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Let's Have A Real Band.

DOES membership in Nebraska's band mean anything to its members? That question has been running thru the editor's mind ever since the night of a recent basketball game. Before the game a band member was overheard to remark that he was playing with the band that night because he could get into the game free. Later, at the game, a number of slurring remarks were heard to the way the band played and how "lousy" it was, indicated that this particular bandsman, and perhaps others had their mind mainly on the game and not on their music.

The incident was food for thought and out of that thinking came these questions: Just what does the band mean to its members? Are they proud to be in it? Do they work hard and contribute their best energies for its success? Or is it a refuge from military science? A free ticket to athletic contests? The answers suggested by the apparent facts are not altogether encouraging or favorable.

Nebraska this year has the largest band in its history. We should like to call it the best band in our history. Perhaps it is. But we cannot forget Homecoming Day when a snappy Kansas band stepped out on the field between halves of the game and demonstrated the qualities of a really good band. That is the kind of band we should like to see representing Nebraska. And that is precisely what we do not have. In comparison to Kansas our band was unwieldy, sluggish, spiritless. It seemed like a contest between the bungling amateur and the polished veteran. The campus talked for weeks about the excellence of the Kansas band.

There should be no reason why Nebraska cannot have such a band. Surely we have the musical talent necessary. But we do not have the right organization nor the morale in the band to make it the effective group it could be.

In the first place, the band is too much a refuge from abhorers of military training. On the slightest pretext of playing, students will grab a horn and seek the band to evade military science. And a large number of very mediocre musicians get in in this manner. Others use the band as an instrument to gain entrance to football games and make the band's trips. These two types of bandsmen have no reason to be proud of their membership in the band, they have no reason to strive wholeheartedly to do their best to make the band a success. They care little if they attend practices or not. And right there is a big difficulty to begin with.

Again, there are a number of students with sincere desires to play in the band who can not play well. They somehow are admitted to the band and then flounder around all year or perhaps two years with little or no individual instruction and after they leave they are little better players than when they entered.

Then there remain those band members who are beyond doubt excellent musicians and students who would like to see a first class Nebraska band. But under the foregoing conditions there is little these few can do. Their forward progress is held back by the uninterested and apathetic members of the band who outnumber them. Their efforts are lost in the merry-go-round tactics pursued by their fellow bandsmen and their good playing is lost in the off-key wails and booms of incompetent players.

Despite these troubles, it doesn't seem like much needs to be done to improve the quality of the band. Stiffening membership requirements would work wonders. Weeding out military science refugees and athletic event chiselers would at least insure an interested membership. Requiring students to be able to play better before being admitted to the band would eliminate much difficulty. Finally instruction on each instrument given to individual bandsmen throughout the year, would improve the band's ability as a whole.

Such revision of existing policies could not but work to the advantage of the band, we believe. That much needed improvement would occur, we cannot doubt. Certainly the band would mean more to its members, membership in it would be a source of pride and satisfaction, and the campus would be extremely grateful. Let's strive for a band like Kansas.

Student Employees' Union Needed.

IN today's student pulse column, another student adds his voice to the numerous complaints raised against certain downtown cafe owners who are charged with exploiting student workers. Despite some recent improvement in working conditions among offending cafes, others apparently intend to continue the unfair practices which they have inflicted on students in the past.

That such unfair conditions as may exist in regard to student employment will not be

tolerated is promised by action on the part of the university employment bureau and the student council, both of which are investigating the situation and taking steps to remedy it. A number of cafes have already adopted more liberal policies as a result of their activities, while remaining offenders are now being approached in regard to altering their present treatment of students.

It is to be hoped that a satisfactory and just solution of the employment situation in all cafes and eating establishments can be worked out without calling into action such drastic measures as boycotts. This, results thus far indicate, can probably be done. And if such is the case, the present controversy will soon be forgotten.

It is the Nebraskan's belief, however, that some permanent organization of student workers or some permanent agency to organize student workers each year should be set up to forestall reappearance of this problem in the future. Pledges and promises of today may easily be forgotten in a moment of need and it will be extremely easy to slide back into old and more profitable, even though exploitative habits.

