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Selling Education Into Slavery?

THE legislature has adjourned. The appropriations for the University of Nebraska have been settled for the next biennium. In the course of that settlement, the university has been subjected to one of the most thorough, and in some respects, the most bitter examinations and criticisms which have ever been leveled at this institution, even recognizing the fact that the biennial session of the state lawmakers is always a period of tension for this school.

For those who have an idealistic conception of education it was discouraging to realize that certain political interests took advantage of this hostile attitude to make capital for themselves. It was disillusioning to realize that the controversy over appropriations could not be fought out entirely on the basis of principle. Instead of being able to reckon all the opponents of the institution as being opposed entirely because they felt the need for economy or because they sincerely questioned the worth of education, one had to reckon that some were opposed because they felt a personal grudge of some sort, or because their vote for or against the university appropriations would be repaid by a vote for or against beer or something else.

BESIDES this, or because of this, the university has had to walk softly for fear some legislator would take offense at some student or faculty utterance, thereby jeopardizing the support of the institution. Any agitation, or the mere announcement of a fact which appeared in any way to have possibilities for offending a legislator was held in abeyance. The Daily Nebraskan, for instance, found it advisable to say little or nothing about the pacifistic petition which was being signed by students inasmuch as the question involved was a highly controversial one.

The university does have a responsibility to the people of the state for its support and it appreciates that responsibility. But it is deplorable in the extreme that because of that support the university should feel afraid to touch any controversial subjects. It is unfortunate that a state educational institution or any of its constituents should be expected to be subservient in its policies or ideas to what the controllers of its financial destinies believe.

It is high time that the people of the state recognize that they are best served by a university which is entirely unfettered by political influences, entirely independent in its thinking and acting. It is proper, of course, that the administration of the money provided by the state should be carefully inquired about. It is appropriate that the state legislators

should scan carefully the work of the institution to see that the money spent by the taxpayers is bringing value received.

But this by no means implies that the university administration, faculty, or student body should feel impelled to muffle their ideas. The university should promote, not stifle, independent thought. And if that thought is a little unorthodox according to the tenets of the "average taxpayer" or the majority of legislators, there should be a strenuous fight waged if opposition to that unorthodoxy takes the form of crippling the financial resources of the university.

THE Nebraskan has no disposition to grieve over what the university was given by the recently defunct legislature. We realize that in the main the force behind the criticism of the university was the drastic need for economy and that the slash in the university budget was primarily a sincere effort to effect this economy. Furthermore the Nebraskan has no desire to maintain that some criticisms of the university might not be just.

But regardless of how much or little the legislature has voted the university or ever does appropriate for this institution, regardless of how badly the legislature feels that the appropriation is administered or how many defects they may see in the policy of the institution, we want to enter a protest to the idea that the university must cower to the prejudices of the legislators or the people of the state. This university is not worthy of the name if it cannot act and think and teach without always keeping one eye open to see how the political leaders in the state react. The doors of every building on the campus would be better shut immediately if it is tacitly assumed that the biennial funds for this school must be obtained by clever politics or by subserviency.

Another Big Day For the Merchants.

THE only thing against mothers as a class that we know of is the yearly outpouring of extravagant sentimentality about them perpetrated by the press, the radio, and of course the advertisers. Much of this sloppy twaddle is meant well, and should, perhaps, be taken as it is meant. But lots of the most obnoxious slush is put out by commercial interests who hope to reap some material gain by touching the hearts of sons and daughters.

It is unfortunate that nearly every day of commemoration in the American calendar has been seized upon by merchandisers as an excuse for a commercial splurge. And along with this form of commemoration goes the typical American custom of stifling real sentiment by overdoing the ballyhoo.

American people cannot be left alone with their feelings. On Mother's day, for instance, they must needs have the radio blat platitudinous sentimentalities at them. They are confronted by standardized expressions in the press which assume that any mother is necessarily a saint. They buy red carnations on the street corners and send prepared telegrams home, all in celebration of their feelings for mother.

WELL, perhaps all that is all right. Doubtless it is better that Americans should revere the ideals of motherhood en masse than not at all. And most of the expressions of sentiment are probably sincere.

