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EDITORIAL

Spare the knife

Nebraskans should share education costs

Someone has to help stop the bleeding. The Nebraska Legislature has already decided that higher education in the state can afford to suffer as the state tries to cope with its budget woes.

Now, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier and university officials can only do their best to keep the budget cuts from killing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

That effort began Monday when Spanier met with members of his cabinet to begin planning for this year's round of budget cuts.

The planning, which will run through the end of the semester, includes 20 meetings with vice chancellors, college deans, department directors and other faculty members to determine solutions to budget problems now and in the future.

To this point, the pain of budget cuts to most has been isolated. If things continue as they are, the cuts will affect the future of everyone involved with the university.

Spanier has made a commitment to do his best to spare education from the ax. Cutting academic programs will be a last resort, he has said. It is a commitment to the future of this university and of its students.

The fact that the university has to consider cuts deep enough to threaten education in the first place is sad enough. But it is even worse that the Legislature, obviously, has made no such commitment to the future.

Legislators fail to see that education in Nebraska is already suffering.

Roughly \$4 million in cuts from the university have been identified in the last two years. Another \$2.2 million was targeted by the Legislature during the special session in September.

Now some legislators are suggesting more cuts for the 1993-95 biennium, which begins July 1, 1993, and ends June 30, 1995.

In fact, Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, the chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said last week that educational institutions and programs in Nebraska could be hit with across-the-board cuts of as much as 10 percent during the next two years.

But the pain should have to be shared.

"I think tuition increases are inevitable," Spanier said. "The cost of education will continue to go up, just like the cost of everything else."

UNL students should prepare for tuition increases, but they should not be required to pay more money for a lower quality education.

All across the country, people bemoan the condition of the American education system. They say U.S. students are unable to keep pace with students in other countries. Our schools are turning out people prepared only to fail.

Americans are eager to point out the problems with education, but they are unwilling to help pay the price of improving the system.

Students should never have to suffer the pain of increased tuition and reduced services. Legislators must recognize the need to support education, and Nebraskans must be willing to help pay the bill.

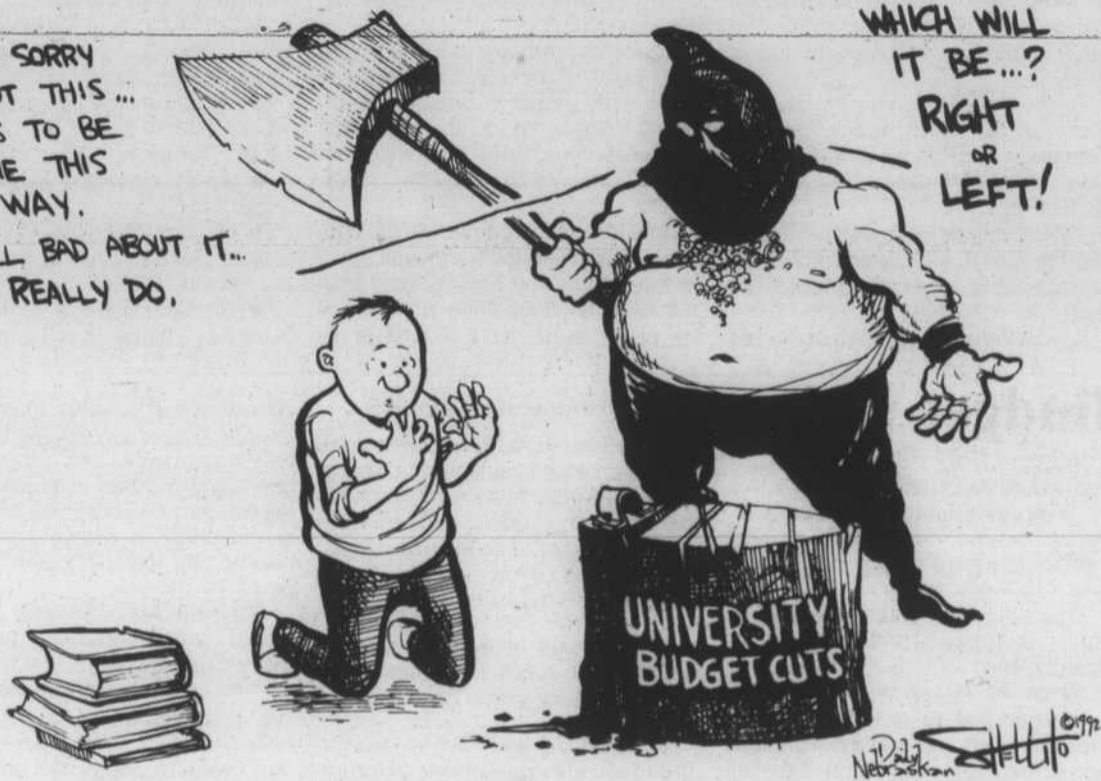
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SO SORRY
ABOUT THIS ...
-HAS TO BE
DONE THIS
WAY.
FEEL BAD ABOUT IT...
-I REALLY DO.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Females

How hard can it be to include women in speaking and writing? Obviously, very hard.

