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## THE BEGINNING

The first day of another semester grind began yesterday. Coincidentally a new editorial staff of The Daily Nebraskan oiled up the good old typewriters, racked the good old brains, and started turning out the stream of copy wherewith to inform and entertain the campus public.

To allay the fears of the reformers, reassure the stand-patters, and satisfy the curious (mostly the last) many editors of The Daily Nebraskan in the past have started off the first issue of their term of office with a statement of policies they would follow. Many times the final swan song editorials, perusal of the files disclose, refer back to these statements of policy with sighs of regret, sometimes apologies, and oftentimes disappointment.

To avoid this possible disappointment, to offer apologies now instead of later, and to be free to meet every occasion with an unfettered mind, the present editor purposes not to state in crystallized outline what policies he will follow, what he will attack, and what he will support.

College is a great place for development of the mind. This development implies occasional changes in opinion. The editor of the college paper, no less than other students who browse about in this great university store of knowledge, is likely to change his mind. Remembering this, and humble in the knowledge that he is editor in great part through the fortuitous turn of a long chain of circumstances, and somewhat by virtue of hard work, rather than any exceptional display of superiority, he essays this first attempt at writing an editorial for The Daily Nebraskan.

For the additional information of those who may still entertain doubts concerning the uncensored freedom of The Daily Nebraskan, it may be well to state now that the present staff of editors, like all previous staffs to our knowledge, has in no way been obligated to bind itself by promises or other agreements with the Publication Board. Last spring when the present editor was appointed managing editor, he was asked by the Board what his policy would be in regard to communications to the paper. The answer was that if a communication was news it would be printed. That policy was followed all last semester, and will be followed all this semester.

At the same time while upholding and reaffirming the right of the student paper to freedom from any form of censorship, the fact remains that control of the paper must and should remain lodged as it is now in a permanent board responsible for its conduct. The financial stake involved would be sufficient reason alone for this supervision by those older in experience than students who have been here for only three or four years. Few people realize that The Nebraskan on its financial side is as large a business proposition as many a small-town daily.

Then there is another reason why back of the staff of student editors and business managers who temporarily have control of the paper there should always be in readiness a more responsible group of men, and that is, that the student paper, no less than any other part of this University, is constantly on trial before the public. In fact, the college paper is possibly even more on trial than other parts of the University, because its conduct or misconduct can more easily be observed. The college paper must of necessity at all times preserve a decorum and dignity in keeping with that of the institution it represents. For that reason, for example, many of the familiar features of the commercial press, such as the advice to love-love, comic strips, and other space-filling and entertaining features, have no place in its columns. If the staff of editors were deficient in this sense of propriety, it would be the duty of the Board to step in and correct the situation.

Within these limits, imposed by the mere fact that The Nebraskan is a University publication, the editor has had, and we hope, always will have unrestricted freedom.

## Second-hand Books

A new student cooperative movement in the form of a book exchange has recently been started by the University Y. M. C. A. To date about 125 books are on the shelves. The object is to lower the price of second hand books for those who buy and raise the price for those who sell. The saving in either case is expected to come from the elimination of the dealer's profits.

Cooperative movements to us here in the West are no new thing. Every farmer's son of us is familiar with the farmers' cooperative grain elevators, farmers' unions, mutual threshing outfits, and other forms of cooperative effort. Even in the cities there have been sporadic attempts to establish laborers' cooperative stores such as have proved so successful in England and other European countries.

A student cooperative movement is particularly fitting. There is no one in the world so much in continual need of money as the average student. Universities have witnessed for ages the struggles of students to maintain themselves during their college careers. Cooperation in the form of student dining halls and rooming houses has often been a manifestation of this necessity for some way of lowering the cost of living. A modern expression of this spirit is seen in the Girls' Cooperative houses being erected for women students at various universities under auspices of the Associated Women Students organizations.

Student book exchanges, according to Secretary Hayes, who is the father of the scheme here at Nebraska, are quite successful at other universities, notably at Illinois.

The general underlying principle of a mutual exchange and buying and selling of books by the students themselves through some central office as the Y. M. C. A. is now providing seems sound. There seems no reason why students should pay tribute to an intermediary if they can just as easily solve the problem themselves.

Upon the practical administration of the plan by the Y. M. C. A. will depend its initial success or failure.

ure. Its ultimate success or failure will largely depend on the attitude of the students themselves and the operation of the underlying economic principles involved.

Economics students and professors may find delight in watching how this infant cooperative movement prospers in the face of competition with an old-established private dealer.

## Commercial Sports?

At a period when criticisms of college athletics occupy important space in magazines and newspapers throughout the country, the University of Nebraska may point with pride to the development of her intramural program.

With the opening of the track season it rounds into one of its most important phases. Perhaps the first sport to be used to draw all students, rather than just the stars, into athletics, its place in University life should not be overlooked.

Under the direction of Henry F. Schulte, track work has been made attractive. As a result, each spring has seen a far larger number of men out. Last year, there were in the neighborhood of five hundred men who were able to take advantage of clean, outdoor exercise under the direction of Coach Schulte and his assistants. On the basis of early indications, Coach Schulte is expecting six hundred students out this year.

In the intra-mural track program, the athletic board has removed the principal difficulty of keeping a large number of men out. No matter how much a man may like athletics or physical exercise of any kind, he generally seeks some reward for his efforts. Twenty letters for intercollegiate competition is generally the limit. But under the system of numeral awards and non-varsity competitions now in effect, every student has an opportunity to win a measure of honor on the track.

