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Nebraska, The Unknown.

WE who attend the University of Nebraska think we have a pretty good student body. We think we are not only the equal of all but also the superior of many other schools. And in certain fields of student enterprise this is no doubt true year after year.

For instance, Nebraska has more than average football teams over any given period of years. We have individual stars not only on the gridiron but in basketball, track, and the other realms of sport, who are capable of being ranked with the nation's best.

We have brilliant scholars at Nebraska who have achieved many honors in various fields. We have able student leaders and thinkers in whose ability to match wits and deeds with students from other universities we have explicit faith. We have beautiful girls at Nebraska, girls with personality whom we feel can easily match their pulchritude against that of other feminine representatives of the collegiate world and emerge with flying colors.

We have good student publications, good student government, some phases of which are miles ahead of that at the majority of other universities. We have a number of traditions that are outstanding and ours alone, and yearly we stage events which are unequalled elsewhere in student circles.

While we don't have all that other schools have, we have a good share of the most important things, and a number that are distinctive in being ours exclusively. The question arises: Do we, the students of Nebraska, know it? We should, all right, but do we? It may sound foolish to indicate that "No" might be the answer but certainly the almost complete ignorance with which the rest of the collegiate world is afflicted concerning Nebraska would lead one to believe that such is the case.

Something is wrong when students in other parts of the country say "Nebraska? Let's see, that's out west by Montana, isn't it?"

The university is pretty well advertised by one thing and that is its football team. Outside of that, one would never know there

was a student body on the University of Nebraska campus. In short, the situation is, as a recent student pulse contributor pointed out, "Nebraska is hiding its light under a bushel." One can hardly turn to a newspaper or rotogravure section today without seeing some phase of the collegiate world represented. With the exception of treatment by state papers, however, Nebraska contributions to college publicity are conspicuous only by their absence.

Once back in the dim ages, some college publication went after a Nebraska story because we had a good grid team and had beaten somebody that year. They couldn't find much so they wrote an article about "Nebraska—the school with no traditions." Which of course was a rose in our hair.

That should have been enough to touch off a bombshell from this campus but we took it lying down as we have taken too many things. It is high time that at least now something be done about this situation and the rest of the nation made aware of the fact that there is a University of Nebraska with a student body and student ability which are willing to take a back seat to none.

A step in the right direction was taken by the student council last year in appointing a special student publicity committee which contacted collegiate publications of all descriptions as well as press and photo services and syndicates. It was soon ascertained that articles, pictures, and other material on Nebraska student life and enterprise would be welcomed were it possible to obtain them from any source. An offer was even made by one of the more prominent collegiate magazines to reproduce a Nebraska campus scene on its cover. But a color print had to be furnished, none could be found, and no one had the funds to secure one. So the scene never appeared.

That is the stalemate at which every student effort to date aimed to put Nebraska on the map has been halted—lack of finances. The condition is an insult to the ability and reputation of Nebraska students and one that cries for immediate action.

A student council committee is already working this year on the possibility of establishing a student publicity service and providing for its financing. Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi, journalism organizations, have indicated a willingness to aid in preparing publicity material. Now what is needed is financial backing sufficient to insure issuance of comprehensive publicity releases whenever the occasion demands.

The student council cannot alone make good its attempt. Here is a project which involves the interest of every campus organization and one to which each group should contribute its efforts to make successful. Those organizations which have surpluses in their treasuries (and there are several, odd as it may sound) could devote these excess funds to little better purpose than a publicity service.

The Nebraskan suggests that the student council make a concerted effort to enlist the aid of the entire campus in building up financial backing for the venture. And it would by no means be out of line for the university to donate a little in the way of financial succor to an enterprise which can do nothing but reflect favorably on the institution as a whole.

We a student body have too long taken a back seat in the national collegiate theater, sitting silently and apathetically by, watching the colorful parade led by many of those whom we excel. It's time we came to life, got from behind our veil, show the country our pretty girls, make them conscious of our athletes, call their attention to our student leaders and thinkers, and let them know that there not only is a University of Nebraska but that it means to have a place in the sun.

OURY, SCOTT EXPLAIN ETHIOPIAN SITUATION

Military Instructors Speak At Lincoln O. R. C. Meeting.

Explanations of the conditions in Ethiopia and the situation of the Paraguay-Bolivia struggle were recently given by Col. W. H. Oury and Maj. Walter T. Scott in addresses to the Lincoln Reserve Officers' association at the Lincoln hotel.

Difficulty of Ethiopian mobilization, Colonel Oury explained, was caused by lack of roads. There are very few roads in the country, none of which can be called good. The one railroad runs east and west in the central part of the country and is in very poor condition, its trains traveling about fourteen miles an hour. News of the impending struggle with Italy and orders for preparation could be carried to outlying settlements only by word of mouth and by means of signs in the market places of the villages. Italy's plan, as the colonel illustrated by means of a large map, is evidently to advance troops from the north and south, meeting each other at some point on the railroad. The only means of communication and supplies can then be cut off, and they will advance west on to Addis Ababa.

The Paraguay-Bolivia struggle which has been going on for about three years was reviewed by Major Scott. Paraguay now has control over the disputed territory, which, the major said, is worthless. The League of Nations arranged a treaty first in 1934, and the Bolivia was willing to arbitrate, Paraguay refused and seceded from the league early in 1935.

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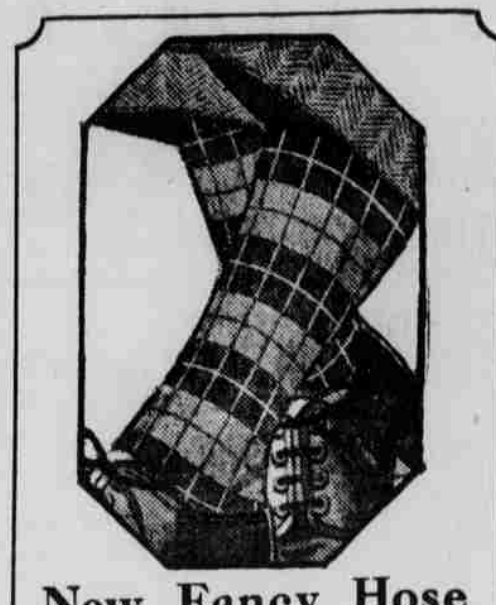
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