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ASK REGENTS TO GRANT HEARING

PETITIONED TO LISTEN TO ARGUMENTS FOR JOURNALISM

Student and Outside Committee Would Show Cause for Establishment of New School

A petition, asking the board of regents of the University to grant a hearing on the matter of a college of journalism to a committee composed of members of the state press association, Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi, will be presented to the members of the governing body of the institution, as they meet in regular meeting today.

The petition, briefly resuming the reasons for establishing a journalism college at Nebraska, asks the regents to set a time when they can go over the matter in detail.

It follows:

To the Members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska:

The newspapers of the state, which reflect and guide public sentiment, are a most important factor in the life and the uplifting of the commonwealth;

To have graduates of the University broadly trained in the fundamentals of newspaper-making for public service, would be of fundamental service to the state along many lines;

The University of Nebraska has not yet given this work emphasis commensurate either with the importance of the work itself, or with the University's own rank as an educational institution;

Many of Nebraska's young people looking toward this field of work are now compelled to leave the state for that broad training which is now generally recognized as necessary for the journalist, while young men and women looking to other fields of endeavor are enabled to obtain adequate instruction in the state's own university;

The need of and demand for a college of journalism in the University of Nebraska have been demonstrated by the rapid growth of the courses in journalism already begun in the University; and by the fact that over 100 students have elected these courses this semester—a registration much greater than that of several existing university schools when they were organized;

We are informed that the work already effectively begun as aforesaid can be developed into a college of journalism at comparatively small additional expense, which would be amply justified by the value to the University and the state of such a college;

The Nebraska State Press association, at its last meeting held in Lincoln, formally recognized the importance of this college by unanimously calling upon the legislature and the board of regents to establish a college of journalism.

For these reasons, Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi, the journalism fraternity and sorority of the University, as representatives of the students interested in the journalism work, respectfully ask the board of regents to fix a time when a committee of these organizations and of the State Press association may appear before the board of regents and the chancellor of the University, for the purpose of presenting and discussing the question of the establishment of such a school.

A. E. BRYSON, JR.,
President Sigma Delta Chi.
VIVIENNE HOLLAND,
President Theta Sigma Phi.

Military Interest Lacking
Only twenty-five men turned out for the first informal meeting of those interested in military training at the University of Michigan. Michigan was the school that only had thirty men out of 6,000 students out for football.

NEGATIVE DEBATERS OFF FOR LAWRENCE

WARING, CARR AND WINSLOW ENTRAIN FOR KANSAS

Dr. Maxey Will be With Team—Hard to Find Judges to Officiate

R. B. Waring, '17; E. E. Carr, '17; and C. Ivan Winslow, '18, members of the negative debating team, left for Lawrence this morning at 7 o'clock over the Union Pacific. They will arrive in Lawrence this afternoon, and will have a day of rest before meeting the Kansas team in Fraser hall Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Prof. Edwin Maxey preceded the team to Kansas City, leaving Monday afternoon, in order to clear up the matter of judges for the Lawrence debate while on the ground. Only one judge has been secured definitely. Judge John B. Park and Judge H. L. McCune of Kansas City, who agreed to sit in judgment providing court were not in session, may not be able to get away.

The judge problem at Nebraska is also assuming a serious aspect, since the news came Saturday that Prof. Paul E. Peck, department of history, Grinnell college, had been taken ill and could not come to Lincoln. Late last night no one had been secured and Professor Fogg had received more than a dozen declinations. It has been found to be almost impossible to secure faculty members as judges because the debate will be held on a mid-week night, and they cannot miss their classes.

Decline to Serve
Among those who wired yesterday that they could not accept the offer were President Jessup of Iowa University, Prof. Jacob Van Der See of University of Iowa, and Justice H. E. Deemer of Iowa supreme court. Professor Fogg was in communication with a professor in the University of Iowa, and a Des Moines lawyer, formerly a Harvard debater.

A picture of the Kansas team which will arrive in Lincoln Wednesday afternoon at 5:40, and will meet Nebraska in the Temple theatre that evening, has been placed on the intercollegiate debate bulletin board on the first floor of University hall, together with a picture of the debate seminar at work.

Interest in the debate, which will decide whether Nebraska's splendid record in debate shall also be interrupted as the football march was, insures a record-breaking attendance

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PHI ALPHA TAU BANQUET DEBATERS

Public Speaking Fraternity Will be Hosts After Tomorrow's Argument

Phi Alpha Tau, the public speaking fraternity of the University, will give a banquet in honor of the debating teams of Nebraska and Kansas, after the two clash on the submarine warfare question tomorrow night.

It has been the annual custom for this organization to give a banquet for the teams, and last year's affair was attended by a number of notable men in the city. One of them, Governor Morehead, has stated that he will come tomorrow, and be very glad of the opportunity.

One man of each team will be asked to respond to a toast. Prof. Fogg, the Nebraska debating coach, will probably talk, and there may be one or two others of say a few words. The judges of the debate will be present. The banquet will be held at the Lincoln hotel.

