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This is the last issue of The Daily Nebraskan for this semester. When it appears again, it will be after "the smoke of battle" has cleared away and we are either beating a hasty retreat or are ministering to the wounded. There will be a new Nebraskan staff, with new ambitions and hopes for the paper, new possibilities, and renewed vigor.

The staff for the second semester is the best staff as a whole that The Daily Nebraskan has ever had. Mr. Grimes, the new editor-in-chief, is one of the best newspaper men on the campus. He has been managing editor for two semesters and it is due chiefly to his efforts that the paper has reached the standard it now maintains.

Mr. Beede, the new managing editor, has been on the staff of The Daily Nebraskan for two years and a half, and no one is more prepared to assume the duties of a managing editor of the daily of the University. Miss Noble has shown particular aptitude in this amateur newspaper field and will be a valuable member of the editorial staff. All three of these people are real newspaper people and are interested in the paper because of their love for the work and not for personal advancement. Mr. Kline has not had previous experience on The Daily Nebraskan, but has shown particular skill in different activities in school, and will no doubt fill his capacity as associate editor, very creditably.

There have been real newspaper men and women in the fullest sense of the word on the staff this semester. The comradeship and desire to help each other has been the only means of making the paper as great as it has been.

Reconstruction rather than reform has been the policy of the paper. There have been successes and failures; there have been pleasant surprises and bitter disappointments. We have made a few friends—and have lost a few. We have striven for a better University spirit and greater democracy. We have tried to show no partiality and to represent the general student body as the official student publication should—in short—we have acted according to our best judgment and to our strongest sense of duty, and our work is finished.

The single tax is the most important issue before the students at present. Next week each student, at registration, will be asked to indicate his preference to the existence of non-existence of the single tax, at Nebraska in the future.

The single tax is legal, it is popular at the larger state institutions; it is a financial saving for the student who takes an interest in the student activities; it would put all student activities on a strong financial basis; it would create a better co-operative spirit on the campus; it is democratic; it would not be a hardship on those financially unable to pay, for they can be exempted from the payment of the tax on statement that they cannot afford it. It would be a progressive step to correspond with the growth of the University.

The single tax should be optional with the faculty. If they want to take advantage of the opportunity, they should be allowed to do it.

There is one thing, especially, that The Daily Nebraskan wants definitely understood. If the students vote on the single tax and the distribution thereof, as it is now presented, there should be no change in the plan after it has received their approval. If any change is to be made in the plan or the distribution of funds, that change should be made before the matter is laid before the students. Any action on the part of the student body in regard to a plan should be final in regard to the details of the plan.

The students of Nebraska have had a responsibility thrust upon them, that means a great deal to the progress of the University. May they decide wisely, ever mindful of the good of the whole University.

FORUM

To the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan:

Since the inception of the movement to abolish compulsory drill at the University of Nebraska, a great deal has been said on both sides about

the "Morrill Act," on the authority of which a course in drill has been instituted at this University. As far as I know, "The Nebraskan" has not heretofore printed this bill in its exact terms. I find that not one in ten of the students I have talked with upon the subject has a clear idea as to what the terms of the bill are. Therefore I am giving the act in its exact wording, as found on page 464 of the forty-sixth annual catalogue of the U. of N., and am asking you to put it in at least as conspicuous a place as have been the statements of the opposing side during the past few days. Here is what the catalogue says:

Under the Morrill Act (U. S. Congress) of July, 1862, certain land and money were donated—

"For the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college (in each state) where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and

What The Single Tax Will Be

The single tax, on which students will be asked to vote registration week, is outlined below. It provides for a fee of \$3.50 a semester, which would raise on a conservative estimate, \$21,000 a year. The tax would be distributed according to the table.

Athletics	\$10,000	Debate	300
Medical Supervision.....	5,000	Ag College Judging Teams	300
Daily Nebraskan.....	3,500	University Night.....	300
Dramatics	600	Ivy Day	300
Mixers	500	Convocations	200

Who will pay?: All students registered for twelve or more hours will pay the tax although excuses for financial inability or other good and sufficient reasons will be accepted.

Collection: The tax will be collected as a part of the registration fee at the beginning of each semester.

Athletics: This sum would go for the support of both men's and women's athletics. Payment of the tax would admit to all athletic contests, intercollegiate games, and exhibitions free.

Medical Supervision: Every student paying the tax would be given absolutely free expert medical advice and would be encouraged to consult a physician on every needed occasion. A visiting nurse would probably be secured.

Daily Nebraskan: Every student entitled to a copy of the paper. The Nebraskan could be made far better and more representative, with many features now impossible of securing. A special student wire from every away from home football game.

Dramatics: This sum would be made available for the School of Drama, and the junior and senior classes. It would insure to each student a free performance of every play of the school

of Drama, and the senior and junior class plays.

Mixers: A proper number of mixers during the year, given to all students free of charge.

Debate: All students would be admitted to the debates free. Debating would be placed on a proper financial basis.

Ag College Judging Team: This sum would help pay the expenses of stock, dairy and fruit judging teams representing the University in interstate and collegiate competitions.

University Night: All students to see the performance free of charge at the city auditorium, or two performances at a theatre. Better and more elaborate stunts.

Ivy Day: This would mean a successful, all-University day celebration free of charge.

Convocations: This sum would be used to bring nationally famous speakers and lecturers, or other good features to the convocations.

Incidental: All excess over the \$21,000, would be made a part of the incidental fund. This should include for the students free admission into the art exhibits, possibly the May music festival, the girls' costume party, and enable the student activities office to enlarge the scope of its activities.

including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislature of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life."

You will note that the word "compulsory" or any relative of "compulsory" is not used in this act.

R. T. GERE.

The marriage of Babette Weil, ex-'15, and James Brown, '14, took place in Omaha last Tuesday. Mr. Brown is a Sigma Chi.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Chem Conditions

All having conditions in chemistry 2 will have an opportunity to remove the same by examination Saturday, February 3, at 10 o'clock in chemistry lecture room. George Borrowman.

University Chorus

The University chorus will not meet Friday night.

Pharmics

Important business meeting of the Pharmaceutical society Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in basement of Nebraska hall. Everybody out.

News Writing

Grades in the formal interview will be in the theme exchange, U 206, by this (Friday) noon. M. M. Fogg.

Newspaper Editing

Students who elect this course (2 hours credit, hours to be arranged) will please give me, as early as possible registration week, their recitation schedules (using the blanks in U 206) so that the hours for meetings can be fixed. M. M. Fogg.

Lutheran Students

The Lutheran Students' club meets in the Y. W. room Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, ev. Badger will talk on the early life of Luther. Visitors are welcome.

Komensky Klub Hop

Fifty tickets inclusive of all complimentary, have been validated for the Komensky Klub hop which is to be held at the Lindell hotel Saturday evening, February 17, 1917. No more

tickets will be validated for this dance. The complimentary list is as follows: A. V. Hlava, K. L. Janauch, and K. Killian. A. V. Hlava, chairman. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Phys. Ed. Luncheon

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