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THE NIMBLE SPANIEL by Sam Warren

Sunday's outstanding concert by the University Symphony orchestra brings to mind the plight of the Lincoln Symphony orchestra, a standing grievance of every long-suffering student concert goer who no longer has any appetite for the "Sylvia" ballet suite, "The Bat" overture, and Listz' "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2." The orchestra apparently cannot manage more than one full-length symphony in a year of appearances.

What's wrong with the set-up anyway? Is it because the orchestra is too young, too immature? No. It observed its 21st birthday this season. Is it because the orchestra is not large enough? Not entirely, although an augmentation of the sections would ease the tackling of heavier works.

Is it because the personnel is not entirely "professional?" (Un-ionized, that is.) No. Conductor Rudolph Feller, brought in from Chicago, told us in January, for example, "I could not ask for a better clarinetist that the one I have—a professor of economics, of all things!"

Is it because the orchestra operates on a limited budget? Not entirely, although more funds would conceivably pay more low salaries to added members and thereby increase the personnel, buy more new scores, and purchase bigger "name" artists for a name-crazy public.

Is it because the orchestra has no permanent, resident conductor instead of an "outsider" who manages to fly in from Chicago or Morningside, Iowa, for three rehearsals prior to the dinky number of three orchestra appearances each season? YES.

Even the New York Philharmonic, Chicago and Pittsburgh symphony orchestras, who face the entire next season with a schedule of guest conductors, realize (according to reports in national newsmagazines) that no orchestra can have stability without a resident conductor.

How then can a potentially-fine but as yet undeveloped semi-professional orchestra ever hope to be molded and built into a fine instrument without the constant guardianship of a capable, interested musician? It is our opinion that it cannot.

This means (a) that either an outside man must be moved in wife, family, dogs, and made a citizen, or (b) that a present resident be chosen and put to work. From all appearances it would seem that the latter choice is the preferable one. Omaha, long without a symphony comparable even to Lincoln's, arranged it by having Richard Duncan, who directs the Omaha University symphony, conduct the University of Omaha's city symphony as well.

Lincoln could easily do the same by engaging none other than Emanuel Wishnow, at present concertmaster of the city group, as conductor. This would mean in turn that Wishnow, who instructs 19 violin majors, would have to be relieved of a considerable portion of his instructional duties by increasing the teaching staff of the violin department.

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This Notebook will mark the end of its appearance in The Daily Nebraskan unless our successor sees fit to utilize a similar column. Today, George Miller takes over as editor and we wish him all the luck in the world.

These last good-byes that collegiate editors always write are difficult. The writer doesn't want to become sentimental but still sentiment creeps into the words. It's particularly difficult this time since we leave The Daily Nebraskan with a sense of not having done the job.

Just to clear the air and set any curious kiddies' minds at rest, I am resigning for two reasons. The first, and by far most important was the fact that Dean T. J. Thompson recommended it. I did not satisfactorily complete the required number of hours under eligibility rules last semester. The second reason was that I am damn tired. It is extremely easy for anyone in activities at the university to let things pile up. I did and now I am in deep water.

A very close friend of mine on a Lincoln newspaper asked if my support of NSA had anything to do with my leaving the paper. The answer was an emphatic negative. In my short term as editor I may have given the administration a hard time occasionally but I was always treated fairly. It is my sincere hope that as long as there is a Daily Nebraskan, its editors will continue to ask questions and be treated as I have been treated.

Before I quit sounding off and lapse into silence, there are a few things I'd like to take one more lick at. Right now, of course, the first problem that comes to mind is NSA. Since Dean Thompson's office has turned down a class poll, several new problems have appeared. It is of vital importance that a maximum number of student vote. Therefore, we earnestly urge the council to adopt the suggestion of several of its members that at least five or six voting booths be used on campus. This should guarantee a much larger vote than usual.

I strongly urge the affiliation of the university with NSA. Unfortunately, I had not completed my argument in favor of the organization but if any students have further questions on the subject, I will try to answer them to the best of my ability. I will have more time to devote to that sort of thing now.

Next on the list of importance is the end of discrimination in the Big Seven. Unless this problem is constantly publicized many of the member schools' administrations would soon forget about the whole thing. If you think something should be done about it, write letters to The Daily Nebraskan, to the Lincoln newspapers and to the athletic board here. A lot of prodding will do the job.

We could go on with quite a list of things that need to be done at the university but George and his staff will probably take care of them.

To sign off, I'd like to express my appreciation to a lot of people for the help they've given me since I came to this university. Primarily to Chancellor Gustavson, one of the greatest guys it has ever been my privilege to work with. If you, as students, don't know what a fine man he is, start thinking about it right now. The loss of him as Chancellor would set the university back 25 years. Hang on to him.

To Dr. Swindler and the pub board, my thanks. They have cooperated in every way an editor could expect. Thanks to for the vote of confidence they gave me in naming me editor. To all the staff, thanks also. We have had our difficulties, as our readers know, but I have enjoyed working with them. I am confident they will move ahead and put out an even better Daily Nebraskan.

Finally, I have a rather peculiar expression of gratitude. Thanks to the University of Nebraska for being the University of Nebraska. That may sound a little strange to the freshmen and sophomore but I think the upperclassmen have a pretty good idea of what I mean. This is a great school. There has never been and there never will be another like it. The Cornhusker Spirit is an intangible thing yet it has made me very proud to have been a student here.

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To Daily Nebraskan Readers:

To announce officially that there will be no poll taken in the classroom on whether or not the University of Nebraska should affiliate with the National Students Association and to explain why there will be no such poll, I submit the following letter which I received from T. J. Thompson, Dean of Student Affairs.

"In order that there may be no misapprehension I am writing you regarding my findings concerning the NSA vote.

"I sent the enclosed letter (a request to conduct the poll) to the Deans and Directors of the colleges. I felt this was necessary because this type of poll has been projected before and has not been well received by the faculty. Up to this time I have returns from six of the persons to whom inquiry was sent. The deans of three of the larger colleges have replied disapproving the conducting of such a poll. Two others have questioned the matter, although they have given their approval with implied reluctance.

"I believe the reason for the disapproval of the proposal is contained in the following letter one of the deans has written me. I quote his letter in its entirety:

"In voting disapproval of this proposal I wish to make the following explanation.

"I do not disapprove of polling the student body on questions of this character. I feel, however, that this is an activity akin to other responsibilities of citizenship. As citizens we must exercise our civilian responsibilities in addition to doing our normal work. I do not think it good practice to take class time for such a purpose. In my opinion, citizenship responsibilities should be assumed by everyone and should be added to other responsibilities."

"Yesterday I was having an informal conference with Dean Carl Borgman, during which we discussed the matter; and I gathered from our discussion that he too has felt, and with this I agree, that the poll on the matter should be set up as any regular election is set up, with booths in the Student Union on the city campus and on the campus of the Agricultural College.

As I see it, I do not believe that I am in position to proceed with the suggested vote during classes."

This letter will be presented at the Student Council meeting this afternoon. Further action to find out student opinion regarding affiliation with the National Students Association will be determined by the Council.

Norm Leger, Co-chairman
Student Council NSA committee

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