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A Dignified Protest.

THE mass meeting last night was all that could have been desired. In a dignified manner, the students responded to the occasion and listened to a dignified address calling attention to the justification for the protest of university friends, and crystallizing in the minds of students the reasons for this protest.

The Nebraskan has been attempting to be fair in its criticism of the legislative attitude. We have attempted to recognize in all sincerity the necessity for reduction in state expenditures. We have been conscious of the stress under which the legislature is working for the interests of the state as a whole.

The Nebraskan has felt very strongly, however, that the other side of the question, namely the true importance of maintaining an educational institution, administered, as it were, in a manner detached from all considerations other than the interests of education, needed to be pointed out in a virile manner. We have felt that in order to project this viewpoint into the open, it should be called forcibly to the attention of students and friends of the university. That has been the purpose of the editorials and it was the purpose of the student meeting last night.

THE object of any criticism of the legislature has been to point out the fact that these trying necessities for reduction are not the only considerations to be recognized. It was this spirit which pervaded the student body last night. It was this spirit which Editor J. E. Lawrence invoked.

The Nebraskan believes that the legislature will be willing to afford a fair hearing to the student opinion, which, we believe, is an opinion held by many citizens of the state.

For the present, the Nebraskan rests its case. If antagonism has been inspired by its statements, it can only plead that it was speaking in sincere protest against a tendency which has been to ignore the necessity for upholding in so far as is possible the ideals which educational institutions embody. These ideals must suffer when the institutions themselves are attacked too viciously.

Scholastic Recognition.

THE annual selection of members of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, announced Thursday morning, escaped the usual focus of campus attention on account of

matters of more general interest. The usual complaints and opinions have not been received by the Nebraskan as to just what membership in these organizations mean.

It cannot be denied that the prestige of these scholastic honoraries has somewhat fallen in the minds of student bodies in general. This attitude of depreciation of the honor results in large part because of the belief that grades, which are the basis for membership in these organizations, are not a true index of scholastic ability.

It must be admitted that some of the criticism leveled against grades and grade-getters is what is commonly known as "sour grapes." But on the other hand, the Nebraskan feels that not too great store should be set on the possession of a P. B. K. key.

A P. B. K. or Sigma Xi recognition is no infallible evidence of ability in anything. Conversely the lack of an average or anything near the average necessary for such recognition, is not indicative of the absence of benefit derived from education or the ability to apply in practice those principles which education is supposed to promote.

Mouthing the old truism that virtue is its own reward, we desire to point out an ideal which few but the most cultivated people will ever attain, namely, that every material recognition of achievement is in a sense false recognition. It may encourage promotion of desirable ends; it may bring satisfaction for work well done. But it is always fallible, always subject to abuse, and is in itself empty.

The only infallible achievement as to whose worth we have not yet been disillusioned, is the achievement of self-satisfaction in searching and doing for the pure sake of the activity itself, and no doubt, the hoped for results of that activity. Praise or blame have little effect on such achievement.

This is becoming philosophical. The Nebraskan, on the part of fellow students and faculty members, congratulates new members of the scholastic honoraries, on the basis of however much the recognition means to them. We respectfully suggest that the honor be considered as a material recognition only. Whether it is significant or not will some day be more apparent.

Contemporary Comment

A Free Press, For Students Too.

Perhaps it was the heat of the debate that caused two members of the state legislature to voice objections to an editorial by the Daily Nebraskan, student newspaper of the state university, objecting to the legislature fixing university salary schedules.

For our part we welcome the student editorial, and are happy to find that the university publication is not afraid to speak its mind on a matter affecting the students and their state.

It should, in fact, be valuable for the legislators to learn the student reaction to their proposals.

Free speech, free discussion, a free press, long held necessary to a democracy, surely include the newspaper edited and managed by state university students.

In a matter so vital as the continued efficiency and high standard of the university, what the students think is a proper contribution to general discussion of the subject.—Omaha World Herald.

SIGMA XI, PHI BETA KAPPA NAME HONOR STUDENTS THURSDAY

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 dent to achieve both honors this year.
 From one-tenth to one-sixth of

the graduating class is considered for membership in Phi Beta Kappa each year.

This year's membership is considerably less than that of the past few years, there being 52 in 1930, 46 in 1931 and 45 in 1932. Of the 37 elected, 20 are women, and 17 men, the latter being the greatest number of men selected for several years.

From Other States.
 But three of the new Phi Beta Kappas are from other states, Iowa claiming two, and Colorado one. Twenty-one of the Nebraska members have Lincoln as their home. Twenty-eight of the new group are from arts and science college, seven from Teacher's college, and one from the school of fine arts, and one from the Engineering college.

All new members of Sigma Xi are residents of Nebraska, with but four of the 18 living in Lincoln.

