

Tuition raise will be a slap in the face

There is probably nothing students can do to stop the proposed tuition increase. The increase does teach several lessons though—lessons students should learn if they wish to know just where they stand with the State Board of Higher Education.

It is interesting to note that the finance committee of the board has designed the increase to link tuition to a larger percentage of the total cost of education. Chancellor Lieuellen said this will serve to forestall any large unanticipated increases in tuition. But what about the cost of education? What happens when this goes up? Tuition will go up and by a larger amount than it would previously, simply because students are to pay a larger percentage.

Another factor involved that makes the increase even more odious is the lack of reciprocal action on the part of the board. The continuing fight for student control of incidental fees was handed another setback by the board when it turned down an In-

terinstitutional Union of Students request to give control of fees to student representatives on campuses. Students are expected to pay but what will they receive?

On top of everything else the board picked the worst possible time to come up with this idea. Nobody, parents, students, or banks has money to give out at this time. Where does the board think the money to pay

the increase is going to come from?

The reasoning behind the increase is clear. Costs are up all over, but must students be made the ones to suffer?

All in all, the board has shown a massive lack of concern for students in this matter. When the board passes the tuition increase at its next meeting it will be slapping students in the face . . . hard.

Footnotes

O Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle—be thou near them! With them—in spirit—we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord, Our God, help us tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of their

guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of the desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst. . .

Mark Twain's "War Prayer," 1905

Letters

ROTC off campus

It is quite evident by Mark Follmer's letter "ROTC should stay" that all the anti-war activities in the last few years aimed at people like him, were wasted on a mind organized like a computer made of apple pie and flag decals.

ROTC is not "the same as any other political or nonpolitical group" and therefore justified in its existence on campus. I do not believe that there is any comparison between ROTC and the BSU or RCU because neither of these groups receive academic credit for their activities on campus, as does ROTC.

He states that ROTC "has a right to be present here as long as they don't hurt anyone else. I agree. ROTC should have been thrown out over 50 years ago because it has been hurting people for at least that long. ROTC perpetuates the U.S. military which hurts the taxpayers by spending over 1/2 of his taxes on military developments and expansion in INDOCHINA, it hurts every draft age person in the country, and worst of all it hurts the Vietnamese people who die every day at the hands of a ROTC trained or led soldier.

If ROTC were to lose its credit and had to survive like any other interest or political group, how long do you think it would last? If it is deemed necessary by authorities to have ROTC remain on campus, then let it be a no-credit course and call it what it is, "A FOUR YEAR PROGRAM IN DEATH."

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Straw men

Gaines Smith's diatribe against the producers of "Joe" is perhaps shooting at straw men.

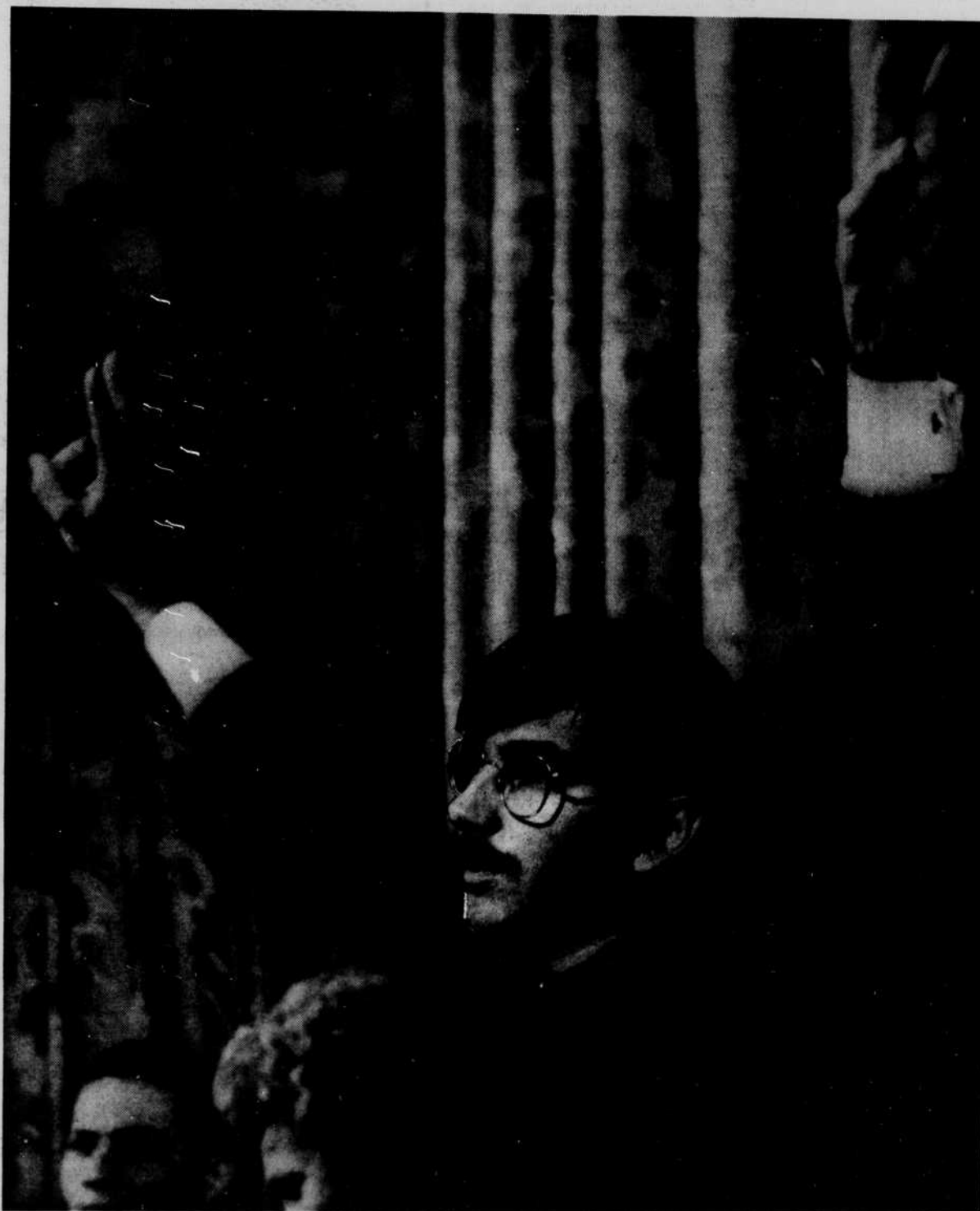
Speaking only for myself and a few other people I have talked to, I don't believe the character was accepted as a generally true stereotype of Middle America. The shock and tragedy comes from the fact that even one or two people like Joe could exist and that what we saw on the screen could and has happened.

I know gun-loving people like Joe and I think I also know parents whose parental possessiveness and authoritarianism could drive them to Bill's extremes.

And the criticism in the film is not one-sided. I watched several scenes which are quite unfavorable to any question of our generation's maturity.

Maybe Gaines was one of the "rational" people who walked out early.

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"Let me make one thing perfectly clear—
I am the President, and make no mistake about that!"