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**BETTER FRIENDS**  
 Legislative wheels have come to a standstill. Senators and representatives attending the forty-fifth session of the Nebraska state legislature are on their way back to the various constituencies, anxious to get started on those duties that have been neglected while laws were in the making.

The University of Nebraska has been the subject matter of much of the legislation that has come before the session during the last session. Appropriations, the problem that the legislature has to meet every session and the source of irritation in many instances, have been satisfactory to the University of Nebraska this year. While falling short of the amount that was requested by the Board of Regents at the beginning of the session, the 1929 appropriation for the University is the best that has come in six years. It has been large enough to permit the University to relax and breathe easier, and feel that some perceptible changes can be made in the salary scale of the university staff.

Chancellor Burnett has indicated that the increased appropriation over other years would allow revisions in the salaries that are being paid faculty members at the present time. This is encouraging for the students of the University as well as the faculty members. It means relief for the taxpayers of the state who have witnessed the resignations of prominent faculty men in the last few years because of the better offers from institutions that could more than match dollars with Nebraska.

People in Nebraska are coming to realize the importance of maintaining a university of high standing in the country. It is an expensive investment, true, but there is none other that the state could make that would pay higher dividends. It's very fine that Nebraska can have a magnificent capitol building. It is commendable that the state can have a mesh of hard-surfaced roads. It is necessary that the state have a system of state institutions that are adequate and well-handled. But these amount to little when thousands of young men and women from Nebraska homes are clamoring for something more than a high school education. The University of Nebraska cannot exist without constant attention and financial aid from the taxpayers of the state.

The assurance that the salary scale of the faculty of the University will be changed for the better is not the sole benefit that has come from the just-finished session of the legislature. A new heating plant, supplying the University and the new state capitol building jointly, is in the offing. Dormitories, the thing that the University has needed for many years, are at last provided for. While a complete dormitory system cannot be developed in one stroke, the legislature has made it possible for operations to start soon.

Another phase of the part that the University played in the past session of the legislature had to do with the investigation for influence of the power trust in the affairs of the University. The investigating committee gave the University a clean bill, after some weeks of probing and weighing testimony.

Proposed legislation to establish second-year pledging in the fraternities of the Nebraska campus went into the wastebasket after the housing situation of the University students was explained, and after the hint that the fraternities would themselves do away with freshman pledging in the near future.

A session of the state legislature always works for a better understanding between state and university.

R. O. T. C. students always become interested in the weather forecast about the time a parade is scheduled.

**INTEGRITY OR VENTRILOQUISM?**  
 University of Nebraska students take their politics seriously and their candidates for granted. Out at the University of Washington, the students make the candidates the chief interest and politics trail along in the wake. At the Pacific university each spring before the election of prominent students to important offices on the campus, campus clubs and the university newspaper propound a set of questions for the candidates to answer before the election day.

Questions center about the affairs of the university, about the duties of the various university officials, and probe the candidates concerning their knowledge of the offices for which they are running. The candidates have an opportunity to answer, and the voters have a chance to get the views of the candidates before they mark the ballots. Men and women who wish to see their names printed on the ballot must have the courage to submit to the grilling of campus clubs, and must familiarize themselves with the problems of the university before they can ever expect to be elected to office.

How different this is from the situation on the University of Nebraska campus! There seldom are any issues entering into the elections on the Cornhusker campus, simply because the political situation has developed out of a petty, hair-pulling squab-

ble between a couple of factions. The lack of issues in Nebraska's campus elections is not caused by the absence of questions that demand a definite stand. The struggle to get a man in office is nothing short of a fight between two factions to choose a man that can pull votes. The capabilities of the candidates, their insight on important university problems, and their integrity is seldom questioned. Will he get votes? Nebraska students never know the stand that is taken by a candidate before they mark the ballot.