CORNHUSKER FEASTS WILL BE NO MORE

DEAN ENGBERG PUTS STOP TO CELEBRATION BANQUETS

Asserts Students by Their Actions Show They do Not Wish Continuance—Raps Innocents

The Cornhusker banquet is dead. Declaring that the students by their conduct have failed to respect the banquet as a Nebraska University institution, and so have demonstrated that they do not care for its continuance, Dean Engberg yesterday said their wishes in this regard would be respected.

In so doing he criticized the present innocent body for their inefficiency and their inability to stop the display of animal spirits at the football feast.

Not to be Expected
"This sort of thing is hardly what would be expected of a University gathering," the dean said, in speaking of the banquet of last Friday night. He had not been there, but newspaper reports and talks with students had informed him of the napkin-bread-battle royal staged by the banqueters.

"It was not the work of men who are supposed to have reached the years of discretion. It is not what people of the state expect from persons whom they are educating free of charge.

"The students of the university have shown through their actions that they have no respect for the Cornhusker banquet as a University institution, and so do not desire its continuance. Their wishes will be respected."

Then Dean Engberg reverted to the Innocents, the senior honorary body, who were in general charge of the banquet.

Innocents Failed
"The Innocents, who had charge of this gathering failed to do their duty in keeping order, and consequently will not be entrusted with any further responsibilities," the dean said. "Three or four of the Innocents are very strong men, but the majority of them are not of such calibre as to command universal respect. A board publicly elected or appointed, consisting of the strongest men in school, will command more respect than any self-perpetuating body. It is hoped that the students will take sufficient interest in the proposition to establish a student council."

Dean Engberg stated frankly that while he appreciated the fact that some of the Innocents had worked hard and were good men, it could not be denied that as a whole the body had failed to fulfill its functions this year. He said that hereafter, when he wanted a thing done, he would be very likely to select the men whom he knew would do the thing and place the responsibility with them, sure of it being accomplished.

The Banquet is Dead
The death of the Cornhusker banquet, and it is dead unless the students show a radically different attitude toward it, will probably be generally regretted among the men students, as it had become an affair in honor of the football team for which there is no substitute just now apparent.

A number of years ago conditions at the banquet were bad, the liquor question causing some trouble. This has not been the case in recent banquets, and liquor was not the bottom of the trouble Friday.

The last banquet has come in for some very caustic general criticism because of the napkin-bread battle of the banqueters. A battle which drove some men to hide under the tables, while nearly all were forced to wrap their handkerchiefs about their heads for protection, took place between courses.

James Harvey, the toastmaster, was powerless to stop the battle, and the war went merrily on until the covers were removed and the speaking began.

INNOCENTS ANSWER DEAN ENGBERG

DECLARE HE HAS BEEN UNJUST IN PUBLISHED CHARGES

Senior Organization Says Every Precaution Was Taken to Prevent a Rowdy Banquet

After reading a statement credited to Dean Engberg, and published yesterday afternoon in the Lincoln News, referring to their conduct of the Cornhusker banquet last Friday night, the Innocents, who were in charge of the affair, made a statement of their side of the case last night.

They declare that Dean Engberg has been unjust when he charges the misconduct of the 600 students on the thirteen men who were in charge of the affair. They ask that he make more specific his criticism of the body, and assert that they took every precaution to prevent a repetition of the rowdyism of the banquet of 1915.

Their statement follows:

The Statement
"It is to be regretted that any man holding the position of authority and influence as does Executive Dean Engberg could be guilty of such gross injustice as was evident in his article in the Evening News of Monday, wherein he charges the misconduct of 600 students upon a body of thirteen men who had the preparation of the Cornhusker Banquet in charge.

"His statement that this body as a whole are not of such calibre as to command public respect and confidence is a very pointed and personal reflection on the character of each and every member of that body and can not, we believe, receive the hearty endorsement of the student body. We feel justified in demanding that he make specific in its application the reflection which he has cast upon the organization as a whole.

Effort Put Forth
"The greatest ingratitude is the attitude which he has taken for the honest effort put forth by the men to counteract the very things for which they are being condemned. The facts of the case are that every precaution had been taken before the banquet to prevent a repetition of the rowdyism and vulgarity shown at the Cornhusker Banquet of 1915. His knowledge of the affair is not first hand and he has expressed himself an hearsay of the matter. The all important question is why was not the executive dean of this school there and why were not the faculty members there to help out in such a situation? Their answer comes back that they had no chance to buy a ticket. The man who says that he did not have a chance to buy a ticket is mistaken as they were on sale at the College Book Store. Dean Engberg himself had an invitation to buy a ticket and another faculty member when approached replied that he considered it a disgrace to be asked to attend such an affair. This was the general faculty attitude.

"The one who could have been and should have been the key note to the situation was not there and yet in his absence he asks that a bunch of thirteen men take the responsibility for the misplaced enthusiasm.

"THE INNOCENTS."

CONVOCATION

Dr. Hamilton Wright Mable will talk at convocation this morning in Memorial hall on "World Relationship."

