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YOUR PART IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DAILY NEBRASKAN

The statement that a college paper should be representative of student opinion is as old as the institution itself. How to make it so is a vexing problem, and cannot be solved without the active co-operation of the student public.

Primarily, a college daily is a dispenser of news. All other functions must subordinate themselves to this main purpose. What then, will be our attitude toward this side of the work?

We believe that no news should appear in the paper that is not written by the students. If there is not enough university news to be of interest, or not enough interested students to get it in form for publication, it is better to let the paper die, than to fill its columns with boiler plate, or with items copied verbatim from the town papers.

In addition to the above, a college daily must pursue an editorial policy that will keep before the students a discussion of affairs of importance to them individually and collectively. This opens before us at the present time a large field. While we are not now ready to announce any particular editorial policies, we believe that many subjects of great interest to the students are destined to come up for action during the coming semester. We promise, however, not to start any controversies merely for the sake of a fight; we anticipate trouble enough without that.

But, as said before, no college paper can be a success without the active assistance of the students. We invite any constructive criticism you have to offer. Especially do we solicit your contributions to the Forum. If the Nebraskan fails, the reflection on the student body is as great as that on the management. Do not criticise, therefore, unless you are doing your part to make it a success.

Do your best, and we will try to do ours; and together we will work for a greater and better Nebraska.

FORUM

To the Editor, Daily Nebraskan:

It is to be regretted that the editor of the Awgwan in his recent unjust criticism of the Innocents society did not emulate the frankness which he alleges he admires in that organization. From his vague assertions one would naturally form the opinion that the senior society as a body is taking part in some base political intrigue—what, he does not tell us.

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If such he means, his information and impressions could scarcely be more badly distorted. The Innocents as a body never mix in class politics. While it is true, of course, that each year certain members are active in this interesting game—in fact their activity in such things was probably the reason for their selection—to thus vaguely generalize concerning the whole group is manifestly unfair. In fact a perusal of the membership of Innocents for the last half dozen years will show that a minority of the members have been "politicians." In matters political the Innocents act as individuals, concerted action being a thing unknown, and politics is never being discussed in meetings.

Let us hope that whatever they may be accused of again it will not be "giving material aid in putting on a one-sided political campaign."

H. W. H.

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:

There appeared in Thursday's Forum an article that should challenge the attention of every loyal Nebraskan. In it was expressed the ideas that we dislike dishonesty because it hurts the innocent and that our honor cannot be successfully, appealed to outside the honor-system.

Certainly this is not the sentiment of any large part of the students at Nebraska. We have the emphatic statement of the world's most successful teacher that man is defiled, not from without but from within. We have before us every day men and women whose teaching and lives bear eloquent testimony that life is more than meat." Can we live in such an atmosphere and yet denounce a practice not for what it is, but for what it does to us? No. Nebraska students have higher ideals than that. And it is unfair to credit our dislike of dishonesty to such puny and selfish motives.

I do not want to be misunderstood as censoring or opposing the honor system. The spirit of Nebraska teaches one to be a booster, not a knocker. But surely no one thinks that the mere installation of the honor system or any other system will work a transformation. You cannot, as it were, say, "presto change," and it is done. There must be a preponderant sense of honor in the student body to work on.

That as a body we have such a sense of honor I fully believe. Surely if such is the case it is unjust to assume that our ideals and our honor are not on the job at examination time. If the assumption is untrue let us show our colors and prove to our critics throughout the state that we are real men and women and thus justify the faith of those who support this great institution, and who sent us here that we might play a large, and a better role in life. We can if we will.

D. F. S.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

The financial standing of the University of Nebraska Commercial club for semester ending January 22, 1916, is as follows:

Expenditures	\$58.25
Cash on hand.....	20.25
	\$78.50
Balance, Sept. 1, 1915..	\$ 1.75
Receipts	76.75
	\$78.50

T. A. WILLIAMS,
Agent Student Activities.

Gymnasium lockers will be reasigned at the following hours: Monday, 11:00-12:00 a. m., 3:00-4:00 p. m.; Tuesday, 11:00-12:00 a. m., 3:00-4:00 p. m.; Wednesday, 11:00-12:00 a. m., 3:00-4:00 p. m. All lockers not reasigned by Wednesday night 6 p. m., will be broken.

DR. R. G. CLAPP.

The Komensky Klub is preparing to produce another Bohemian play in the

near future. The success which attended the production of "The Jealous Wife," at Union hall, January 22, furnished the incentive for a second play.

The Legislative Reference bureau has received the following pamphlets from the Nebraska Academy of Sciences: "Municipal Utilities of Nebraska," by E. C. Hurd of the Nebraska Railway Commission, and "Radium and Radio Activities," by Professor Jensen of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Girls' Club party, Saturday afternoon, February 5, in Faculty hall, the Temple.

Financial statement of the Catholic Students' club dance held in the Temple is as follows: Total receipts—28 tickets at \$1 each, \$28.00. Expenditures—hall, 7; music, \$12; tickets, \$1; programs, \$4; doorkeeper, \$1.50. Total, \$25.50. Joseph Ihm, chairman. Audited January 28, 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Pharmaceutical society pictures for the Cornhusker will be taken at Townsend's Tuesday, February 1, 12 o'clock.

Students expecting to secure employment through the employment bureau must leave a copy of their class schedules at the office at once.

Financial statement of the Military Ball, held in the Lincoln hotel January 21, 1916, is as follows: Total receipts; Sixty-two tickets sold at \$2 each, \$124. Total expenditures; Hall, \$25, refreshments, \$31; music, \$27; decorations, \$3; advertising, \$1.25; printing tickets, \$1.25; programs \$16.50; doorkeeper, \$1.50. Total, \$106.50. W. M. FOLSOM, Chairman.

Audited January 27, 1916.

T. A. WILLIAMS,
Agent Student Activities.

Prof. A. E. Hamlin of Columbia university, New York city, will give an illustrated lecture at convocation tomorrow on "Architecture and Culture." Mr. Hamlin is a brother of Mrs. E. L. Hinman, of Lincoln, and is one of the most prominent architects in New York city.

G. E. Spear, B. Sc., M. D., University of Nebraska, '03; physician and surgeon. 1417 O St. B-3021.

Call for Mermaids

Miss Ina Gittings, director of physical education for women, urges all girls to take advantage of the opportunity to learn to swim. At Vassar, Wellesley and Smith, swimming is a requirement for graduation. And many of the leading co-educational schools are adding it to their list of requirements. The department of physical education is only in keeping with the present movement where it offers to women students, this opportunity to learn to swim.

Swimming proved so popular among the co-eds last semester that a class has been arranged for second semester, to meet from 9 to 12 o'clock, Tuesday mornings at the City Y. M. C. A.

INTERCLASS DEBATES SOON

With the passing of exams, the members of the debating teams are beginning to work on the question of abandoning the Monroe doctrine. Much interest is being manifested in the Freshman and Sophomore classes. The Freshmen have on their team a state champion high school debater as well as district champions and feel that their victory is sure; the Sophomores feel that the Sophomore class established a precedent last year that must be upheld. Among the Seniors and Juniors a calmer attitude is being experienced.

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