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#### Au Revoir!

WITH this morning's issue the Daily Nebraskan completes another—its sixty-third—semester. When, on January 31, publication is resumed with the beginning of the new semester, its policies will be in the hands of a new staff with a new editor at its head. It therefore becomes appropriate at this time to look back over the semester which is about to close and cast a critical eye on the accomplishments and disappointments the retiring staff has met in the task we so seriously set about in September—a legitimate opportunity to talk shop for a day.

Our first purpose has always been to provide a readable day-by-day picture, first, of the activities of our own campus and, second, of the college world in general. Our editorial expressions have been purposed to reflect this picture in its proper perspective—perhaps to do our bit in encouraging correct thinking on the many problems and questions that cross this picture.

To do this fairly, justly, and without ungrounded prejudice in times like the present presents no small task. The college world, as the world and life of our times at large, is in a period of transition. Our standards of value in every department are in a state of flux. The last three years have seen the props knocked out from under all the nation has long held sound in its economic life. And this debacle has not been without its effect on our social philosophy.

College, once considered the certain door to success, no longer places its finished products immediately in responsible positions in the world without, but sets them adrift, to shift for themselves, to make their own place in a highly competitive struggle—often to face sad disillusionment in the effort.

To discuss what this upheaval means to students now in college or university—to suggest and reflect what college youth can and proposes to do about it—is one of the things the Nebraskan editorials this semester have attempted to do.

Just what the "solution" will be, few at this juncture would care to predict. Certain things, however, we can note—and this with encouraged hope. College youth has awakened to the fact that something is wrong somewhere—and this is something. Moreover, it does not, having noticed this, resign itself to fate. It will make a fight for it and, if it goes down, it will go down fighting. It will perhaps—yes, undoubtedly—make some false starts and become over-enthusiastic about some false "isms" and sure-fire panaceas. But the comparatively slight fall in enrollment in colleges and universities despite the depression indicates that youth proposes to go at the job well grounded in what is offered by way of education. For a long time man has been surviving catastrophes and he will probably survive this one. The men and women now in college are seriously thinking about lending a hand.

To come down to particulars, the policies regarding Nebraska has followed this semester have been of a nature of results. We have revolutionized no

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system, and probably no college editor ever will. We have opposed certain things and advocated certain others with the satisfaction of seeing our views heard and heeded.

The Nebraskan, to begin the semester, advocated sane but drastic economies in student living and social expenses and saw an intelligent student reaction to meet the needs of an unprecedented situation.

The Nebraskan attacked what it chose to call the "second-hand book racket" plied by the regular campus book stores. This week will see the opening of a student-operated used book exchange which will charge only actual cost for the service it offers.

The Nebraskan objected to the limited available periods for general student use of the student-paid-for swimming pool and is gratified—we are thankful even for the crumbs—by the addition of two extra periods for this purpose each week.

The Nebraskan gave its undivided support to the movement for new men's rushing rules to give the rushee a fair break in the scramble and saw these rules adopted to go into effect next fall.

The Nebraskan lent its news and editorial columns to the promotion of student interest and participation in the November elections, to what success we can never know.

As there were what—although we do not presume to claim full credit by any means, it gives us a certain satisfaction to think we aided—we may call "editorial victories," there were also defeats—instances when for all our efforts nothing came of them. This must always be the case and we do not regret having tried—and hope the Nebraskan in the future will not despair for having once tried and failed.

We refer, for instance, to: Our demand for reconstruction of the Interfraternity council and re-vitalizing of the Corn Cob pepsters; our attack on the childish rules by which the dean of women's office guards the purity of the youngsters entrusted to its care; our declamation against high prices charged by allegedly non-profit university cafeterias; our suggestion that upperclassmen of proved scholastic ability might be allowed to regulate their own attendance on class sessions; our warning against the new-born barb organization forming political alliances with established factions which it may find cumbersome when it realizes the full extent of its own power. There were others.

ASIDE from these matters of "action" in which we have been governed only by our own best judgment, the Nebraskan has endeavored to brighten its editorial columns with pertinent discussions of "men and things" in the day's news of campus and college world.

How well we have done all or any of these things it is not our privilege to judge. Our Student Pulse column has been open alike to dissenters and supporters. In our Contemporary Comment column we have printed what we considered best of the thought of other college editors. We've had a lot of fun and learned a good bit.

TO our successor, whoever he may be: Our best wishes for success and the hope you get as much pleasure and satisfaction out of it as we have, spared certain difficulties under which the Nebraskan this semester has operated.

To our staff: You have been able and faithful. That's enough. To the faculty, administration and publications board: You have acted fairly and considerately in most matters pertaining to the Nebraskan.

To the students: Our appreciation for your tolerance of our effort to give you something interesting, pertinent—and perhaps beneficial to read at breakfast.

HOWARD G. ALLAWAY.