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We'd Like To See--

THE time for New Year's resolutions is past.

Were it not, it is probable that the fact would still be of no significance to the university. It would appear, however, that the University of Nebraska might well adopt a number of resolutions and follow them during the year, with an eye to bettering existing conditions.

Improvement in present university conditions could be suggested to no end, of course, for under the limited financial backing which is the university's many desirable undertakings must be left undone. There remain, however, a number of steps which the university could take, and with little effort, which would greatly enhance the fortune of the student body and of the university as a whole. Of these, the Nebraskan feels that two, greater understanding between administration and student, and presentation of a bolder front to the state by the university, are of special importance.

The Nebraskan submits that no university can achieve an appreciable degree of success where there fails to exist within the student body a general sense of satisfaction, of love and loyalty to the school, and where co-operation and understanding between faculty, administration, alumni, and students is not developed to a high degree. This we believe is not the case at Nebraska. For evidence, we point to the apathy and lack of interest which is displayed by the great majority of students toward matters of general university interest. They care little what is the university's fate, nor have they reason to care for their status is but little more than that of a group of customers whose sole attraction for the business they patronize is their patronage.

The university has neglected development of that important adjunct of classroom work—extra-curricular education in its many fields. Nebraska's program of convocations and forums is pitifully inadequate. Interest in the fine arts and other intellectual and cultural pursuits has lapsed into significance with the disappearance of university functions devoted to them. Even discussions of present day affairs, trends of thought, and world developments are a rare occasion on the Nebraska campus.

Opportunity for social contacts for a great percentage of students is sadly lacking. Recreation, companionship, friendship—these things are often unknown to many students, resulting in a condition which is in direct contrast to man's nature yet one which is sponsored by lack of suitable facilities for fostering these needed contacts among men, among women, and between the two. It is small wonder that students who are denied this opportunity for fellowship and friendship have little regard for the university in their hearts.

Again, students have not been given the responsibilities which should be theirs. Instead they have had inflicted upon them to govern their conduct a collection of obsolete and antiquated as well as arbitrary rules which are disgusting in their pettiness. They have not been consulted in regard to their problems, their opinion has not been sought save in few instances. Their plea for an activity fee was purposely evaded; their union building request tabled and ignored until the agency thru which it once might have been realized had exhausted its funds. A medical fee for a service which probably more than half will never use or want to use has been arbitrarily placed upon students without their consent. These and many more instances constitute the reason why students gifted with some bit of initiative and ambition finally throw up their hands and exclaim "What's the use?"

The Nebraskan is not criticizing destructively and without purpose. These things, it is our sincere belief, need correcting and can be corrected with little difficulty. These faults, we believe, bar the path to creation of a "university-conscious" student body, the goal of every university. Remedying these conditions, we believe, would create a student body vitally interested in the university, one which would go out as alumni to work for the university and come to its aid when necessary. Alumni troubles, too, would decrease greatly were students bound to the university by ties of friendship and pleasant memories. And we may venture, the barren field which represents endowments, bequests, and gifts to the university might be made under such circumstances to yield a fair harvest.

The Nebraskan believes that the university owes it to itself to strive to bring about corrections for these defects in its student life. A sympathetic attitude toward student problems and increased effort to serve the students, we feel, would do much during the New Year to solve internal difficulties.

As for its relations with the state and the

people of the state, the Nebraskan feels the university has much to gain and little to lose, should it assume a bolder and more militant front in its various efforts for support. The university has suffered greatly at the hands of the legislature. But it has always held back, cautiously awaiting the thrusts of its antagonists and squirming uncomfortably when they come. Such tactics have taken the university nowhere fast. They were followed in 1932 when the university experienced its worst treatment. They were continued in 1934 when it fared but little better. Apparently the plan is to continue such tactics which will inevitably be followed by similar results.

Such procedure, we believe, is fundamentally wrong. The university must have faith in itself if it is to succeed. Instead of waiting for the attack, it should carry the fight to its opponents, bring its case before the people of the state in all its importance, and bring home to Nebraska the valuable services it renders which no other agency can supplant. The university has too long quit before losing. There is everything to be gained by an aggressive campaign throughout the state; it can hardly lose more than it has lost already.