The University of Washington probably has its political alignments. Most every college campus does. But the elections at the University of Washington have not been permitted to shape into a mudslinging contest between a couple of factions. Candidates are taken seriously, their views are considered by the voters, and when a man is elected to office he knows that he has something to do besides being the Punch and Judy for some faction ventriloquist.

This 'springtime taffy' business has another angle when the professor happens to have a sweet tooth for candy.

**MORE MUD**  
 Every time J. Pluvius turns on the shower bath spigot that floods the campus, walking students start bog wading and those in cars go motor boating. Students do not need to be informed that the swamp that mires the pedestrians and the lake that floats the automobiles is in the general territory around the infamous cinder stretch in front of Chemistry building on North Twelfth street. This block of roadway, despite its roughness and hump-per-square-inch surface, is the connecting link between Memorial mall and the general campus center around Social Sciences, and is used by hundreds of students daily.

The crossings of this street and nearby driveway entrances to it are filled with gummy, sloppy clay or ooze. The street itself requires no description. In dry weather it has any "rolly coaster" beat for jarring drops, any ocean yacht for sickening rolls and any village main street for sheer roughness. When it rains the holes fill with muddy water which camouflages passing autos that plunge, wallow and splash therein.

A short time ago the operating superintendent of the University declared something would be done to the road "this summer," but stated that little could be accomplished before then. More than five weeks of school remain. That is more than a month that the students will have to tolerate this situation.

Mid-winter several loads of cinders from the university heating plant were placed on the road. That improved it greatly. The cinders, however, wore off with time and the condition today is worse than ever. Because the Board of Regents contemplates eventually shutting off this stretch of road it is not feasible to pave it. However, there still remains the usual huge pile of cinders in back of the heating plant, which, if spread on the road, would improve it and at least make it endurable.

There is no reason why temporary crossings cannot be fixed so coed footwear and masculine oxfords and trouser legs will not receive a generous decoration of mud. If labor is scarce around the University it certainly would be better to have three men smoothing the Twelfth street road and repairing sidewalks than digging dandelions behind Administration building.

Nebraska has an election in a few weeks.

Professors are getting ambitious. One carried a reference book to class the other day.

Now that the bladders are having a day to play golf, maybe the students in the other colleges ought to take a day off to romp around and play ring-around-the-rosy.

Caretakers of the campus are growing grass on the bare patches behind Administration building so when Ivy day comes the new innocents will not get such a jolt when they are tapped.

"Talk things over with yourself," suggested a speaker on another campus not so long ago. However, exceptions are made during exams.

### OTHER STUDENTS SAY—

To the Editor:  
 An editorial in The Daily Nebraskan for Thursday explained that the taffy-feeding student is noticeable and despicable to the rest of the students in the class. But it neglected to show how this same taffy-feeding student is a handicap to his fellow students.

This handicap works in two ways, both on the professor and the other students. The professor, suffering from indigestion from the amount of taffy that he has been forced to swallow, is in a mood to question the sincerity of any student that comes to his office. This doubt is natural, when one considers the cleverness of some of the taffy-feeders.

The reaction of the student who has a sincere problem to discuss with his professor is one of hesitation. He hesitates to enter the office for fear of being accused of carrying concealed taffy. So he will often pass up an opportunity for advice from his professor because of the actions of others.

—K. L.

To the Editor:  
 "A Participant in Sports," admitting that the Barbs have a right to participate in intramural sports, remarks that they should not, as this will widen the breach between Barbs and Greeks.

We have a faint remembrance of the fellow who admitted that women had a right to the suffrage, but protested that giving it to them would tend to diminish the tranquility of the home.

### ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

**MOTHERS' DAY**  
 Many fraternities on the campus are busy preparing to receive the mothers of their members next month on Mothers' Day. Mothers' clubs on the campus have come to serve a useful and effective part in the life of fraternities and sororities. But such organizations are usually composed of mothers of men who live in town.

