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## PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

Every undergraduate student who enters the University of Nebraska swears a solemn oath to "advance himself in scholarship and to cultivate those social activities which make for good citizenship." In return for this promise made in good faith that opportunities for pursuance of those principles will be placed at his disposal, the university in reality guarantees nothing. Thru a series of budget reductions since 1933, the pursuance of these goals is hardly made possible. This is the state of affairs of which the Unicameral education committee must become cognizant if it is to deal wisely with the situation at hand.

It is not primarily the future of the university which is at stake. Instead it is something far more important, far more vital to the welfare of the state which must be considered. Not the university, not the institution, but the students, the seekers of the advantages of higher education, are the ones who will bare the full brunt of inadequate facilities and inferior instructors.

This fact was brought forcefully to view this week when Chancellor Boucher and the board of regents announced a probable reduction in the school of music faculty unless an unexpected, large appropriation be rendered the university. As one of the leaders in the field of radio instruction for students and the nation's first school to broadcast lessons for rural school chorus work, the crippling is evident that will be done both to students and to the state's rural communities through necessary shaving of the faculty.

Unwilling unless forced by the will of the legislature to continue the downward trend, university officials have offered three plans to the education committee, only one of which resigns the state university and its students to continued loss of standing among the educational institutions of the country. That plan is the one easiest for the legislators to pass. That plan is the one which will do the most damage.

Plan number two for the education committee is the ideal one—the one that would make the whole story end with a rosy hue, the one that is least likely to be accepted. It provides for an increased appropriation over that of the last biennium. With the passage of this suggestion the university would be enabled to check its declining quality—it would be enabled to some extent to employ additional and better instructors, to award slightly increased salaries, to readjust certain departments, thus bringing them up to the minimum standards of recognized accrediting agencies, to provide more adequate facilities for both instruction and research.

In the face of economic conditions which seem to predict almost certain defeat of the above plan, legislators must take upon themselves nerve to face something entirely new and foreign to their previous conceptions of educational policies. They must refuse to allow their prosperity engendered views of the university influence their appreciation of suggestions of qualified professional educators. These educators have turned their eyes from the frontiersman's idea of more schools, to the sensible and modern demand for better schools. They believe more is to be gained in a more exacting and better quality university education for less students, than in the wholesale distribution of degrees to anyone with mere intelligence enough to remain in the institution for four years.

Upon these conceptions is based the third plan of the regents—decreasing the number of students by greater dismissals in early years, raising fees, or heightening entrance requirements. Such a plan would enable the university, without additional funds to accomplish the many needed improvements and revisions in its colleges and departments. In short, such a plan would spell the answer to a good many of the university's major difficulties.

Decreased enrollments would mean much lower per capita cost for education, thus leaving extra funds for increased salaries, additional facilities, and the multitude of evils existent in the present money pressed institution. From the opposite view of the proposed picture, the plan would eliminate from the university the heavy costs of students who attend merely because it has become a social custom without regard for their mental aptitudes, capacities, or educational needs.

Members of the legislature: University officials are not listing the only paths open to you, they are merely suggesting from their qualified capacities, the moves they deem most desirable for the welfare of the state. Choose wisely. Our future lies in your hands.

## Parade of Opinion

**D.A.R.** Far less concerned about the incident than their professional brothers, the college press nevertheless heartily condemned the reported refusal by the Daughters of the American Revolution of the use of their hall for a concert by Marian Anderson, called by many the world's greatest singer.

"Since they make so much of their Revolutionary connections, the ladies of the D. A. R. ought to remember that the soldiers in that war were mostly common Americans themselves. And in that fight the Americans were seeking just the freedom and tolerance which the D. A. R. is doing its best to abolish," said the Cornell University "Sun" of the incident.

More vigorous in its denunciation of the act, the Muhlenberg College "Weekly" had this to say: "The D. A. R. has finally declared itself. The perpetuation of the most dastardly stunt in the annals of this supposedly super-patriotic organization has placed the group beyond the pale of right thinking Americans."

**DEWEY** The victory in New York of famed racket buster Thomas E. Dewey in the spectacular trial of James J. Hines, Tammany hall politician, has made the former the number one candidate of republican collegians for the G.O.P. nomination for the presidency in 1940.

While congratulating Mr. Dewey for gaining another victory in his long fight for clean government in what was once one of the most crime ridden cities in the U. S., college commentators predicted that he would add great strength to any ticket the republicans could devise to head the smash Roosevelt drive.

Typical of the comment by collegians is this statement from the University of Minnesota Daily: "This last conviction seems to have won him almost complete support of the New York republicans and likely has added many new backers in republican ranks thruout the nation. If the republican party is convinced that New York is the key state for 1940 it will probably

### Uni psychologists make tests at Geneva school

As a part of the regular testing service of the university, examiners from the department of educational psychology and measurements spent Friday interviewing and testing girls at the Geneva training school. Those making the trip were Dr. W. R. Baller and Miss Leona Failor of the department staff; Marshall Hiskey, Lincoln, graduate student, and Harold Salter, educational director of the state board of control.

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### NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE

A Sensation In Chicago.  
A Furore in New York.  
The colored "Mikado" Wowed Radio audiences Sunday last.

The Novelty and Catchiness Of "swung" Gilbert and Sullivan Carried Even over the air, But the Ether waves Couldn't tote the Heat waves That emanate From the Flesh and blood production.

When colored folk Swing out They swing Wide and handsome. There

Need be no Artificial stimulant. No mood-setting; The weather And the temperature Don't count.

Most publicized Of all the Swing-time Mikado tunes Is "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring." Reckless abandon Abounds as Sarong-garbed Dusky torsos Truck And peck And Suzy Q To the Mid-Victorian Ditty with Built in Swing.

In white Instead of Black rhythm. The innovation Would seem Sad indeed. But with The spontaneity And natural "ump" Of the Colored cast Swinging corpuscles Course Through even Hardened critics' Arteries.

Spring Fomenta Healthy animal spirits In all of us On the dance floor. But with Black folk The flowers That bloom

In the spring. Tra la. Have nothing To do with the case. Zowie!

### Klub--

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of sizes and shapes, in general they all fit the standard measurements based upon average sizes of body portions. Nebraska beauty queens in 1939 in meeting the standards of the Kosmet Klub beauty review must display broad 36.6 inch chests curving gradually into muscular 30.3 inch waists.

Dancing feet should extend from ankles measuring 9.4 inches in circumference. "Calves," pudges of the tryouts revealed, "have swollen this year to 14.5 inches in the form sheets of ideal Nebraska chorus woman."

Work begins on dance routines Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the teachers' college basement, director announced. Speaking cast rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, likewise at 7:30 o'clock in the Social science auditorium.

Tickets for the show go on sale the latter part of this week. They will be distributed to the workers at the workers meeting in the Kosmet Klub office at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. All salesmen are requested to be present to secure a ticket supply. In addition to the Kosmet Klub salesmen, Magee's store will handle the sale of tickets this year.

Delta Phi Epsilon fraternity has awarded its National Honor Key to Secretary of State Cordell Hull for his work in fostering the cultural solidarity of the nations of the western hemisphere.