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THE LAWS SPEAK

MAKE LONG ATTACK UPON THE NEBRASKAN STAFF.

Arguments Against the Nebraskan's Attitude—Personal Attack Upon Editor of the Cornhusker.

To the Nebraskan:

Your evident hostility to the Law School is entirely unjustifiable. The attitude you have taken in the controversy of the Law School with the EDITOR of the Cornhusker is intentionally malicious, and is apparent to any one familiar with the events of the past ten days. The item in the issue of Saturday, March 24, insofar as it states that the "laws were turned down" by the Publication Board and that they "lost the fight" is false as your correspondent or informant well knows.

I will now take up some of these items in detail and endeavor to show you where in your misguided conception of your duty to the University you have fallen into the error of supposing that you are responsible to no one for what you turn out in your department. You have no more right to disparage a department as you have the Law School in the "Rag" than you could in a thesis or other production required by the course you might pursue. You receive credits from the University for both. The Laws were not "turned down" by the Publication Board. They went there for the purpose of determining whether the editor-in-chief of the Cornhusker could refuse upon proper request to call a meeting of the Cornhusker staff which the editor-in-chief had theretofore denied. The Publication Board decided that they were entitled to such a meeting and directed the editor-in-chief to call the staff together. The Publication Board decided that the Law School was entitled to an unconditional submission to the editorial staff of the question of a separate department in the Cornhusker for the Laws, which we had tried in vain for some ten days to secure from Mr. Meyers. The editor-in-chief had declared himself afraid of the issue of such a meeting basing his fears on the fact that a certain Junior managing editor of the Cornhusker would swing his influence to the Laws in order to curry favor with that department next year.

I want to say a few words with regard to the communication requested of the Law School as to their reasons for desiring a separate department. We were told to limit ourselves to 150 words in the communication. Mr. Meyers was then given carte blanche as regards space, and was allowed to consume five times the space given us and moreover, was permitted to examine the reasons assigned by us before giving his own. Had we been allowed to do so we might have convinced the editors that there is another side to this question than the one they have been trying to help Mr. Meyers maintain. We were not permitted to see his communication before it went to press.

Now as to the editorial of Saturday, March 24. You say we are unable to

understand Mr. Meyer's policy in arranging plans for the Cornhusker otherwise we would not have taken the stand we have. You are doubtless in the editor-in-chief's confidence and know what that policy has been. We don't. It certainly has not been public enough that we, who should have known something of it, could know anything about it. You say the "conservative editors of the book" approved his plan. You also know that there is only ONE editor and some 30 odd "reporters" of the Cornhusker and the approval or disapproval of a "reporter" has had no effect on the editor whatever. He does not consider them significant enough to get their approval.

The contention of the Law School if it carries, you say, will not only mar the unity of the book, but will destroy the integrity of the position of the editor-in-chief. We will concede the latter part. The integrity of the position he has taken should be destroyed if there is to be a University publication that will hang together and be a success. The position he has taken is indefensible. This editor was self-appointed under a self-written constitution which reposes in his files ready for amendment of which it has received a number, and I challenge the editor of the Cornhusker or the editor of the Nebraskan to show the records of any class meeting or meeting of any other representative body of students authorizing or confirming such amendments. Here is the position of the editor-in-chief of the Cornhusker: He reserves to himself the right to appoint the members of the entire editorial staff which his self-written constitution practically gives him a right to do. He admitted in the recent discussion with the Medical department that there is nothing to work for in these positions on the staff except the honor there is in it and yet he claims the right to go into every department of the University and appoint the honors to whom he in his exalted wisdom shall see fit. What do the students of the various departments think of this? Are the classes capable of distributing these honors and do they know whom to honor? His position is that the staff are merely reporters to himself. That position of his is consistent with the theory that he can appoint them all. Otherwise nobody with any self respect would accept service on such a staff unless he is held in a great deal higher esteem than the present editor is.

Your statement that Mr. Meyers has asked nothing more of the Law School than of any other college does credit to the rest of this article. Are you so benighted as to suppose that when we have a distinct right on the basis of which we have been proceeding in this work to help out a University book, we will hunt up everybody else that might have such a right had it been so understood and advance their interests or claims for the purpose of enforcing our own rights? This might appeal to a Kensington Club as logic, but it does not appeal to a lawyer. This is not a doubtful right for which we have been contending. One of the best evidences of its existence is the fact that the demand by the Law School for the separate department in the Cornhusker is as near unanimous

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EDITOR FAVORED.