For the mother who lives in another town, city, or village, Mothers' Day is a rare opportunity to become better acquainted with the meaning of a fraternity.

Many mothers have vague and often unreal ideas of fraternity organization and are hesitant about asking their sons what it is all about. For the son, too, Mothers' Day is a fine chance to "sell" a mother on the fraternity idea.

—Ohio State Lantern

### A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fallman

Mr. Hoover's first attempt to wave the big, powerful presidential stick met with failure. Disappointing of the senate committee's agricultural relief bill, with its provisions for export debentures, the president resorted to Roosevelt tactics, and wrote a letter directly to the committee wherein he specified his objections. But Hoover's objections made very little impression upon the committee, which reported the bill, with the debenture scheme, to the senate.

Now a merry fight is being waged in the senate. Senator Brookhart of Iowa, who staunchly supported Herbert Hoover during the recent campaign, raged for three hours last Wednesday, in the senate chamber, against the farm relief program of the administration. Brookhart said that he had supported Hoover because Hoover had promised that he would "safely bring equality to agriculture," and he declared that the administration falls far short of the promise as well as the needs of the situation. He shouted that he, for one, had not "surrendered his seat in the senate to the white house," and he defied the president to bring on his veto. But the administration need not be alarmed. The early votes in the senate on various amendments, the volcanic eruption of the Iowa senator notwithstanding, seem to indicate that the house bill, which has the approval of the president, will also prevail in the senate.

The legislature of the state of Nebraska adjourned sine die last Wednesday at midnight. In addition to passing the largest appropriation bill in the history of the state, the legislature also raised the gas tax to four cents, approved of some minor administrative changes, established a state board of cosmetology, and revised the intangible tax law. It singularly failed to do anything with the state guaranty law and the banking problem, the only real big issue before the state legislature. Because of this failure to handle the bank question, Governor Weaver has indicated that he may call a special session, after he has made a thorough investigation of the situation.

President Hoover made a very significant address on law enforcement last Monday, in New York, speaking at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press. The president pointed to the large amount of law-breaking in this country, as compared with the low criminality records of Great Britain. This situation, he declared, demands the recognition and cooperation of every citizen in the United States. He asserted, further, that it is a popular illusion to say that most crime is due to the eighteenth amendment, citing America's record in such crimes as theft, embezzlement, forgery, burglary, and robbery. He appealed to the people of the country to obey the law. "If a law is wrong, its rigid enforcement is the surest guarantee of its repeal. If it is right, its enforcement is the quickest method of compelling respect for it."

Tammany now has a new chief, John F. Curry, the former right-hand man of Boss Murphy, and a life-long politician. Tammany hall has thus resorted to its old policy of choosing a district leader as chief, Curry having been a district leader for years. Tammany had been getting rather ambitious lately, as evidenced by their election of Judge Olvany as chief a few years ago. Judge Olvany was not an old-line machine man, in the strict sense of the word, but was chosen from the loftier element of New York's democracy. But, the district leaders were very much

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disappointed with Olvany's leadership of the party in the disastrous campaign of Al Smith, forced his resignation, and have now returned to the leadership of an old-fashioned district leader.

The League of Nations preparatory disarmament commission is in session again. It is faced with the problem of restricting the construction of war aircraft, submarines, and cruisers. It is also faced with the customarily hopelessly divergent points of view of the various power represented. The meeting this time began with a sparkling address from Hugh S. Gibson, the American representative. After Gibson's address the United States is ready to disarm, the other powers caught the tune, and now they are all purring happily. With a sympathetic administration in Washington, and with America's cruiser-construction program in sight, something may be accomplished in Geneva. At least there is this much to be said in favor of the present meeting, that the spirit and attitude of the various delegates, if their speeches so far mean anything, is very encouraging.

Vermilion, S. D.—(IP)—The oldest living thing known to man, the *Beanoon* Canadian, or "dawn animal," is now represented in the collections of the geology department of the University of South Dakota.

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