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The DAILY NEBRASKAN purposes to be the free voice of student sentiment; to be fair; to be impartial; to seek advice as well as offer it; to truthfully picture college life; to go further than the mere printing of news by standing for the highest ideals of the University; in short, to serve the University of Nebraska.

Wednesday, February 4

STUDENT COUNCIL.

Plans for a Nebraska Student Council are all but completed. A definite proposal will soon be submitted to the University public. Are you ready to vote? Are you certain that you favor or oppose the plan? Or, in truth, do you know just what it is?

It is the duty of every student to investigate this. You are to be called upon to decide whether or not we are to accept the plan. You are to decide the future of this movement. Upon you rests the responsibility. Are you ready to assume it?

The DAILY NEBRASKAN is going after the facts. It is going to put them before the students in an impartial light. It will take no sides until all the evidence is in its hands and in yours.

We want your ideas. We want your facts. We want others to have them. We want you to talk to each other thru the FORUM that all of us may have the benefit of the discussion. Let's investigate.

THE AWGWAN

"Awgwan" is to be commended for its recent complete change in policy. Formerly it was aimed, not to meet existing local conditions, but to imitate eastern joke magazines. The result was disastrous. "Awgwan" degenerated into a medium for the publication of good and bad jokes—mostly bad—with no other apparent excuse for existence. Its value to the University has, as a result, been far below expectations.

"The Heavenly Number," published yesterday, shows the right attitude. The magazine is to be moulded to existing Nebraska needs. There is a place here for "Awgwan." All the students ask is that it fill this place. The recent issue is a promise. You are on the right track, "Awgwan." Close the switches and put on full steam ahead.

TODAY IN NEBRASKA'S HISTORY

February 4, 1915.

Nebraska took both games of basketball from Ames by decisive scores. All indications pointed to another Missouri Valley championship.

February 4, 1909.

Scarlet fever broke out at the Alpha Theta Chi house. Much excitement. Case quarantined on the top floor.

University of Nebraska.

The engineers of the University of Nebraska have nearly completed a giant telescope. The barrel of this sky-gun is twenty feet long, with twelve lenses, and has nearly 1,200 different parts.—The Daily Texan.

CONVOCAION

Professor Barbour, in his address on "Fossil Man" at convocation yesterday morning, took his audience back in thought to prehistoric man of the plocene age, 400,000 years ago. The professor has made an extensive research into this subject. He used many diagrams and slides to impress the audience with the significance of the subject. That man has developed from the monkey was not emphasized, but that primitive man greatly resembled the monkey was not denied. The ancestors of man lived in caves, cliffs and overhanging rocks; such things as homes were beyond the comprehension of prehistoric man.

"No animals have chins. All human beings have," said the professor. It is a distinction between animal and man. A sharp, fine-boned chin shows a high stage of development, likewise a high forehead and fully developed dome of the skull.

The intellectual development of man can best be followed by a study of the carvings made. During the primitive stages of development carvings of mammals were made in ivory, later the mound-builders made carvings in walls and today the work of sculptors exhibits the progress made.

Before introducing the speaker, Professor Grumann regreted that not more students take advantage of such intellectual treats. He also declared that it was a sad fact that the daily paper of the University, after making a most strenuous advertising campaign, could get no more subscribers than it did. There should be no necessity for the exertion on the part of those in charge, but instead the students should be glad of the opportunity to be able to subscribe for the publication.

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CONVOCAION THURSDAY

Second Symphony Program

Symphony in C (Jupiter) .....Mozart Allegro Vivace Andante Cantabile Menuetto Finale—Allegro molto

Edward J. Walt, first violin. Mrs. August Moizer, second violin. William T. Quick, viola. Lillian Elche, 'cello. Mrs. Raymond, organ.

This is the second of a series of Symphony programs to be given at Convocation. Hayden's Symphony, the first rendered, was well attended by the student lovers of good music, and it is expected that the remainder of the ten numbers will be even more popular.

Mozart was born in 1758 at Salzburg and died in 1791. His musical ability as a child was most remarkable. Both he and his sister were considered prodigies. His first Symphony followed by three others were composed when he was only nine years old. He has written forty-one Symphonies in all. The last three, in E flat, G minor and C (Jupiter), were composed in 1788. The Jupiter is generally considered the greatest of his works.

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Bad, isn't it?

"There seems to be a strange affinity between a ducky and a chicken. I wonder why?" said Jones.

"Naturally enough," replied Brown. "One is descended from Ham and the other from eggs."—The Megaphone, Georgetown, Texas.

The Forum

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:

Not a little consternation has been caused among those interested in the welfare of the school publications by the recent appointments handed out from the publication board. It is safe to say that the course of the board has been a matter of complete surprise to all acquainted with the organization of the paper and that the board has placed itself in a light before the student body and faculty that is far from favorable.

