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## Dear Editor:

Dear Mr. de Brown:

Upon my return from Denver, Mr. Reeder, editor of the Nebraska Alumnus, called my attention to your excellent editorial on alumnizing the student before he graduates. This suggestion is not only constructive but it is also pertinent and timely. You have identified the one glaring omission in the alumni program.

Dr. Edward Elliott, president of Purdue and a Nebraska alumnus, speaking before the Charter Day banquet of the Indianapolis alumni club of the University of Nebraska stated that members of the graduating class at Purdue automatically become members of the Alumni Association for a period of one year following their graduation. He reported that this plan had been highly effective. The reasons are obvious.

First, it is refreshing to the graduate to know that he has not lost contact with the university, that the university is a permanent institution in his life. Second, after being kept in touch with the events and developments on the campus for a year, the recent graduate usually desires to maintain his connection with the university.

At the University of Illinois the senior class and the alumni combine to make what is called the Senior-Alumni association, thus insuring the process of alumnizing the senior before he is graduated and adding to the strength and progressive program of the alumni association the constructive suggestions and interests of the seniors.

The tremendous task the alumni association has before it now is precisely what you pointed out in your editorial—the work of alumnizing the alumni after many of them have lost contact with the university and consequently have become divorced from the very source of and interest in the university. The time to define and establish the sentiment of enduring loyalty and active interest in the heart of the prospective alumnus is when his impressions and his sentiments can be vitalized by the actual scenes and happenings of the campus, by the direct association with the institutions of the campus which some day will be indelibly etched against the sky line of his campus memories.

Tax-supported universities need an interested, active, informed alumni body just as much as the endowed college or university. Alumni interest is a potent force for helping a university to maintain a position of eminence. Nebraska's national organization is moving forward in a gratifying manner laying the groundwork for a permanent organization of our more than 52,000 alumni.

State organization is lagging somewhat, however, and the program of the future will forever remain a problem until an effective plan for alumnizing the members of the graduating class before they leave the campus and for automatically establishing their continued connection with the university immediately following their graduation has been successfully worked out.

One thing more. We in the alumni office have a high respect for the part which the DAILY NEBRASKAN can play in identifying and bringing to the student body the value of the services performed by the Alumni association for the greater effectiveness and prestige of the university. We thank you for your recognition of our program and of our problems.

Cordially yours,  
E. F. Du Teau,  
Secretary.

Dear Editor:

I was very interested in your recent editorial on the department of speech, and particularly your



### ITALIANS JUSTIFIED:

Great Britain has placed German coal bound for Italy on the contraband list. Two ships, and possibly five, laden with coal for Italy have been escorted to the British contraband control station. Italy protested vigorously when Britain announced this move to put increased economic pressure on Germany. That Italy will protest even more strongly and menacingly this actual seizure of coal bound for her ports is certain, but that this situation will lead to war between these two countries is doubtful.

Italy's action is plausible when one considers that in addition to a serious blow at her international prestige, this British act threatens to reduce materially Italy's coal supply. For last year 60% of Italy's coal imports came from Germany, and railway facilities, especially in wartime, are inadequate to convey all this essential product overland. This British act may be designed to find out where Italy stands before big operations begin in the spring. If England must fight Italy, the sooner she knows it the better.

Other evidences of a general awakening and preparation for an active spring campaign in the German-"Allied" war include England's announcement of the floatation next week of a 300,000,000 pound war loan, and the increased attacks on British ships by German bombing planes and submarines.

By spring Russia may be free to consider where she will stand in this major war—at the least, it's quite likely.

### IT IS HOPED!

It is to be hoped that one of the results of Undersecretary of State Welles' visit to Europe will be the discovery of the "war aims" of the various combatants. In a general way the objectives of the allies are known, while those of Hitler and his associates have remained hidden. Welles is to spend today and Saturday in the German capital, and conferences have been arranged with Hitler and Von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister. It is believed that a rather lengthy exposition of the demands of the nazis, both in central and southeastern Europe will be made, for one German official has expressed the hope that Welles is "bringing a thick notebook." If Welles has the patience to sit through the lengthy diatribes of Herr Hitler, who has the habit of answering every question with an oration, we may learn something of his specific plans and objectives.

remarks concerning debate. As I understand it, you object to the lack of interest on the part of the student body in these activities which may or may not be a result of the lack of financial support from the university.