But as for us we wish to commemorate Mother's day, not by writing a trite eulogy, but by suggesting that personal sentiment can be expressed just as well in a quiet, unobtrusive fashion. Students in the university are likely to be just beginning to awaken to what mothers and fathers have meant to them. Such feelings as

they have, however, are personal and are chiefly valuable because they are personal. Baring your feelings to the public in dramatic and emotional outbursts of speech or print is not an essential part of the commemoration of Mother's day.

The real value of Mother's day will be felt by those who in quiet reflection realize what a particular mother has meant. If this realization can be expressed to the mother herself in an intimate manner so much the better. If not, it is better confined to the consciousness of the individual than spread across a printed page in terms of overworked emotional content.

LEROSSIGNOL BRINGS ORGANIZED BUSINESS MEETING TO CAMPUS

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The Wednesday meeting by Dean LeRossignol, 1,000 or more business men from Nebraska and other states are expected to be in attendance.

The first speaker will be Gray Sterling of Kearney. He is president of the Nebraska Dry Goods and Ready to Wear association. His subject is to be, "I am Putting my Store on a Profit Basis." Clifford Crooks, head of the research department of the Nebraska Farmer, will address the convention attendants on "The Opportunities of a Small Town Retailer" and Allen Hupp, secretary of the Omaha Retailers' association, will speak on "Help Yourself, Mr. Retailer." This will conclude the morning session.

Luncheon Planned.

At the noon luncheon, scheduled at the chamber of commerce, the principal speaker, Burdette G. Lewis will be introduced by J. E. LeRossignol. Lewis, a graduate of the university in 1904, is now a nationally known economist of Chicago and New York. He will discuss "Regionalism," a plan he has devised to bring about a closer unification of the states in a political and business basis, in his address, "The Control of Business Under the Auspices of the Government."

Mr. Lewis has held important positions with some of the largest business corporations in the United States and comes to the campus with facts from experience.

J. E. Kirshman, professor of finance in the college of business administration, will preside during the afternoon. L. Roy Cozanne, the first speaker of the afternoon, will point out "Fourteen Ways for Nebraska Merchants to Get More Business in 1933."

Following Cozanne will be W. H. Brokay, of the agricultural college who will speak of "An Analysis of the Farm Situation" with regard to its relation to Nebraska business.

Dean Stockton to Speak.

Dean Frank T. Stockton will be heard as final speaker of the day. He is to discuss the "Foreign Markets for American Products."

All chamber of commerce secretaries throughout the state have been invited to attend the meetings and to remain over Thursday for the School of Commercial Secretaries, a new feature for such

organizations, which is to be incorporated in future years in the "Organized Business" meetings.

CLARK EICHELBERGER TO GIVE ADDRESS ON ECONOMIC ASSEMBLY

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of the movement of capital, restrictions on international trade, tariff and treaty policies, and the organization of production and trade.

Mr. Eichelberger, who has appeared on the campus before and is well known here, will be accompanied on this trip by Harry E. Terrell, secretary of the Council for the Prevention of War, from Des Moines, who is arranging a statewide student conference next year to which all state colleges will send representatives.

Miss Laura B. Pfeiffer, associate professor of European History at this university, is the secretary of the local League of Nations association, and has been active in obtaining Mr. Eichelberger to speak.

TWO STUDENTS EARN HONORS IN CONTEST

Twenty Girls Enter Meat Judging Event Held on Ag Campus.

Two northeastern Nebraska students copped high honors in the annual meats and crops judging and identification contests held on the college of agriculture campus Saturday. Henrietta Hafner of Bloomfield won the co-ed meats while Elmer Heyne of Wisner took top honors in the crops event.

Twenty girls entered the girls' meats judging contest. Prof. William J. Loeffel had direct charge. Ruth Wolfe of Denton was second, Ada B. Johnson of Mead third, Beulah Kline of Lincoln fourth and Anna Brinkman of Arlington fifth. The winner, Henrietta Hafner, ranked third in identification, and fifth in judging all classes.