Following are the names of new Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi members:

- Phi Beta Kappa.**
- Gerald Agans, Murray, Ia.
 - Howard Allaway, Homer, Nebr.
 - Hubert Arnold, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Hildegard Batz, York, Nebr.
 - Helen Black, Ragan, Nebr.
 - Mrs. Margarete Brackenbury, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Philip Brownell, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Dale Cameron, Bennet, Nebr.
 - Margaret Clapp, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Harry Cunningham, Jr., Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Elery Davis, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Margaret Deming, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Cedric Evans, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Wentworth Fling, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Charles Gray, Omaha, Nebr.
 - Henry Harrell, Seward, Nebr.
 - Laurence H. Hart, Sioux City, Ia.
 - William Chas. Keetel, Jr., Lyons, Nebr.
 - Johanna Kellmorgen, West Point, Nebr.
 - Sylvia Kotouc, Humboldt, Nebr.
 - Gladya Lux, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Ardith Miller, Davenport, Nebr.
 - Francis O'Connor, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Meredith Nelson, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Mrs. Evelyn Stotts, Newton, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Ladusa Ninger, Humboldt, Nebr.
 - Heleen Neetz, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Lawrence O'Brien, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Evelyn O'Connor, Elsie, Nebr.
 - Mrs. Nora Osborn, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Ethel Quinton, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Margaret Reedy, Denver, Colo.
 - Mildred Ruth, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Irma Sharp, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Elwood Thompson, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Margaret Upson, Odell, Nebr.
- New Members of Sigma Xi.**
- Hubert Arnold, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Julius Frank, Bognich, Omaha.
 - Alden Carl Carlson, Loomis, Nebr.
 - Jesse Burt Cecil, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Arnold L. Coffin, Fairbury, Nebr.
 - Eugene B. Denstland, Republican City, Nebr.
 - Carl A. Goth, Holdrege, Nebr.
 - John W. Hossack, Sutherland, Nebr.
 - John H. Hutchings, Falls City, Nebr.
 - Stanley L. Jameson, Arcadia, Nebr.
 - Harold J. Kleen, Bruning, Nebr.
 - Earl F. Kuncel, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Marion C. MacLachan, Grand Island, Nebr.
 - Clarence Pedersen, Long Pine, Nebr.
 - Cedric W. Richards, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Ronald Rex Robinson, Lincoln, Nebr.
 - Marvin Van Seggem, West Point, Nebr.
 - Jacob Swislowsky, Columbus, Nebr.

MEMBERS OF HOUSE VOTE ON UNIVERSITY FUNDS BILL TODAY

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sideration of the measure with members of the senate.

Regents Oppose.
 In a hearing before the house fees and salaries committee yesterday, Earl J. Cline, member of the board of regents, expressed opposition to the bill. Two former regents, J. E. Miller and J. L. Teeters, also opposed the bill, as did Chancellor E. A. Burnett. The committee took no action on the bill.

In voicing their arguments at the committee hearing, Cline stated that the bill would cost more eventually than it is now supposed to save, and that the injury to education would be immeasurable.

The opposition to the bill took on a statewide aspect yesterday as several prominent Omaha business men strongly protested against the special committee's drastic action.

"I am convinced that the cuts in the governor's budget will be enough if Nebraska is to hold her good professors," said J. T. Votava, Omaha attorney. "The legislature should go slowly in trying to run the university."

Among other Omahans who voiced the same sentiment against the bill were Ray Stricker, president of the university alumni association, and H. B. Bergquist, president of the board of education in Omaha. Similar scattered protests were heard over the state late yesterday.

Columbia U. Exposition Honors Albert Einstein

NEW YORK. (CNS). In celebration of the fifty-fourth birthday of Professor Albert Einstein, Columbia university this week had opened a special exhibition in his honor.

Papers relating to his theories of relativity, rare and valuable first editions and autographs and medals were placed on exhibition.

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ENGINEER'S WEEK COMMITTEES NAMED

This Year's Celebration to Mark Twenty-First Anniversary.

Engineer's week will become of age this year when the twenty-first annual celebration will be held May 4 to 6. Definite preparatory steps have been taken by George Swatek, general chairman of the week, who appointed his committees today.

The week opens with the Engineers' open house to the public. The following morning the convocation will be held which is primarily a pep rally. The picnic or fun fest will be held in the afternoon with the engineers banquet following in the evening.

Alumni to Attend.

Many alumni of the engineering college are expected to attend the banquet as it is primarily a reunion affair. Prominent speakers are to be procured to address the group and engineering awards for the year are to be made.

Commenting on the week and principally on the open house, Swatek declared, "The open house is one of the real advertisements the university gets. It gives the public a view of the real practical work done at the university and gets them in a different frame of mind. Now, above all times, we need this sort of publicity."

Chairmen Selected.

General committee chairmen who have been selected are as follows: Jack Hutchins, banquet; Carl

Goth, activities; Louis Etherton, field day; John Hossack, program; Joe DeKlotz, convocation; Frank Rawlings, publicity; Bernard Donelan, tickets; Charles DeVore, window display; Marion Ball, traffic. Departmental chairmen are: Clarence Pedersen, applied mechanics; Albert Molenoer, agricultural engineering; Kenneth Schmidt and Cedric Richards, architectural engineering; George Gates, chemistry; Alden Carlsen, civil; Arnold Coffin, electrical; and Jack Steele, mechanical.

Hugh Gray was elected secretary-treasurer of the week at a general election held recently.

NEW PLAY IS POSTPONED

Lawrence Tibbett Concert Causes Miss Howell to Change Dates.

Opening of the University Players' final production of the season, "Romeo and Juliet," originally scheduled for Friday, April 3, in the Temple theater has been postponed to Saturday, April 4, according to Miss H. Alice Howell, director of the play.

The play will be presented from April 4 through April 13, with a matinee Saturday afternoon. People having tickets for the opening night may change them for Saturday's or a later performance.

Miss Howell stated that the change was effected because of the Lawrence Tibbett concert in Lincoln April 3.

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