It is strange that the small state colleges are able to support debate and speech, both from the student angle, and also from the financial angle, to a much greater degree than does our university. Because of your claims I investigated a small college, one within our own city, and found that the students were very much interested in the activities of their department and followed its progress. Surely our university does not have a smaller budget than that school. Yet their teams, both men and women, travel widely and for many years have held national reputations. These are facts.

Surely there must be some reason for this wide difference between a school with a much smaller enrollment and financial backing and our university which possesses both these things. Can it be that our school still clings to an outmoded theory of speech activities and the benefits to be derived from them.

Can it be that our speakers are forced to consider so many different questions for discussion during one year that they are unable to adequately prepare on any one and thus can not be compared to the schools successful in speech who only use one debate question? Can it be that because we are a large school we feel forced to use many more people than can be possibly trained during any academic year? Or can it be that we refuse to enter into the actual competitive fields of debate and for that reason can never determine how effective the efforts of our speakers are? Or is it that we are fundamentally lazy?

If our speech activities were aimed at competitive work with other schools, both large and small, and if our speakers were given a chance to develop skill with just one debate question and a smaller squad, of the best men, than we too could hold a reputation not only in this state but among all the state schools. If this was accomplished we could then easily demand a larger budget if need be. That's what the school here in Lincoln did. Hopeful.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students and faculty members. Announcements of meetings or other notices for the bulletin may be submitted at the NEBRASKAN office by 5 p. m. the day before publication or at the registrar's office by 4 p. m. on week-days and 11 a. m. on Saturday. Notices must be typed or legibly written and signed by someone with the authority to have the notice published. The bulletin will appear daily, except Monday and Saturday, on page two of the NEBRASKAN.

### TODAY

#### AICHE.

Members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will meet at 7:30 p. m. in parlor A of the Union. A moving picture on "The Production of Aluminum in the Union Ballroom. Students must bring identification cards for admittance.

#### NU MED BANQUET.

Nu-Med society will hold a banquet in parlors XYZ of the Union at 6:15 p. m.

#### PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS.

Presbyterian students will meet in parlor X at noon.

#### LAW BULLETIN STAFF.

Members of the Law Bulletin staff will meet in parlor Y of the Union at 12:10 p. m.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL.

Members of the Student Council will meet at 5 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

#### GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

Members of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet in room 315 of the Union at 5 p. m.

#### PHI CHI THETA.

Members of Phi Chi Theta will meet in room 315 of the Union at 7:30 p. m. from Mine to Metal" will be shown. Football movies and a business meeting will also be featured on the program.

#### MATINEE DANCE.

There will be a matinee dance at 5 p. m.

### THURSDAY

#### CORNCOB.

Collection for advertisements inserted in the basketball program must be turned in to Ed Dosek before any hours are awarded for the work. All prom tickets must be checked in tonight in John K. Selleck's office. Workers will usher at the matinee dance at 5 p. m.

#### GIRLS RIFLE CLUB.

Members of the Girl's Rifle club will meet in the rifle range in Andrews at 5 p. m.

#### LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Kerek for the regular Gamma Delta Bible class period at 5 p. m. in room 203 of the Temple.

### BARN DANCE CLUB.

Members of the Barn Dance club will meet at 7 p. m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.

All University women interested in basketball are invited to the basketball film in Social Sciences auditorium at 5 p. m.

### PHI SIGMA IOTA.

Phi Delta chapter of Phi Sigma Iota will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Kathryn Werner, 3310 Dudley St. The speakers will be Charles Parnell and Horstene Casady.

### NEBRASKA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The executive committee of the Nebraska Memorial association will meet in the Union at 7:30 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is in reference to closing the accounts of the association. The association was organized to raise money for the building of the stadium.

## Debate--

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able to compete. Pairings for the debates will be made by lot, and no announcement of winning teams will be made until two rounds are completed. Each team will debate on both sides of the question before any are eliminated.

Each student will speak twice in every debate, once in constructive argument for six minutes, and once in rebuttal and refutation, for four minutes.

Judges will be chosen from the intercollegiate debaters at Nebraska during the last few years. One judge will be used in all debates until the last round, when three will judge. Judging points will be knowledge of the question, the use of material by the teams, skill in rebuttal, and speaking ability.

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