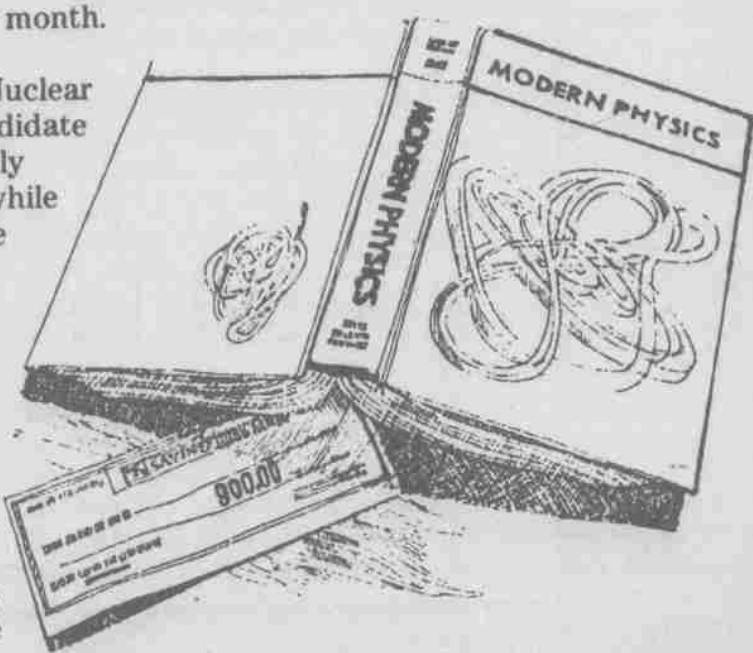
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