The student employment bureau under Mr. Epp has made a move in the right direction by offering its services to any and every beleaguered student worker. While this will be a big help, an organization of student workers should nevertheless be effected, we believe, to prevent future employment troubles. Both the employment bureau and the student council are in a position to sponsor such a move.

A union of student workers would bring to individual students feeling of protection and security in any discussion of employment conditions which might affect them or menace their positions. Today there are still many students who are afraid to protest unfair conditions for fear of losing their jobs, while others are wrongly under the impression that it will do them no good to air their complaints. Their attitude will not change until they can stand side by side with other students workers in demanding their rights and feel secure in doing it.

The time seems ripe for organizing student workers into some sort of union to insure a fair deal at the hands of their employers both now and in the future. The employment bureau or the student council, or both, by taking the initiative in organizing students into such a union, could render valuable service to the campus and probably settle the problem for once and for all.

To Cure Ineligibilities.

Ineligibility of one or more promising athletes in almost every Husker sport seems to be a perennial problem which crops up to plague Nebraska coaches. If they are not worrying about men who have not made the grade, they must worry about the many who are on the brink and may topple over at any moment to add to their troubles.

Ineligibility has damaged Husker showing in the various sports on more than one occasion as valuable men, needed in the field, remained on the sidelines for academic reasons. Others have managed to slide in under the wire in time to compete a bit, but their stay is short and they soon find themselves back in the same old unhappy fix again. As the season for each different sport rolls around, someone it seems, is always in hot water so far as their grades are concerned, and others are uncomfortably near the border.

The situation is the more distressing because a majority of the delinquencies could be prevented if individual athletes would keep at their studies or work a bit harder. This remedy, however, experience has proved to be a failure. Some special precautions or steps must be taken, it seems, if athletes are to make a fair scholastic showing.

Numerous colleges in the nation have met this problem effectively by various means, and it would seem that Nebraska might profit by their experience. In some schools, professional tutors have been engaged by the athletic department to keep athletes up in their hours. In other schools, student tutors have volunteered their services, fraternity houses have assumed the responsibility of keeping athletes eligible, or the student governing body has even taken care of the problem in some instances by various methods.

Some will no doubt scoff at the idea of tutoring or any plan of study help for athletes. These same people would probably change their tune, however, if they knew how many outstanding Husker athletes are at present ineligible. At least three important grid positions are threatened next fall. Additional cases may develop before the year is over. And current sports are suffering their share from this cause.

Perhaps tutoring is not the answer. We admit the plan would have its difficulties. But we maintain that any plan to remove even partially the threat of ineligibility which plagues every Husker sport, and the stigma of scholastic deficiency which is attached to athletes in general at the present time is worth the attempt. The athletic department might have to spend a small sum for tutors, it might take a little effort to get athletes to settle down to business, but nothing would be lost in the attempt. Nebraska might then be able to use all its athletic talents, its athletes might make a fair record in their studies. Certainly something should be done to correct the situation. Why not give this remedy a try?

Birth of a Bandsman



STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

TO THE EDITOR:

It is certainly gratifying to me that the Daily Nebraskan is sponsoring a campaign to investigate the treatment of university student restaurant workers. The special committee of the student council appointed to study the situation will find that many students are being mercilessly exploited in their efforts to gain an education.

In August I worked for a time in a restaurant where 50c was the value of three meals served in payment for three hours' work; in other words this was 16.2-3c for each hour. Even after the owners made such magnificent allowance, many items on the menu were not served to the "help." No aprons or uniforms were furnished, and anyone breaking dishes was held accountable for their cost. It was more than I could bear; so I got a job in a restaurant where conditions contrasted greatly with those at the other place (and here let me state I quit at the first place, was not fired and now attempt to seek revenge). The workers in the second cafe are treated like equal human beings. Three hours' work there is required for three meals daily, but the employes may eat almost anything on the menu, helping themselves, except T-bone steaks. Aprons are furnished, and no charge is made for broken dishes. They do not expect their boys to put in a lot of overtime work for nothing. Too, their boys are allowed to eat their meals dur-

ing their work periods if business is slack.

We students, I am sure, will cooperate fully with the committee in their actions. Let's hope in some way the names of eating places treating student help fairly can be made known and patronized, while the slave drivers' places can be shunned. It seems to me that students will not be discharged wholesale because of this campaign, as the restaurant men depend largely upon us students for cheap help. They cannot get other people to work for as low return as students will accept in order to remain in school. The sweat shop type of employer always has a difficult time maintaining a staff of adequate size after classes are dismissed in August.