The pioneers of Nebraska, almost with their first efforts, created this university that their children and future Nebraskans should have every advantage of higher education. They never meant that the university should be a matter for legislative quarrels on appropriations. If the university will stand on its own two feet, go to the people of Nebraska on its merits, and plead its cause wisely and well, the Nebraskan believes the fundamental principle which brought the university into being will be reaffirmed by the people and the university will secure the consideration it rightly deserves.

A recent news item states that teams playing in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl football game will receive about \$30,000 with the winner's share even larger. If certain faculty sentiment which continues to evade discovery had not blocked Nebraska's acceptance of the first Sugar Bowl bid, that \$30,000 would have come to Nebraska. Oh well, maybe we didn't need it here.

It now seems that clergymen of many denominations are following Father Coughlin's example and are actively invading the field of politics, from their pulpits and from without. Perhaps this is one reason religion is today experiencing a few aches and pains.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Earmarks of a Punk Professor.

In answer to questions published in the Texan, letters earmarking a "punk professor" were compiled to make a sinister picture. Here is a punk professor.

He reads his lecture notes, or else he lectures too fast in a sleep-conducive monotone. His enunciation is cloudy, and he slumps down in his chair the entire period, oblivious to the reaction of the class to his efforts or absence of efforts.

To make matters worse, his clothes are unkempt and his hair uncombed. He elaborates on the obvious in such a manner as to make it difficult to understand. His lectures and class recitations show a lack of organization and planning, and he tries to impress the class with six-syllable words that mean nothing to the average student. He hasn't enough wit to make the most bashful country girl giggle. His stories, if any, are pointless.

An uncontrollable temper is one of his weaknesses, and he answers questions by making the inquirer feel like a penny waiting for change. He calls on just a few students exclusively, if he encourages discussion at all, and he is irked at argument or opposition.

He repeats a series of outlined lectures year after year, in such a manner as to make them become a professorial recitation rather than an intelligent presentation or interpretation of facts. He gives extra-long assignments over the week-end, and too few quizzes in the meantime, basing final grades on returns from final examinations.

This professor engages in riding rather than in helping poor or mediocre students, and gives the impression of knowing everything, when really he knows very little about anything except the course he is teaching. He would rather come to class than give a walk, even if he were on his death bed.

He uses profane language in class to emphasize points which he hasn't made clear in the ordinary routine. He is unable to get his subject over to the class, and, expecting a certain amount of inevitable failures, maps out his work accordingly. He gives trick questions on exams, and lets a matter of personal disagreement affect a student's grade.

He is so wrapped up in the writing of a book or in personal research that he cannot find time for student conferences, and regards his teaching duties as a bore. Consequently, he does not make a telling effort to make his classes lively or interesting. He neglects the teaching of his subject for its study entirely.

The punk professor has these and other faults. But the main thing is that he is incompetent. This, however, should not be a matter of student observation entirely. Some students like profane language in class and frequent walks and stories. Others cannot feel at ease unless their professor is telling them something they can take notes on and memorize for quizzes.

The point is, that there are some profs whose ability to teach is not up to the standard of a great university. While an adequate salary scale is a necessary prerequisite for good professors, and the university operates with too low a salary scale, it is nevertheless important that the abilities or inabilities of instructors and professors should be known. If we are ever to have a high rating faculty, it is necessary that we be able to distinguish the sheep from the goats within our own ranks.

This is a job too big or too disagreeable for a departmental chairman, a dean, or a class of students. This should be the task of an efficient personnel administrator—something which the university does not have.—Daily Texan.

CANTOR AWARDS PRIZE FOR BEST ESSAY ON PEACE

Comedian Instigates Contest Offering Winner Four Year Scholarship.

Eddie Cantor will award a four year scholarship and complete maintenance at any American college or university to the person who writes, in the opinion of a distinguished board of judges, the best letter on the subject: "How can America Stay Out of War?" Cantor has set aside a fund of \$5,000 for this purpose.

The plan was made public by the stage, screen, and radio comedian Sunday, Jan. 5, at the conclusion of his regular Sunday evening broadcast over stations of Columbia broadcasting systems.

Baker Suggests Subject.

The subject of the competition was suggested by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, with whom Cantor had discussed his proposal.

