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One Man Can Do It.

Two replies to a recent editorial criticizing the Nebraska band are printed in today's Student Pulse column. All that's wrong with the band, says one, is that it has no bright uniforms at present, a situation which may soon be remedied. Says the other, "Come to the winter concert on Feb. 16 for a sample of what the band can really do."

We must agree that "raggy" uniforms do not make for band morale and that new and bright uniforms would work wonders. Our band does look too much like messenger boys. But the uniforms are but a small part of the story.

We likewise agree that the concert presented by the band each winter is entertaining and highly commendable, having attended the performance previously. But it is not this phase of band work with which we are concerned. It is not the concert band that appears on the field at games and in parades. And it is the latter in which we are seeking improvements.

The present troubles of the band are many. But back of them all, the real cause of its difficulties, is that all the responsibilities and work of the band have been heaped upon the shoulders of one man, its genial director, Billie Quick. With insufficient funds, with practically no assistance, with a group of students, a large percentage of whom is apathetic and indifferent to its success, he is supposed to produce a first rate Nebraska band.

The fact that improvement is needed in the Nebraska band is not a reflection on Mr. Quick. The wonder is that he has done so well in such a huge task with the little he has had to work with.

Presence of chiselers, military science refugees, and some not too competent musicians are responsible for part of the band's dilemma. These, however, can be eliminated in time. What Mr. Quick needs to develop a good band is a corps of assistants and a little financial backing.

Today we find in the Nebraska band some 130 members, more or less. In the fall it was Mr. Quick's job to examine all applicants to the band. This he had to do alone. It then became his duty to round the band into shape in little more than a week to march and play for the first football game. This was a solo assignment also, and a difficult one. Since that time it has been Mr. Quick's work to drill the band in marching, to lead it in practice and performances, to iron out all defects, to present a polished band. This is too much to expect of any one person. This is work for several men, yet Mr. Quick had no regular assistants to help him.

Several remedies for the situation appear possible. Most of them call for expenditure of additional funds from some place. If we are to have both a large band and a good band, certainly more money will have to be spent. The director of the band must be provided with the necessary assistants to properly organize a large band. A drillmaster whose sole duty would be to develop a band that could march and execute special formations and maneuvers perfectly, is needed badly.

augmented, the suggestion of W. R. H. today seems an alternative which deserves serious consideration. We agree with him in his statement that a splendid band, equalling that of Kansas could be formed if the band's size were reduced to 60 or 70 members. Decreasing the size of the band will weed out the poor material, the apathetic and uninterested members, and the dead timber. Those who remained could be counted on to be sincere, to be capable, and to be willing to work for a better Nebraska band. They as a unit could be more easily drilled; they could march better, play more smoothly and snappier, and membership in the band would then mean much more than now. We feel that much of the sluggishness and ponderosity would vanish if the size of the band were reduced, and believe that this should be done if band assistants are not provided in the future.

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.

Here's What We Need!

A recent editorial in the Daily Nebraskan concerning the Nebraska band rather stomped on its membership and ability. A number of the points carried weight but not to the extent that they were emphasized. Also, there was much ado by every student in the university and by this recent editorial writer over the way the Kansas band showed up our band on Homecoming day. All of these criticisms have only one thing to stand on. That one thing is uniforms—pretty, classy, showy, band uniforms.

It is a psychological reason that Nebraska doesn't have one of the greatest bands. Who feels like strutting his stuff and playing music with the best that's in him when he has to do it in rags? Rags are what the Nebraska band wears. Put bright colors and showy uniforms on our band and watch them out step, out class, out play, any band in the country. Ask yourself if this isn't true. You wouldn't go to school if you had to go in rags. Just think how classy you step around the campus when you are wearing "the latest."

This dire need for new uniforms has been realized for quite some time by Colonel Oury. Previously, all that cash that everyone gripes about the military department having, hasn't been nearly enough to purchase uniforms that will make the Nebraska band something to criticize, favorably. Now, the colonel feels that if the department works hard sponsoring a plan he has for making a little money he will have enough in the treasury to go with this and purchase "one of the classiest" uniforms in the country.

Explaining The Band. TO THE EDITOR: The Nebraska band which you heard last Monday at the basketball game was not really the Nebraska band. You saw sixty musicians there. You, as well as the Nebraska readers, should understand that the band that played at the game is only half of the R. O. T. C. band.

While the activities band is practicing to play for the games you attend, there is another group of musicians which is practicing to present a concert at the coliseum on Feb. 16. You can decide on the day of that concert whether you think Nebraska's band is a group of military dodgers, a group of conscientious musicians, or both.

But you must not compare the music you hear on Feb. 16 with the music you heard from the Kansas band last fall. You must understand more clearly your bases for comparison. You do not realize the difficulty encountered in the maneuvers of a 120 piece band. Billy Quick and Sergeant Ferris could select 60 veteran men from the band today and equip them with new uniforms, to produce results every bit as good as the Kansas band did. When one considers the size of the band, he should rather marvel at its excellence.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

We Recommend. In a writer who sets as high a standard as Heywood Brown, it is not easy to single out some particular contribution because of its excellence. Yet his column of Saturday which ran in The San Francisco News is particularly outstanding. This particular article takes up the refusal of the supreme court to review the case of Angelo Herndon because of a technical reason: the failure of Herndon's lawyers to raise the "constitutional" question in time.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS

Table with columns for dates (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and times (9 a.m. to 12 m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., etc.) listing classes meeting on those days.