With the exception of one male professor, all of my others here at UNL referred to a human as he or him. Now don't get upset yet — I'm not saying women professors don't do it too. Nevertheless, I'm sick of it. I'm sick of the condescending attitude many male professors have toward female students.

I'm sick of terms such as: businessMEN, chairMEN, MANKIND, fireMEN, policeMEN, congressMEN ... the list goes on and on. I'm sick of people (notice "people" — both men and women do this) constantly assuming a doctor is a man and a nurse is a woman.

I'm not advocating that a businessMAN shouldn't be called just that, but when referring to business people, police officers or chairpersons, include everyone, not just the men. Furthermore, ad campaigns such as the Marine Corps' "We're looking for a few good men," continue to leave women out.

Now, I'm sure some of the men reading this will assume I'm a bitch or that it's "that time of the month" or that I'm an ultra-feminist, or FemiNazi, as Rush Limbaugh puts it. However, it seems to me that when a man complains about something or makes a nasty remark, people assume that the poor guy's just having a bad day.

At least President Bush and his Republican cronies are gone. I guess you can tell I'm pretty much a liberal. A new man is in — a man who appreciates the abilities of women. Hillary Clinton has been the main breadwinner in the Clinton household bringing in more than \$100,000 per year as compared to Bill Clinton's \$35,000.

And, speaking of politics, it's about time more women are in the Senate. Believe it or not, the Senate is just now installing a women's bathroom. Women had to use public bathrooms on the first floor, whereas men had a nice bathroom close by.

Women will be heard. We make up more than half our population. We do good for our society — not just the wives and mothers either.

Give us the credit we deserve. Speak and write gender-inclusive. It's the least you can do.

Christine Lee
senior
broadcasting

Budget cuts

It would be a mistake to allow Sen. Scott Moore to nudge us into a game of "Let's you and him fight" ("Students to bear burden of budget cuts," Nov. 16). It is not the senator's business to micromanage the budget of the university. He will have to do what he feels he must do with respect to appropriations.

It will be up to the university to deal with whatever budget scenario it must deal with. Pitting the students against the faculty and staff over this issue can only be counterproductive. We are all in this together.

Rosemary Bergstrom
UNL College of Nursing

'Greenpoint'

There was a piece of crap
In the middle of the lawn;
It was big and brown and ugly,
I'd like to flush it down the jon.

But it was much too big for that,
It weighs 80,000 pounds,
It had to be the handiwork,
Of a hundred million hounds.

I turned and to my side,
A man stood next to me,
I looked at him and asked him what
He thought that it may be.

He said they call it "Greenpoint"
And it was such a work of art,
He wondered how the sculptor
Had the will to part.

I turned around and walked away,
I didn't fall into his trap
The big, tall thing still standing there,
Was just a piece of crap.

Jeff Bomberger
sophomore
actuarial science

Student fees

While attending UNL, I've heard many opinions both positive and negative about the amount of student fees students must pay and how these fees are spent.

Last year, however, no students attended the student input meeting for the Committee for Fees Allocation. Eleven student committee members had to decide how to spend the student fees of 34,000 students — about \$7 million. This year, the CFA student input meeting is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the East Union and at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. I strongly encourage all students to

attend. We need to hear your comments, suggestions, questions or criticism about how your student fees should be spent so that we can best represent you.

Jeff Standley
sophomore
off-campus representative to CFA

Swimming

I am writing in response to the extremely poor article about the men's and women's swimming teams ("NU swimmers splash past Coyotes," DN, Nov. 16). Not only is it difficult to get recognition in the DN or any newspaper, but when we do, there are too many errors. I just think that an article full of errors is very irritating.

Let me point out some of the errors that I found. The photograph was not of Carrie Kerns who swims nothing but breast stroke. It was of freshman Tami DenOtter doing the 100 yard butterfly.

Both Nebraska teams have not improved to 3-0 because the men have only had two meets.

As far as "other first place finishes for Nebraska," I did not see the names of at least four women who won events, too. One of those women won three individual events. I cannot recall the men's first place finishes but then again I wasn't the one reporting on the meet.

I just hope this brings attention to your entire sports staff. I know Juliet Yenglin and she is a very fine and nice young lady. I even spoke to her at the meet. I am just asking that more accurate information is published in our future articles.

Marci Bodner
junior
elementary education

Conservatives

I would like to commend Jeff Hankins for standing up for his conservative ways and representing the minority of conservatives on this campus ("Liberals should listen and learn," DN, Nov. 12).

The dominant liberal views presented in the Daily Nebraskan each day are enough to sicken even the slightest of conservatives. The Republican's ideology and the conservative viewpoint deserve equal representation on campus, and I am glad to see that it is finally being addressed.

Todd Blame
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accounting