A glance at the new appointments leaves no cause to wonder that such a condition exists, not because of the personnel of the actual appointees, but because so large a number of those who have heretofore been identified with the interests of the paper have been ruthlessly cast aside. The situation is a peculiar one. Some years ago a half dozen underclassmen who found that their interests led them into newspaper work secured reportorial positions on the Nebraskan. Meeting the necessity that continued work on the paper required, these men applied themselves with the diligence and patience that the writing of good "dope" demands. Perhaps, without reasonable judgment, or without noticing the changes that occurred in the positions above them on the paper, they continued to charge about the campus or the city for items of interest and to spend afternoons and evenings bending over broken typewriters in an effort to put their thoughts into words and phrases that would momentarily catch the passing, thankless interest of the student world on the marrow. Such work meant to the amateurs a big sacrifice to their studies, and low grades and scholarship complications made necessary the use of what would otherwise be spare time. But they pursued their work with a quiet determination to make the Nebraskan an interesting, potent factor in school life. And simultaneously a foolish ambition grew to assume the bigger and better paid positions on the paper as their experience and merit warranted.

The time came when in their later school years these men, through some misguided reasoning, came to believe that length of service and well-earned experience had fitted them for the staff. It was a futile expectation. With one swoop the positions were filled blindly with people who, whatever their ability, had spent less or no time in the building of the publication. Those whose efforts had gone to make the "one heads" for years readable articles and whose energy had been devoted to creating an interest in the paper that meant a substantial lessening during their term of service of some five or six hundred dollars of debt, were buffeted aside by a mysterious whim that exists somewhere in the superior ruling forces of the paper, and those who had been on the paper not at all, or only a comparatively short time, were raised to the top. Such has been the result of the policy under which the board has acted for some years. A great and enticing incentive is it for the aspiring underclassman to work patiently for years helping to build up a paper only in the end to be entirely disregarded, not because of lack of effort, energy or capability, but because of some latent and mysterious ruling force that seems to work in a peculiar manner when he comes to ask for reward for services on this uncensored and untrammelled mouthpiece of the student body of the University.

It is said that the paper needs periodical rejuvenation. Such a rejuvenation is needed then as to fully warrant a sacrifice of the continuing permanent influence that comes from long acquaintance with the needs and plans of a student body. No rejuvenation is needed other than that which automatically arises from the constant

changes of an ever-fluctuating student body. It is said, likewise, that a man's scholastic standing should be a controlling consideration. But how can a man whose time has been devoted to the paper be expected to compete on such a basis with one who has spent his corresponding time entirely on his studies? High grades are not a criterion for measuring a person's ability to hand in "live dope." If a man has passed his twelve hours the preceding semester, there is no reason why he should not be as eligible for a staff position as for any other school activity.

Again, it is said that the University owns the paper and may appoint whom it pleases to manage it. Such cannot be denied. Let us rejoice then in the triumph of the doctrine that "might makes right." The fact that it may appoint whom it pleases does not excuse it for disregarding those who deserve appointment over those who do not. If the board is going to work under such methods, a statement would not be out of place in a conspicuous position in the paper to the effect that the heads of the paper will be chosen, not according to length of service, merit or capability, but according to the beauty of handwriting in making application, or the advantage in holding the favorable eye of the controlling influences in the election, in order that the candidate may hand in a request of studied neatness and artistic beauty.

There can be three resulting recommendations to be made. First, the selection of members for staff positions on the Daily should be placed in the hands of those whose contact with the organization of the paper and the affairs of the student body will make them capable of selecting from candidates whose interests are centered in the paper, and whose eligibility will depend on actual service, merit and efficiency, rather than upon some whimsical reference that arises from effeminate neatness or a uselessly extended list of references in the application. Second, the scholastic eligibility for staff positions should be made to rest only on the passing of the regular twelve hours the preceding semester, as in any other activity, and not on the standing for a whole year. Third, the highness of one's grades at any time should not be a matter for consideration, because such gives the man who has had no connection with the paper a great advantage over him who has sacrificed such to the interest of the publication.

This letter is respectfully submitted as a suggestion for a reformation of the conditions which are at present productive of the rankest injustice.

Yours truly, J. A. CAPWELL, '14.

Father—Son, will you get through your studies all right this semester? Truthful Son—Oh, yes, father, with E's—with E's.—Drake Daily Delphic.

FOUND—Fountain pen. Owner see Arthur Coleman, Chemistry Department. 2-3

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Champaign, Ill., Jan. 27.—The biggest armory building in the world—Chicagoans gasp when you tell them the Coliseum would be lost in its single drill room—being built by the University of Illinois here today stands nearly completed. Its cost is above \$250,000 and it will accommodate more than 2,000 cadets in maneuvers.—University Missourian.

Engineering Militia Company.

Messrs. Kramer, Gramlich, and Paine are at the head of a movement for the organization of an engineering company for the Nebraska National Guard. This company is to be composed of University men who have had training in this particular line.

This will open a new field for men interested in engineering courses, as they will be in line for positions in the company, as this will be the only organization of the kind in the state.

Trachoma in Lincoln School.

Lincoln, Neb.—Thirty-three cases of trachoma in a single school here has led the board of education to authorize the immediate hiring of enough assistants to Dr. Knight, school physician, to make war on the disease. The thirty-three cases were found in a school where the total registration is only a trifle over 200, indicating that a comparatively large percentage of the children had become infected.

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