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Promises And Hopes

MUCH bilge flows thru college editorial columns at the beginning of every school year about the glorious opportunities facing the current aggregation of undergradutes. Such opportunities do exist, and the words calling attention to them would be highly acceptable were it not for the universal shutting of the editorial eye to the fact that few are the opportunities which adequately materialize, and fewer still are the students who are advantaged thereby.

As a matter of fact, every student registered in the university becomes for a time a part of the cycle of higher education. He enrolls, is for a period intimately involved with a great institution and—if his time is at all well spent—leaves with life enriched, having acquired certain aspects of the institution of which he has been a part. Viewed from the standpoint of the individual, his academic years in connection with the institution take on significance—they are of extreme importance. But the longer view impels the conviction that the institution, and not the various undergraduates who are temporarily immerged in it, is ultimately the important consideration.

Every undergraduate and every conglomeration of undergraduates is involved with specific problems, but the university survives and fulfills its institutional functions long after the undergraduate problems are forgotten.

So we come, after some circumlocution, to the present student body. The inception of the school year finds a new assortment of disciples of the sheepskin thrown together for a time; and they too, like those who have gone before and those to come, are about to find themselves involved with problems of tremendous importance.

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AS the cycle begins for the parent institution, the university, and its separable and impermanent members, the students, so does September find a lesser correlative institution, The Daily Nebraskan, stirring to activity. Launched thru the various autumns by a succession of untried undergraduate staffs, the Nebraskan has yet managed to survive as an institution dedicated to the purveyance of campus news and the flux of student opinion.

Deviations from that ideal in the past have been rare, and it is the general objective of the present staff, whose work readers see for the first time today, to prolong that tradition of service to the best of their several abilities. That the interests of students will come always first is too obvious to bear emphasis; even when staff members attempt to palliate enthusiasm for the rights and privileges of the undergraduate with a broader view, embracing the twin responsibilities to university and state, they more often than not find their efforts weakened by the very circumstance of being undergraduates themselves.

From time to time there may, no doubt, be departures from the general policy thus outlined in the form of sporadic adventures into enthusiasm for specific causes. To keep these adventures on a more or less rational plane will be the staff's permanent concern, realizing as it does that such bursts as may occur would prove much more spectacular if their outcome were not a foregone conclusion. Which is to say that the form of paranoia so often afflicting student editors is in comparatively little danger of unseating those of the Nebraskan staff.

Compromise and conformity are expected as the outcome of every campaign—every adventure into enthusiasm—but the editors are not too greatly bowed down by this realization, for their endeavor is thereby merely characterized as human, and superhuman they do not hold themselves to be.

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EVERY introductory editorial comes ultimately to the point where the editorial ear, which has somehow gotten into the future, can no longer neglect the cries for specific points of policy. In most cases it is certainly logical procedure to at least outline the general plan for any sort of construction, but in the case of a newspaper's editorial policy certain concessions must be made to unpredictable turns which may be given by the interpretation of news events as they happen.

The Nebraskan does have a very definite policy, however, embracing some dozen items. The bare list, without explanation of the standpoints to be fostered (which will appear as the semester ages) includes:

1. Activity tax.
2. Athletics.
3. Barb organization.
4. Chaperones.
5. Convocations.
6. Fraternities.
7. The grading and honor systems.
8. Physical education and military science.
9. Social rules and regulations.
10. Smoking rooms.
11. Student government.
12. Union building.

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IT will immediately be objected that such a list contains absolutely no element of novelty. And the objection will be valid. If there be those who recall earlier days of the Nebraskan, they will observe that some of the things with which the paper proposes to concern itself are as much as fifteen and twenty years old. Others have been sponsored more recently.

But regardless of age, it is felt that these issues are important, and that continued work toward the objectives which they represent will be valuable until definite results have been achieved. The list, in short, almost represents the permanent policy of the Daily Nebraskan—carrying on, making the paper an organic institution, in spite of successive staff changes.

More detailed analysis of the specific issues cannot be attempted at this time; besides extending this editorial to impossible lengths such a survey would seriously threaten the virility of future remarks.

It must be remembered, however, that any editorial policy is an expanding and developing thing, changing its aspect with the flux of the news. New possibilities will constantly present themselves for discussion and investigation; new problems will arise to confront perplexed editorial writers.

For the present, however, little remains to be said. The Nebraskan, with the distribution of this issue, is launched for another semester. What the semester will bring, it is hoped, will at least afford interesting reading material thruout the fall and early winter, and perhaps—if everything goes well—a little in the way of constructive work may be accomplished. That is as much as staff members of any student enterprise can hope, and with that hope the editorial inauguration of the Daily Nebraskan stands completed.

For the Relief Of Gripes.

IT goes without saying that the new columns of the Nebraska are open to student enterprises and activities, for above everything else that it may at times claim to be, the Nebraskan is a student paper. But there is another department of the paper that is devoted to more direct student expression the Student Pulse column.