The judging body comprises four noted American educators, each the president of a prominent educational institution. They are Robert M. Hutchins, of the University of Chicago; Frederick Bertrand Robinson, College of the City of New York; Ray Lyman Wilbur, of Leland Stanford University; and Henry Noble MacCracken of Vassar college. All have heartily endorsed this project in the interests of peace and education. Their decision will be final.

Contest Personal.

The Eddie Cantor scholarship competition has no commercial affiliation whatsoever. It is entirely a personal matter with him. There are no restrictions or conditions—every man, woman and child is eligible to participate. However, in the event that the winning letter is from an individual unable to avail himself of or herself a college course, then he or she must designate another to be the recipient of the award. The choice of school and the time of attendance is optional. The letter is not to be over 500 words.

As soon as the best letter is determined by the judges, Cantor will deposit in the winner's local bank the sum of \$5,000, which can be used only for the specific purpose of a college career. From this amount, an adequate allowance will be provided for the student to pay his entire tuition and living expenses during the four year term. The latter will receive the accrued interest on the money.

Cantor Peace Advocate.

In speaking of this national scholarship competition, Cantor said: "There are absolutely no strings attached to this offer. No one has to tear off the top of a carton of any kind, nor send in stamps, nor solve a crossword puzzle. All one has to do is to sit down and write a straightforward letter on 'How can America Stay Out of War?' I never was fortunate to have had a college education myself—but I want to provide one for some American boy or girl. Like most people in this country, I'm a rabid peace advocate. I'm certain that the winning letter will be one worthy to bring before millions of Americans as another link in the strong chain of peace. I'm very grateful to Mr. Newton D. Baker for so kindly suggesting the title." The competition will close Saturday, Feb. 22. The judges' award will be announced by Cantor on Sunday, April 5. All letters are to be addressed to Eddie Cantor, General Postoffice, Box 99, New York City.

FARMERS STRIKE AT AAA DECISION

(Continued from Page 1), and future outlook, and approved the proposed little TVA in Nebraska.

He deplored sectional fights, but craves no fight with industry, asking only for a square deal. "Students are urged to attend these meetings as they have a worthwhile chance to enlarge on their classwork. Beside discussing farm problems, talks will be given concerning welfare and child training work, thus creating interesting topics for both men and women students," declared Miss Margaret Fedde, chairman of the home economics department.

Mrs. Morgan Speaker.

Mrs. Mildred Inskip Morgan, leader in the field of personality and family relationships, is scheduled to be one of the featured speakers of the meetings. Mrs. Morgan was one of the outstanding speakers secured by the university last spring, and will be remembered by many students who attended the group meeting.

Organizations sponsoring the agricultural week include: Nebraska State Crop Growers association, Nebraska State Honey Producers, Livestock Breeders and Feeders association, Farm Equipment group, State Dairymen's association, State Horticultural society, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Poultry association, Hall of Agriculture, Achievement association, and the Nebraska Home Economics association.

Several agricultural college instructors will give talks, and the following committee has charge of the program: Miss Edith Carse, chairman; Miss Carolyn Ruby, Miss Mary-Ellen Brown, Miss Louise Leaton and Miss Matilda Peters.

Nebraska Well Drillers To Gather Here Feb. 6, 7

A state meeting of the Nebraska Well Drillers Association will be held in Nebraska Hall at the university on Feb. 6 and 7. This meeting occurs annually.

Urchins' Prank Only Holiday Excitement For University Cop

"The quietest vacation I have ever known on the Nebraska campus" is the verdict of Sgt. L. C. Regler, nine years campus cop, when asked about the two-week Christmas holiday. "New Year's eve was absolutely uneventful." The Lincoln chief of police agrees, according to Regler.

Few cars were on the street the night of Dec. 31, even at 12 o'clock. Little drinking was reported.

"Usually we have prowlers around the sorority and fraternity houses when the houses are vacant for the holidays, but this time there was no such trouble," said the campus cop. "Our only excitement came when two 7 year old Negro boys pried a ten-foot grating off the pit east of Social Science building in an attempt to get a fountain pen which had been dropped thru the iron bars. It took six of us to replace the grill."

Without the students on the campus, Regler was lonesome and was glad to see vacation end, he said. A truck-driver friend of his told him that Monday morning, Jan. 6, as far as the eye could see, student hitch-hikers lined the road to Lincoln with Gladstone bags and suitcases beside them, bound for the university.