Teresa Livershal of Plattsmouth won the judging division of the meats contest. Ada Johnson was first in identification. Judges for the girls' contest included Wayne Bishop, Floyd Hedlund, La Verne Gengrich, George Harrison, Eva Buel, Cleotus Reinmiller, Vernon Miller, and the Misses Peters, Gibbons and Sperry.

Winners in the Tri-K club agronomy contest were not announced until late Saturday evening when the annual "victory" banquet was held. In all classes Paul Harvey was second, Boyd Shank third, Ray Kinch, fourth, and Phillip Henderson fifth. The boys judged various classes of grains and identified many varieties of farm grains.

In announcing the winners of the identification and judging, Prof. Anton Frolik, who had charge of the contest, said students trying out for the judging team were not included. Darrell Bauder won both events among the beginning agronomy students. Stanley Whitson was second in identification, and Bill Garnick and Ardell James were tied for third. Whitson stood second in judging and J. Vernon Keller third.

PSYCHOLOGICAL MEET TO DRAW NEBRASKANS

Four Local Professors Will Appear on Program At Ames.

The Midwestern Psychological association meeting at Ames, Ia., May 18 to 20, has attracted nearly a score of University of Nebraska advanced students in psychology and members of the psychology faculty.

The program for the meeting will include the names of four Nebraskans:

Dr. J. P. Guilford, associate professor of psychology, who will read a paper on "Pigmentation and Visual Sensitivity"; E. K. Frye, graduate student, whose subject will be "Mechanical Aptitude of Siblings"; Dr. A. F. Jenness, assistant professor psychology, scheduled to discuss "The Facilitation of sleeping Hypnosis by Previous Motor Responses in the Waking State"; and Dr. D. A. Worchester, professor of educational psychology, who will present a paper, of which he is the collaborate author with Bernice Silkett, entitled "The Distance from the Eye to Work Among School Children Engaged at Various Tasks."

Included in the Nebraska party will be Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Guilford, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Jenness, Prof. and Mrs. B. C. Sarvis, Dr. D. A. Worchester, Dr. S. M. Corey, W. B. Jones, Ruth John, Leona Failor, Norman Frederiksen, Louise Hofseditz, Hope Campbell, Beatrice Marshall, Betty Pringle, Roy Hackman, Robert Hardin, and R. W. Deal. Several others may decide at a later date to attend the meeting.

Dr. Fordyce Addresses Elba Graduating Class

Dr. Charles Fordyce, chairman of the department of Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska, addressed the graduating class of the Elba public school on Thursday evening, May 11, using as his subject, "Education for Present Day Needs."

Freshmen at the University of Colorado are not allowed to take dates to football games. If they do they are thrown into a lake.

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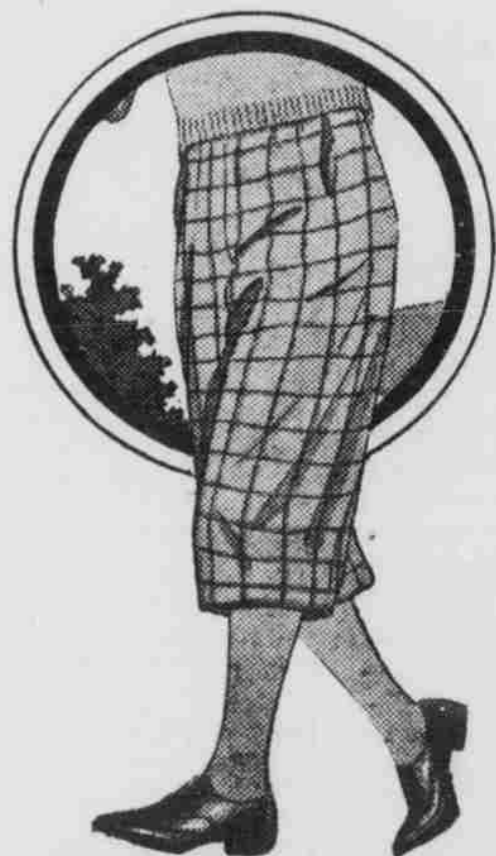
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