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## SUCKERS AND PETITION SIGNERS

How nice and consoling it must be to have one of Nebraska's greatest institutions, the Lincoln Cathedral choir, on the day of a national broadcast that will bring more fame to it and the state of Nebraska as a whole—how nice and consoling it must be for members of this choir to face a petition half filled with signatures against its affiliation with the university. Petition signers, whether they are conscientious or the "follower of the herd," should feel proud of themselves on this day—Nebraska's day on the air.

In our biased, prejudiced and perverted manner of looking at them, petition signers are all alike. It is our belief that they fall into one of two categories:

1. They sign something because they, like the savage, are desirous of seeing their names

Eds Saturday:  
 "I'll Blow Hell Out of This Town"  
 EDW. G. ROBINSON  
 in  
**"The Last Gangster"**  
**ORPHEUM**

on paper in a long list of other names.  
 2. They are firmly rooted either pro or con on an issue which is paramount for the day.

Tiring Arguments.  
 Truly, we can say that we didn't want to say anything more about this question because many arguments, even on both sides, have become set and monotonous and the entire issue will be decided at the most unexpected time. Secondly, however, we will say that we are in favor of the proposed affiliation and have done everything in our poor power to see the question successfully thru.

But petition signers, as far as petition signers go, are mostly of the same species and pedigree, if such a word can well be used. Well over half of the signers of petitions, yes, even on both sides of this question, signed because they thought it the social and modern thing to do. Their thinking

processes ran much like this: "Will you sign this petition?" "Yes, what is it?"

Whether it is members of the Social Student Council or unthinking students in the School of Music, petition signers are a well-known coalition in the "follow-the-herd" faction. Yes, we've even heard of university graduates who got themselves in a lot of trouble by being lured to put their names on something they knew little or nothing about. These people, thoughtless, dreamy, and unbothered as they are, are the sucker bait for plying politicians, luring lawyers and mercenary musical minded men.

Pencil Pushing Suckers.  
 The Lincoln Cathedral choir, then, will go on the nation's air this afternoon. Sixty members

of that choir and several thousand of its student supporters will be mindful of you, you, and you—the suckers of petition signing. They will feel proud of you because they know that you make up the better half of humanity—the half that likes to follow and perform under the strings of the petition circulator.

We only hope, however, that members of the choir and their director will remember the most just and fair measure of the sampling of their popularity. We sincerely hope that they will remember the Daily Nebraskan poll, which with all its adverse lobbying, proved highly favorable for the affiliation. We hope that they realize the fact that petitions on either side of the question are just so much poppycock and govern themselves accordingly.

Approximately 100 teams from 11 states are entering the debate tournament sponsored by St. Paul's college of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine.

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**Lincoln**

## That There May Be Scholarships

For a number of years it has been the custom of the student newspaper to point out the crying needs of the university. And for that same number of years there has been little accomplished toward eradicating these needs. The same tottering library still stands with little hope of a new structure in the near future. Similarly University hall, Nebraska hall, and a few other ancient buildings dot the campus, in spite of frequent condemnings by architectural authorities. Constant reminders of these needs and presentation of the existing situation may impel the state legislative body to see fit to provide funds for a university building program in the near future. While the legislative body is not in session and is unable to survey the situation, another campus need which does not require legislative action might be opportunely presented. That is the need for an enlarged list of scholarships which are available to students attending the university.

There are numerous campus societies which in some respects serve only the purpose of cluttering up the university. If these societies, which endeavor to fit into the category of extracurricular activities would sincerely attempt to accomplish a worthy goal, rather than being merely time wasters, they might have some justification for existence. Several of the outstanding organizations on the campus have already inaugurated the custom of offering scholarships from part of their funds. A few societies such as the Women's Athletic association, the Mortar Board society, and, more recently the interfraternity council have established funds for scholarship grants. Similar organizations and departmental societies might justify their existence by following the example already set.

At the present time the general university scholarships and prizes total only about 15. Aside from the few graduate scholarships and fellowships and the regents' scholarships offered to freshmen, the university's scholarship award list is appallingly blank. When one considers this scanty list in comparison to the thick volumes of scholarship offerings sent out from some of the larger universities in California and other states, the need for interest in scholarship grants is clearly realized.

That there is a definite need for additional contributions for scholastic assistance is not doubted by those who understand the deficiency. The deplorable character of the situation at Nebraska has been brought to light by the recent address of President Conant of Harvard. In his talk to the Associated Harvard Clubs, he stressed the need

at Harvard for a larger number of scholarships at that institution. In so doing he offered a striking comparison to a situation at Nebraska which has fewer scholarships and less agitation to remedy the plight.

The irony of the affair is that correction of the ill could be accomplished with little effort on the part of campus organizations and perhaps more philanthropic alumni. A policy which might be successfully followed by the campus organizations at Nebraska might be patterned after a system which is used successfully on the University of Cincinnati campus. The system used to make scholarships available to more students is one in which the various organizations of students pledge themselves to contribute a certain amount to a general scholarship fund. The amalgamation of small contributions add together to comprise a considerable fund from which interest on the invested capital forms a basis for a number of monetary awards. Were this policy followed, a potential 100 organizations, contributing at an average of \$10, would add \$1,000 in one year to a much needed fund. In adding this capital each year an accumulated amount that would reap one scholarship a year would be produced, with no overbearing strain on any group involved.

All campus groups which feel they have a right to exist at Nebraska, including Greek letter groups, should be contacted and should contribute to the scholarship fund. Such an organization as the women's interorganization council or the student council might well undertake such a plan for enlarging the number of scholarships offered at Nebraska.

Students whose ambitions cause annual pleadings for financial assistance in the form of scholarships, are quick to seek the awards but reluctant to form the basis for new scholarships. Every year scores of deserving students are denied the right to further their education because an adequate fund is not available to endow the students whose standing, financially and scholastically, merits aid. Yet, in the efforts to form a reasonable fund, the students have been adept—in passing the buck. As a result, the unfortunate condition has persisted.

Thus, it will be up to the students to make the first move if further scholarship grants are to be made available. They clamor vehemently for endowments by alumni and civic friends of the university, while never offering to give aid for their own interest. If the student body takes action by promoting these contributions by student bodies, added contributions by other groups are eminent. But, the first step is up to the students.

This appears to be a chance for campus organizations, including departmental clubs, to do something that cannot help but justify their existence.

Columbia university students have asked Pres. Nicholas M. Butler to apologize for not allowing Robert Burke to speak at a student meeting.

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