Laws Lose Their Case Before Cornhusker Staff.

What appears to be the final decision in the Cornhusker controversy, was reached yesterday afternoon in the meeting of the general staff held in U. 102. The combined staff of the Cornhusker, including representatives of the Junior and Senior classes and the Law School met and listened to both sides as they were presented by the various parties interested and by a vote of 20 to 6 decided to stand by Editor-in-chief, Meyers. The arguments and discussions were precisely those presented a few days ago in the Publication Board meeting and in various issues of the Nebraskan.

The subject upon which most of the discussion hinged was whether Mr. Meyers and the Laws would abide by the decision of the staff or not. Mr. Meyers stated at the outset that the Laws had refused to agree to abide by this decision unless it were in their favor and he wished to notify the staff that the same attitude would be taken by him, and that he did not propose to abide by it unless the Laws agreed to do so too.

It appeared to the staff that it was useless to prolong the discussion, if no decision could be reached. Mr. Brown asked each side to state boldly whether they would abide by the decision reached or not. Mr. Meyers stated that he would do so, but the Laws stated that they would reserve the right to appeal the question to the Publication Board and finally to submit it to their respective classes and withdraw from the book. A motion was made to allow the Laws a separate and distinct department in the Cornhusker, and was lost by the vote mentioned above.

It is not known what the next move of the Laws will be. At the meeting before the Publication Board, the Law editors stated positively that they would not withdraw from the book this year, but would do so in years to come, while at the meeting of the staff on yesterday, they stated that the probabilities were that they would withdraw from the Cornhusker if not given the concessions asked for.

Hekig, the 'Cellist.

Anton Hekig, the world's greatest violinist, will give a concert in Memorial Hall on the evening of April 19, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

The Baltimore News says the following concerning his recital there:

"The great Dutch 'cellist demonstrated beyond question his right to the title of 'Der Meister,' by which he is known in Germany. He produced a superb tone, which a finished technique enables him to use unerringly in the expression of his musical conception."

No student can afford to miss this recital.

The various Academic Clubs were well represented in the Phi Beta Kappa elections. Three of the English Club, five of the Latin Club and eight of the German Club received the honor. This is an especially good showing for the German Club, since the number includes nearly half the active membership.

A NEW BUILDING

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY GET APPROPRIATION.

Bill Awaiting Governor's Signature—May Build on Haymarket Square—Furnas Collection Rejected.

A bill for the appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting a new building for the State Historical Society and Museum went to the Governor yesterday afternoon, having passed the senate with only two opposing votes and the house by a unanimous vote. It is believed that the Governor favors the bill and that it will that it will readily meet with his sanction.

The site proposed for the location of such building is the vacant block known as Haymarket Square on North Tenth street, but this matter is not yet definitely decided, as this property is now in the hands of the city. The Haymarket block was set aside for the Historical Society when the city was laid out, but a number of years later the property, by an act of the legislature, was ceded to the city to be used for public purposes. The present bill is drawn up with the understanding that the municipality shall return this block to the Historical Society or furnish a suitable equivalent.

It is popularly believed that the railroad companies are desirous of locating a union depot on this block and that they would be willing to pay a neat sum for it. It is possible, therefore, that the block may be sold and a more suitable place purchased for the Society, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Another bill which had been introduced, proposing that the state purchase the Furnas collection of woods and relics now in the Historical Museum, was voted down last Saturday.

ANOTHER SENIOR "BLOWOUT."

Class of 1907 to Continue Social Policy.

A movement is on foot for another Senior party to be given soon after the spring vacation. The attendance and the enthusiasm of the last party were so marked that there is great encouragement for other like events.

There is a strong social reason back of these parties. Many seniors are about to leave school with a very limited acquaintance with their classmates. Every senior feels the need of a widened friendship and will feel it more and more after he leaves school. Such functions as these, where especial plans are made by the committee to get people to "mix," fill the needed place in uniting a class, and surrounding the Senior year with pleasant memories. Most of us are glad to feel that we know a host of '07 people.

It looks entirely practical, and the plan has been suggested that the class hold three more parties this spring, two in the country and one indoor affair. A committee will soon be appointed to look up plans for a country party, as already urged by many seniors.

No one can take exception to the

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