Herndon, as persons acquainted with the case know, was convicted by a Georgia court and sentenced to 18 to 20 years on a chain gang, simply because he possessed radical literature. Mr. Brown has the knack of getting to the point and you will not be wasting time if you look up the article and see why he concludes: "I feel that I have found at last that red menace of which men speak. It is the red tape by which the innocent are strangled."

The College Bull, A Useful Animal. They come, those times, in the life of every student when his pipe goes sour, his mind goes dull, when he becomes disgusted with everything has has to eat, his studies, and himself—times when he feels that the world is down upon him and his prospects for the future are worth less than nothing.

KANSAS STATE TRACK TEAM OPENS DEFENSE OF M.V.I.A. CROWN. Coach Haylett Faces Season Minus Two Men Who Got 20 Points Last Year. MANHATTAN, Kas., Jan. 20.—With fifteen lettermen and several capable squadmen returning and a promising group of sophomores reporting, the Kansas State college track squad has started practice in preparation for the defense of the indoor conference championship, won last year at Columbia, Mo.

Without the services of Captain Joe Knappenberger and Justice O'Reilly, the men who made 20 of the Wildcats' 32 points in the meet last year, Coach Ward Haylett faces a difficult task in building a squad that will be a championship contender.

Then, when everything is ready, let off that compressed steam. If you don't like the way the world is being run, tell them about it, explain why, and what you'd do to relieve the situation. You'll be surprised at the new slant you get on things while you're trying to make clear to the others what you're thinking. By the time you're through, you won't believe half of what you've said, yourself.

And nine times out of ten your companions will pick the rest of your argument to pieces. They'll show you flaws in them so obvious that you'll begin to wonder at your own powers of reasoning, and realize how utterly stale you had grown.

on, Paradise: Myron Rooks, Kansas City, Mo.; Lewis Smeal, Cedar: Vincent Peters, Ness City; Don McNeal, Boyle; Lloyd Eberhart, Topeka; Robert Dill, Winchester; Harold Redfield, Bucklin; Bill Wheelock, Pleasanton; Clare Harris, Pratt; Bill Hemphill, Chouteau; Paul Fanning, Melvern; Robert Jensen, Leavenworth, and Elva Kennedy, Chase.

James Jenson, Manhattan, George Shaw, Moscow, and Vere Lipperd, Udall, appear to be the strongest non-lettermen in the 440. Two new men, Wayne Miller, Kansas City, and Loren Whippis, Belleville, are due to report in the half-mile run.

Advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco featuring a cartoon illustration of a man with a pipe and a list of ailments cured by the product. Text includes: 'EASY WAY TO WIN A DEBATE AND AN EASY WAY TO ENJOY A PIPE', 'STUDENT POUNDS ON TABLE AND SPILLS WATER', 'BEAVER THINKS THERE IS A FLOOD AND GNAWS ON HAT RACK TO GET WOOD FOR DAM', 'HAT RACK FALLS CAUSING FALSE TEETH TO BITE STRING IN TWO—RELEASING ARROW WHICH PULLS CORK FROM BOTTLE OF ETHER', 'OPPONENT IMMEDIATELY GOES TO SLEEP THUS LOSING DEBATE', 'I'M PARTICULAR ABOUT PIPE TOBACCO—SMOKE ONLY P.A. IT'S MILD AND YET HAS MORE FLAVOR', 'ALL "BITE" TAKEN OUT!', 'YES, PRINCE ALBERT IS MILD / CHOICE TOBACCO IS USED AND THE "BITE" REMOVED BY A SPECIAL PROCESS. P.A. IS "CRAMP CUT" FOR COOLER SMOKING AND PACKED IN A BIG 2-OUNCE TIN—AROUND 50 PIPEFULS OF FINE SMOKING!', 'PRINCE ALBERT THE NATIONAL JOY SMOKE!'

Bill Bentley and Nelson Buck of Manhattan, and Robert Harvey, Schenectady, N. Y., are bidding for berth. Lack of outstanding material is noticeable in the 60 yard dash, although there are three lettermen—Howard Hall, Al Worrell, and Bob Jenson. Gerald Brubaker, Manhattan, a squad member last year, also is reporting. The more promising sophomores include Jenson, Walter Schultz, Augusta, and Gerald Abbey, El Dorado.

COLLEGE WORLD. When Northwestern defeated Notre Dame in football this season, the students went on strike from classes for a day, staging a victory mad celebration on the campus and keeping more serious minded people from entering classroom buildings.

At the height of the noise and excitement, they were momentarily disturbed to see a police squad car rush up to them. The clamoring quieted, a few students retreated.

As the police car stopped, one of the officers called, "Hey, you guys, some students are getting through the other gate. Climb in the car and we'll drive you there so you can keep them out."

The question, "What does leap year mean to you?" was asked of a number of S. C. coeds last week, in an effort to determine whether or not the women are going to avail themselves of the opportunities leap year offers to enterprising young women. Some of them were bashful, others had the "oh boy!" idea, while noticeable reticence was encountered in the religious conference office.

College cars, constant targets for traffic tickets, find no haven on the University of Hawaii campus. The university has a student police force which tags all drivers for traffic violations on the campus.

The latest luxury cinema to strike Paris is the new Snack Movie. Film fans pay an entrance fee of 35 cents, which includes seeing a picture and eating a free snack. During the film, ushers pass plates of sandwiches and French pastries.

Preview! Saturday Night 11:30 CAPTAIN BLOOD Regular Prices STUART

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