Members of the faculty are getting behind this drive to see that students are treated fairly. A member of the faculty told me that some of the professors had been discussing the situation and expressed sympathy for the students. It was this person's opinion that it gave Lincoln a bad reputation when students' parents were informed that many of the restaurant men were treating their children very shabbily. I agree that it might cause many people to think that all our business people were "sharp," which is far from the truth. Most of the business men treat student workers very well.

Perhaps the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce could exert a corrective pressure upon the minority of employers who are unfair. This, too, is a suggestion of the faculty member mentioned above, and, I think, a very good one, for the good business men of Lincoln are jealous of their city's fair name. We have the means in our power and the intelligence, I hope to put an end to exploitation of students.

—H. C. H.

Republicans Lead in Poll of Eastern College Students

A decided change from the tendency towards liberalism demonstrated in 1932 when Franklin D. Roosevelt swept the nation in one of the most momentous landslides in history, seemed to be in order on the east coast as a majority of the students in sight out of eleven eastern universities and colleges polled in a comparative college poll indicated that they would cast their ballots in favor of the republican candidate in the coming election. The eastern polls which were conducted under the direction of student publications were patterned after the nationwide poll of the American Institute of Public Opinion and resembled the recent Nebraska poll.

The questions as to presidential choice were stated in the following form: "For which candidate would you vote today? Republican? Roosevelt? Socialist? Or third party?" Although the poll conducted on the Nebraska campus asked the student to indicate the specific candidate for whom he would vote the results are much the same as those of the eastern polls. Roosevelt carried a huge plurality of the individual votes while the republican party polled as many or possibly slightly more votes than the democratic faction. Complete results from the colleges polled were as follows:

College	Rep.	Roosevelt	Socialist	Third party
Columbia College	21	43.6	9.2	26.2
Barnard College	11	47	19	22
Yale University	11	47	19	22
Dartmouth College	11	47	19	22
University of Pennsylvania	11	47	19	22
Cornell University	11	47	19	22
Wellesley College	11	47	19	22
Mount Holyoke College	11	47	19	22

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Ag Barb Girls.
Meeting of all ag barb girls in the Home Economics building room 206, at four o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Phi Chi Theta.
Phi Chi Theta will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at Ellen Smith hall.

Alpha Lambda Delta.
Members of Alpha Lambda Delta will meet Thursday evening at 7:15 at Ellen Smith hall for a taffy pull.

Sponsors Club.
The sponsors club will meet Thursday afternoon in Ellen Smith hall at 5 o'clock.

Sigma Delta Chi.
Sigma Delta Chi will hold a business meeting Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock in University hall.

Mortar Board's Loan Filings Close Jan. 17

With one day left to file for Mortar Board scholarships, Alaire Barkes, president of the society, is anxious that the number of applicants be doubly increased so that the organization can fairly choose two worthy senior girls. The two loans will range between \$50 and \$75. Girls desiring to file may obtain application blanks at Mrs. Westover's office in Ellen Smith hall, and must be returned there before 5 o'clock Friday, Jan. 17, the deadline. The applications should be addressed to the Mortar Board scholarship committee.

Members of this group include: Alaire Barkes, president; Mary Edith Hendricks, vice president; Anne Pickett, secretary; Gladys Klopp, treasurer. Members of the advisory board: Miss Amanda Heppner, Miss Pauline Gellatly, Miss Florence McGahey and Miss Margaret Fedde. All loans shall have the approval of this committee.

The amount of the loan shall be in the discretion of the committee, but no loan to any one person shall be less than \$50 or more than \$75. There will be no interest on the loans until after the recipients have graduated. In case the girls leave school or otherwise fail to graduate, interest shall start accruing immediately.

Miss Pound at Meeting of Fellowship Awards Board

Miss Louise Pound, professor in the English department, left for Washington, D. C. Monday to attend meetings of the Board of Fellowship awards of the American Association of University Women, of which she is a member.

The University of Chicago has established a new chair of comparative law. Prof. Max Rheinstein, Nazi exile, was given the post.

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