New Year's day Regler went coon-hunting. He couldn't stand the solitude.

Dr. Milliken Shows World as Lopsided Magnet on Ray Map

By College News Service.

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 6—A new slant on the nature of the magnetic field which surrounds the earth this week was given by Dr. Robert A. Milliken of the California Institute of Technology, famous for his research work in connection with the cosmic ray.

Dr. Milliken said that he and Dr. H. V. Neher recently worked out a cosmic ray map showing that the world is a lopsided magnet, some 25,000 miles across.

He explained that the intensity of cosmic rays—these "mysterious messengers from the outside space"—are greater in India than in the equatorial section of the western hemisphere.

Because of the dissymetry in cosmic ray attractions for the same distances from magnetic poles, the two scientists concluded that cosmic ray intensity tied up with magnetic fields, and found that their cosmic ray map follows published magnetism studies.

Even the axis between the two magnetic poles, he said, is not a straight line, but is curved much like a bow instead of the string.

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FOUR WESLEY PLAYERS ATTEND AMES MEETING

Officers of Local Chapter Present at National Convention.

Four members of Eta chapter of the Wesley Players, including Rev. Robert Drew, director of the Wesley foundation, Alice Beth Chase, past national vice president; Virginia Kirkbride, vice president of the chapter, and Lillette Jacques, reporter, attended the Wesley Players' national convention held in Ames, Ia., Jan. 2 and 3.

Among the outstanding speakers which the delegates heard were H. D. Boelinger, national advisor on organization, and H. A. Ehrenspenger, national advisor on drama. Mr. Ballinger, who is in charge of Wesley foundations of the Methodist church, will stop in Lincoln Wednesday on his way to Colorado to install a new chapter of Wesley Players. At this time members of the local chapter will have another opportunity to hear him speak.

Mr. Ehrenspenger, a member of the faculty of the dramatics department at Northwestern university, emphasized the fact that "simplicity, sincerity and dignity are the essentials of good play production." He mentioned that the purpose of Wesley Players is to dramatize current religious ideals. "Religious drama has too often been misinterpreted by the masses. A play is religious when it has a religious effect upon an audience, that is, if it sends an audience away exalted in spirit and with a deeper sense of understanding of life and a closer fellowship with God and man. Some Biblical plays have this effect and some do not. Some modern plays have it and others do not."

Weatherman Looks For Record Low in Temperature Today

According to T. A. Blair, assistant professor of meteorology, the lowest temperature of the year will have been reached if the weather falls to the expected 10 degrees below zero Tuesday morning. A mass of very cold air from Canada, moving southward at the rate of 15 miles per hour is the cause of the freezing temperature. At 4 Monday afternoon the thermometer read 13 degrees above.

Weather indications show that the temperatures will rise during the day.

The coldest day so far this winter was that of "O" on Christmas day. Last year the temperature went down to 9 degrees below and stayed that way for three days.

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Faculty Paper Released. Paper No. Eight, "A Geological Cross-Section from Forest City, Missouri to DuBois, Nebraska, prepared by the state Geological Survey is just off the press. The authors were G. E. Condra and Eugene Reed.

HOOVER TO SPEAK ON FARM PROGRAM HERE

National Hookup to Carry Republican Party Leader's Talk.

Former President Hoover, spokesman for the republican party is scheduled to discuss the administration's farm program before a crowd of approximately 8,000 persons on Jan. 16 in the coliseum, according to recent announcement made by Chairman Lyle Jackson of the republican state central committee.

Admission to the coliseum will be gained by tickets which are to be distributed by republican organizations thruout the state. There will be no admission charge and distribution of tickets, in the hands of republican organizations in each county, is being used in order to insure representation from all parts of the state.

Sponsored by the republican national committee, Mr. Hoover's talk will be broadcast over a national hookup of radio stations. Harry Spencer, chairman of the Lancaster county republican central committee is making preliminary arrangements for the address and plans are being formulated to hold a meeting of all members of the state committee in Lincoln, in order to organize a rally for the former republican president.

Soil Scientist Returns to Survey Job in Lincoln

Frank A. Hayes who has served as chief soil scientist for the shelterbelt during the past year has returned to his regular work on the United States Soil Survey. He is to continue in Nebraska with headquarters in Lincoln in the offices of the Conservation and Survey Division.

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