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Dreaming is Done

In several offices on the campus can be seen a dreamer's map of the campus of the future. The chancellor has one; there's one in Morrill, one in Alumni secretary Duteau's office, in operating superintendent Seaton's office; and more important, there is a copy in the mind of every Nebraskan student, graduate, serviceman, and faculty member. New dormitories, more classroom buildings, more laboratories, more trees, a new library, more breathing space... At best, it's a slow process, this making dreams reality; but, slowly thru the years, the university has grown, struggling to keep in step with its ever increasing number of alumni. Only last year the new library was built, and year before that a definite campaign for beautifying the campus was begun with the yearly planting of several trees.

If dreams and this slow realization of them were able to keep pace with the needs of the university and its ever-increasing enrollment, if they were enough to provide adequate building space, if they were enough to pay enough professors sufficiently, then to continue to dream would be all right. There must, after all, be a goal toward which to strive. But there must also be striving.

Now that the worst years of the war emergency have been weathered by the university and it is again able to look ahead to a postwar period, the problem of developing the physical and educational capacity of the school to accommodate the expected thousands of students who will enroll in Nebraska following the war has reached a critical point.

Before the war classrooms were crowded, many instructors taught classes much too large for any sort of individual attention, in one case three colleges and six departments were crowded into one building, and laboratory classes were too large and had insufficient equipment. What then will be the conditions if the postwar enrollment jumps three times the prewar enrollment figures, as happened after the first World war?

It is more than a problem of crowded conditions, however; the efficiency of the army and navy training programs, as well as the educational success of nazi-dominated Germany, have given educators thruout the world a realization that present instructional policies and practices need sweeping revision. UN has able committees working on such program changes to fit these needs, not only of returned veterans, but also of the postwar civilian students. Committees, however, can very easily become "dreamers," if they have not the material facilities with which to work.

As compared to other state universities of the same size, Nebraska has even farther to go to get back to normal, since the war emergency came immediately following several years of serious drouth and agricultural depression. This means that the university is behind many similar schools in personnel, capacity, educational and research programs.

That it is worthwhile to the state of Nebraska to have a strong state university is demonstrated fully when the list of alumni contributions to their native state is considered. One-half of the 60,000 graduates and former students have made their homes within the state. Over 40 percent of the physicians in Nebraska have received their basic training in the university, and 60 percent of the college of law graduates practice within the state. Teachers college has furnished 28 percent of the elementary and 38 percent of the high school teachers in the state.

Perhaps most important to Nebraska is the experimental and practical demonstration work of the ag college. Thru its work, ag college researchers had adapted crops to local conditions, improved the quality of livestock and poultry, aided in the building of the dairy industry, controlled diseases in plant and animal life, and have made their experience and training available to every section of the state.

If the people of Nebraska want a strong university, if the students and ex-students want a progressive program of education, it is up to them. During this session of the state legislature, the biennial state appropriations bill will be settled, which determines, along with the many other state appropriations, how much money will be spent on the university. The dreaming is done; it is time for the doing.

The first Catholic mass in Brazil was celebrated on May 1, 1500.

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Les Said The Better

By Les Giotfelty

It has been said that everyone makes mistakes, but why it is always left to us to make the biggest ones is one of the unsolved mysteries of the world. It seems like we can't go very long without getting a little carried away in a column. Last year it was the dorm that was our Waterloo, and so recently as Wednesday, this year, we did it again. It is against our policy or something to retract statements, so we aren't retracting anything we said about Tassels, but we definitely do admit that we were wrong about some things.

The pep queen ballots, for instance, were counted Tuesday night not by just the president, but by two people, altho they were taken home over night before the counting. They are on file in the Tassel room at present. As for the last minute election slate change, that was necessary because there were two offices to nominate for instead of the one when the slate was first made up. Consequently one of the nominees was switched to another office and a new nominee put in her place. Anyhoo, Tassel prexy Mary Russell gets our vote for being a darn nice gal. If we were in her place we wouldn't have even spoken to us, but she sat over a coke with us and we thrashed out the whole business. That gal can take a whale of a lot of criticism and come up smiling, and that ain't hay.