Dr. Mable is one of the distinguished men in the Baptist church, and has written many articles on religious and historical subjects. He has traveled all over the world, spending considerable time studying the conditions of the different peoples which make up the human race.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL TO BE GALA AFFAIR

ELABORATE PLANS BEING MADE FOR FIRST YULETIDE PARTY

Christmas Carols to be Sung Under the Stars—Holiday Customs of Other Climes

Merry Christmas!
The greeting may seem a bit premature, but the plans for the Christmas festival, next Saturday evening, on the campus, make certain that it is going to be a merry Christmas for the University folks.

Jolly Old St. Nicholas, as most of us used to sing in our even younger days, will be on the campus, with a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree and an entertainment that is bound to warm the cockles of the students' hearts, and help them take to their homes the real Christmas cheer.

Messages of Cheer
While the tree is blazing with lights bearing the message of the good cheer of the holiday season, the students, under the direction of the director of music, Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond, will sing. Carols of the Yuletide, the good old songs that everyone loves, will be chanted. Arrangements will be made to throw upon a screen the words to the songs, so that everyone will be able to take part.

Different organizations in the school will give Christmas stunts. The Komenky club will demonstrate some of the holiday customs of Bohemia, and students who hail from other foreign lands will do the same.

Toward the end of the evening, if the students wish it, there may be dancing in the Armory. The real Christmas spirit will be the feature of the party, however.

The committee in charge is composed of Mike Finney, Cabel Jackson, Steele Holcombe, Eva Miller, Mary Haller and Helen Humpe.

STEWART IN CHARGE OF BASKETBALL

ONLY THREE LETTER MEN ARE AVAILABLE

Promising Material From Freshman Squad Gives Hope for a Good Team

The 1916-17 basketball season was officially started on its way last night when Coach Stewart took charge of the athletes and directed the practice.

The prospects for a winning team are not as bright as they have been in some other years, as far as having old men on the squad is concerned. The only letter men of last year that are available are, Captain Campbell, Harvey Nelson and Jim Gardiner. Jack Hartman and Ted Riddell were on the varsity squad last year and they are expected to make strong bids for places on the varsity.

Good Material Out
The men who won their places last year will not have an easy time keeping them this year. Last year's scrubs and freshmen teams have given forth a large assortment of good material. Among the most promising of this class are, Wertz, Bell, Tucker, Jones, Schumacher, Flynn, Flothow, Collins, Youngmeier and Jackson.

These men have all had quite a bit of experience and any of them may prove valuable in Coach Stewart's new system.

There is still a cry for more men. The coaches want more candidates, but all those who do not appear in a short time will receive a rather cool reception when they do see fit to get out.

OUTSIDE DEMANDS A JOURNALISM COLLEGE

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION FAVORED THE MOVE

Different Editors Declare University is Falling Behind in Important Matter

The demand for a college of journalism has not come solely from within the walls of the University, where the enrollment in journalistic courses has grown from thirty-odd to a hundred and a quarter. Two big forces from the outside have not only endorsed the movement for the college, but have put shoulder to wheel and boosted. They are the press and education.

At its meeting in Lincoln, November 18, the Nebraska Press association unanimously passed resolutions favoring early action upon the part of the board of regents and the legislature toward the establishment of a journalism college. The resolutions were introduced by Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, and the motion for their adoption seconded by Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune.

Metropolitan and country press have worked alike in the interests of the college. Following are excerpts from some of the editorials that have been high points in campaigns being carried on by the press of the state for the college:

Victor Rosewater Says
Victor Rosewater, The Omaha Bee (Teaching Journalism in the University): "The demand is surely here and the time is now ripe to meet it. We know of no asset that would prove more profitable to the University than to have graduates—making newspapers that reflect and guide public sentiment of the different communities of the state."

Harvey Newbranch, The Omaha World-Herald (A College of Journalism): "If every city and town in Nebraska had one or more such newspapers (produced by thoroughly trained graduates in journalism) the boost given the state along many lines—commercial, industrial, political, social, educational, artistic, and others—would be beyond computation."

N. A. Huse, The Norfolk News (Nebraska University Asleep): "The University of Nebraska owes it to the state—and to the young men of the state looking for useful and compensatory occupations, to give newspaper training that importance which it deserves and which it is receiving in other states."

What Ross Hammond Thinks
Ross Hammond, The Fremont Tribune (A School of Journalism): "The Nebraska University is not rendering the service it is capable of giving the people."

The educational association of the state, although they have taken no official action upon the proposition, have signified their belief in the need of a college of journalism in more ways than one. The Middle-West School Review, Nebraska's official school journal reflects the attitude of the teachers and schoolmen of Nebraska in an editorial in its December number.

"The elementary, grade, and high schools would profit from the school of journalism quite as much as future newspaper workers. Nowhere else in the University is such practical everyday English taught as in the news writing course. Teachers, several of whom are taking the work, will find this training most directly applicable to their needs—accurate, terse, direct English expression.

"It would give big returns for the comparatively small money outlay necessary to start it."

The Largest Band
The largest university band in the United States is at the University of Illinois. Over 200 pieces formed the band when it gave its twenty-sixth annual concert a week ago.