Numerals may be won, not by beating this man or that man, but by acquiring sufficient proficiency in various events to meet certain definite marks. It takes twelve points for a numeral and eleven is the most a man can make in one event. This means that the average student has to be fairly good at three events to win his numeral. It means a measure of all around development.

In addition, numerals are not awarded unless a man is scholastically eligible. Nebraska numeral winners, as well as varsity runners, must maintain satisfactory scholastic standards.

Then there are the tri-color meets for men whose ability lies between those working for numeral points and the regular varsity candidates. These furnish keen competition for the non-star as well as making a fine training ground for future varsity material. Miniature winged-feet in gold, silver, and bronze are awarded each spring to the men who have performed best during the season in each event.

These various competitions are making track a sport for all. Coach Schulte is making it a worthwhile sport for all. Needless to say, the vigorous exercise is a decided asset to the health of the student who is confined the bulk of the day. Training in form develops bodily coordination, physical grace and ease. And the warming up and training exercises serve to develop the whole body. Track has ceased to be a sport to develop a specialty. It is now realized that the best track man is the man in the best shape physically and mentally.

Nebraska students who are able to take advantage of track training come out better equipped for their other struggles. Athletics may be becoming more and more commercialized but Nebraska's intra-mural track program is at least one argument to the contrary. Nebraska track is offering splendid opportunities to all students for one side of their development. It is helping to make Cornhuskers participants as well as spectators.

## "The Campus Review"

The first issue of "The Campus Review," the long-heralded off-campus publication, was distributed yesterday. The board of editors is composed of a representative group of students who, judging by their past literary accomplishments on the campus and in the classrooms, are right well capable of editing such a journal.

Breathing with the spirit of the old-time personal student journalism which held sway back in the eighties and nineties in the days of The Hesperian, The Scarlet and Cream, and The Nebraskan, predecessors of The Daily Nebraskan, "The Campus Review" we hope will meet with a hearty reception among students and faculty.

Growing along with the University, The Daily Nebraskan, even like the commercial press of the outside world, has in large part out of unconscious sympathetic imitation of its bigger metropolitan contemporaries, become similarly cold and impersonal. It has become a NEWSpaper as "The Campus Review" so fittingly describes. The editorial columns have tried in some measure to graft a soul onto the paper, but only too often with disappointing results. The rise of an "independent journal of opinion" is the natural, and may we say, inevitable reaction to this growing "impersonalism" of the college press. Nebraska is no exception. The same thing is happening at other universities.

The apologies of the editors in anticipation of any possible seeming competition, The Daily Nebraskan heartily appreciates as an evidence of their good will, though they are not needed. No hurt has been done; no hurt will be done. The Daily Nebraskan welcomes to the fold of University publications this latest student literary venture.

## A Contribution

A bill has been introduced in the legislature authorizing the board of regents to make arrangements for obtaining fifty-five specimens of African wild game which were hunted down by Adam Breede, Hastings editor, on a recent expedition to that continent.

It is hoped that the legislature sees fit to appropriate the desired \$30,000, only a small part of which will go to Mr. Breede, for procuring these specimens and mounting them in the university museum. Mr. Breede's generosity in offering them to the university should be commended, as well, for he agrees to turn over the animals for about \$5,000, which amount represents the expenses of his trip and no more.

With Morrill Hall all but completed the university will indeed be happy to receive Mr. Breede's collection as a contribution to what will be one of the finest museums in the middlewest.

## The Price of Economy

The \$100,000 fire loss sustained by the Colorado Agricultural College last Friday is another piece of evidence as to the folly of failing to put up safe and satisfactory buildings in state institutions as long as the old can possibly be used.

Plans for remedying the situation on the Nebraska campus have been formulated by the Board of Regents. But they will be effective only as the people of the state through their legislature realize the nature of the situation. Old buildings, firetraps, are dangerous to students, faculty and property also. Their burning generally leads to the destruction of valuable and irreplaceable records, researches, etc.

If University were as successful in interior transformation of students as it is in most cases in exterior transformation, what a civilization this country might have.

## Regents To Ask For More Money

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approval of recommendations for degrees at midwinter commencement at the University of Nebraska, was discussed at the meeting of the regents, which lasted from 11 a. m. until late afternoon.

The regents were taken through the new building and commented on its "excellent construction" and convenient arrangement.

The regents attending the meeting included F. J. Taylor, St. Paul; William P. Warner, Dakota City; Earl M. Cline, Lincoln; John R. Webster, Omaha; Stanley D. Long, Coles. Mr. Landis of Seward was the only absentee.

J. S. Dales, oldest university graduate, who is corporation secretary of the board; L. E. Gunderson, finance secretary of the university; and L. F. Seaton, operating superintendent, also met with the board.

## Appointments Made to "Countryman" Staff

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Departmental Contributors: College of Agriculture: Ag Engineering—Russel S. Nettleton.

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Feature Stories—Marie Dougherty and Dorothy Ward.  
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Assistants—Louise W. Taggart and Dorothy McCoy.  
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The Ag College Publication Board

members are: Prof. R. P. Crawford, chairman; and Prof. H. E. Bradford, J. O. Rankin, F. E. Mussehl, Miss Florence Faust as faculty members, and Alice Klein and Cecil Means as student members.

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