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V... - Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

LT. COL. HAROLD S. ECKLUND was recently presented with the order of the purple heart by MAJ. GEN. RAYMOND G. LEHMAN, commanding general, 93rd infantry division, somewhere in the southwest Pacific area. The ceremony was reminiscent of days at UN for both officers, since, on commencement day in 1931, General Lehman presented Lieutenant Colonel Ecklund with his reserve army commission.

From 1927 to 1932, General Lehman was instructor in the UN military department. He was also assistant coach in football and track, and head coach in wrestling. Lieutenant Colonel Ecklund was one of General Lehman's outstanding students, and became champion wrestler under his instruction, and later his assistant wrestling coach.

Lieutenant Colonel Ecklund is a veteran of over 50 bombing missions of the 13th bombardment group. He was awarded the purple heart for wounds received from Japanese anti-aircraft fire. He also wears the air medal with six oak leaf clusters.

non-nautical friends)—Chancellor Boucher had lunch Wednesday with the Darrel Zanuck of that mythical village known as Hollywood. We have been hearing from all kinds of unofficial sources, from friends of a friend of a friend of the waitress and so forth that Mr. Zanuck will be given an honorary degree from the university this spring. Wonder if there is any way he could drag in Betty Grable too?

Bizad Sorority Schedules Annual Banquet Nov. 8

November 8 has been announced as the definite date for the annual bizad banquet by Phi Chi Theta, national business sorority.

The date for the banquet, formerly set for November 1, was changed at a recent meeting of Phi Chi Theta. Plans were discussed for the banquet but the theme will not be revealed until the night of the dinner.

Estelle Lenneman was placed in charge of entertainment and decorations with Mary Lou Holtz, Mary Sinclair, Laurine Hansen and Jessie Lou Taylor as assistants.

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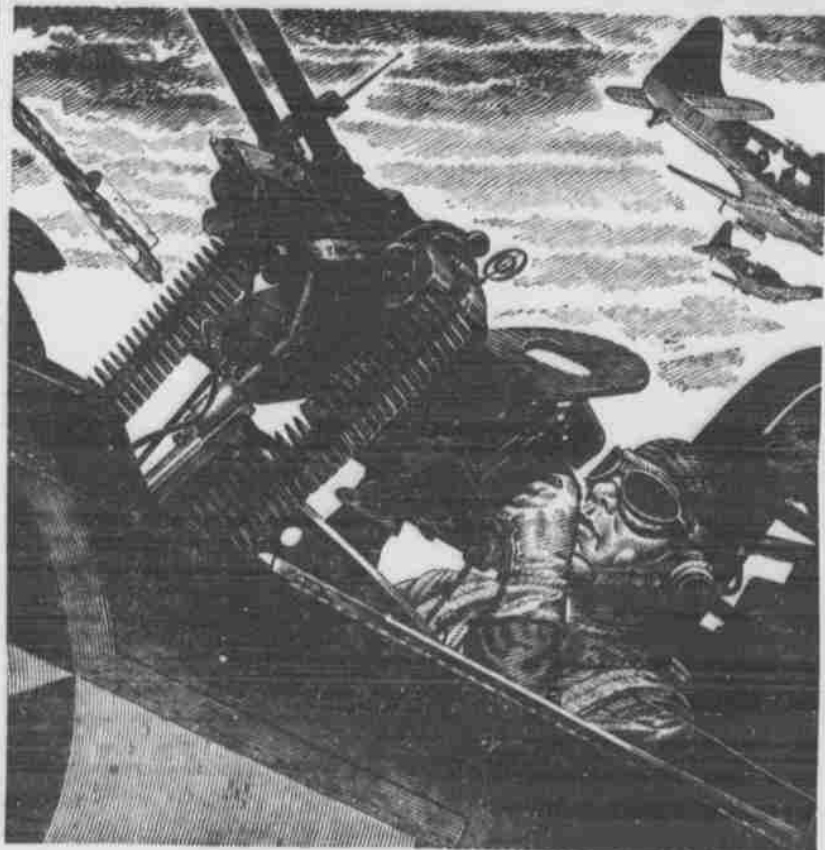
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