Open to every reader with something to say—whether it be a "gripe," a commendation, or the mere setting forth of a passing thought—this column attempts to serve as a medium for the expression of actual student sentiment. Contributions will be subject to the ordinary restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which exclude libelous material and personal attacks, but in other respects the column is open to any point of view, whether it coincides with Daily Nebraskan policy or not.

Material intended for use in the Student Pulse department should be addressed to the editor, and mailed or brought to the Nebraskan office.

If you have anything to say, this column provides the opportunity to say it.

COLORADO DENIES NEBRASKA ALUM TEACHING PERMIT

Truce Is Reached After State Refuses Mary Scott License.

Due to an impending war of retaliation along educational lines similar to the interstate truck war, a truce was reached over the case of Miss Mary Scott, graduate of the Nebraska University teachers college, on her qualifications for receiving a certificate to teach a rural school in Colorado.

Because of the refusal of the state superintendent of Colorado to give Miss Scott a certificate Deputy State Superintendent Cushing wired "If you propose to set up arbitrary and technical barriers against Nebraska teachers, we have an abundance of technical provisions in our laws whereby we con refuse certificates to Colorado teachers."

However, when Mrs. Lucy C. Auld, deputy superintendent of instructions, was informed of Cushing's telegram she said "There are no arbitrary stipulations being enforced in Colorado. We have certain laws concerning the certification of teachers and any person who can qualify under the Colorado laws will receive a certificate. The state in which they received their training makes no difference to us. Our state law provides that persons must have six hours of practice teaching or three years teaching experience before they con qualify for a certificate and Miss Scott had neither.

"The law is definite and we refuse numerous certificates on this ground."

Barter Enables Many To Attend Curtis Ag

Barter, or perhaps inflation, enabled the Nebraska School of Agriculture, at Curtis, to smash all attendance records this fall by a 40 percent margin. Among the items received in exchange for tuition, board and room were corn, barley, oats and cattle. One student parted with a pony.

The twentieth year began Sept. 4 with D. K. Douthit as the new superintendent. The freshman class shows the 40 percent gain while the girls' dormitory, only half filled last year, has seventy students and teachers enrolled for rooms and meals.

The school at Curtis is a part of the University of Nebraska. The farm has been extended until it includes more than 320 acres. Superintendent Douthit wanted to stock this farm so he announced that lack of ready cash need not keep students at home this fall.

CHURCHES GREET FRESHMEN

Religious Welfare Council Will Institute Season Of Hospitality.

As part of the Freshman welcome being extended on the campus this week, the student Religious Welfare Council is instituting a Hospitality season. The purpose is to extend the spirit of friendliness beyond the campus to students, and to offer them homes with Lincoln residents.

According to Rev. Dean R. Leland, University Presbyterian student pastor, this extension of hospitality by residents is to be one of the features of All-University church night, Sept. 22. At that time students are to receive invitations to homes.

Miss Faulkner Revises Proofs for New Book

Miss Virginia Faulkner, former student at Nebraska, is now revising the proofs for her new book "Written To Sell." Miss Faulkner has, in the past, contributed to the Prairie Schooner.

Avery To Attend Convention.

The department of chemistry at the university will be represented at the American Chemical association's annual convention to be held at the Chicago World's Fair, from Sept. 4 to 9, by Chancellor Emeritus Avery.

DEAN GREETS WOMEN ENTERING UNIVERSITY

Miss Heppner Urges Girls To Have Conferences At Early Date.

Miss Amanda Heppner, dean of women, welcomes all new students to the university and urges them to come to her office at the earliest possible date for conferences. In explaining this request she points out that often times complications in schedules can be avoided if students understand their requirements.

Women students are welcome to Ellen Smith hall any time. They may use the rooms for lounging or study any hours the building is open. This hall is the center of all activities so far as women are concerned, Dean Heppner points out. She urges students to attend the parties and teas which organizations are giving in honor of new students.

Miss Piper Directs Housing.

Miss Elsie Ford Piper whose office is also in Ellen Smith has charge of housing women. She has regular office hours in which she advises students as to correct lodging. The list of approved rooms is now prepared, according to Miss Piper.

Mrs. Ada Westover is helping women locate suitable employment. In connection with this it is important that students working four hours a day should not register for more than twelve or fourteen hours of college work, declared Miss Heppner.

The Y. W. C. A. office is in Ellen Smith Hall which is located at 1340 R street.

Discuss Rules for Rushing at Meeting

Sorority presidents, rush chairmen and Pan hellenic representatives met at 10:00 Saturday morning in Ellen Smith Hall to discuss rushing rules prior to the opening of the formal rushing season Sunday afternoon.

Martha Hershey, vice president of the council, announced that no Greek group had violated summer rushing rules so that it was unnecessary to inflict penalties upon any sorority.

A Panhellenic calendar for sororities during rush week was distributed to delegates and the procedure to be followed was explained by Mrs Elizabeth Thompson, chairman of Panhellenic.

Wisconsin Will Educate 1,000 Seeking Work

The University of Wisconsin extension division is at the present time completing arrangements for taking care of about 1,000 unemployed who are seeking to equip themselves for future jobs. Tuition for those enrolling will be paid from a $30,000 fund made available by the 1933 legislature's relief appropriation.

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