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Let 'Em Have It.

SATURDAY, almost six months after a student committee had placed in the hands of the board of regents, petitions requesting them to apply for PWA funds with which to construct a union building for Nebraska, these self same regents agreed to request students to name a committee of three or five to confer with them and discuss the possibilities for such a project.

Yes, with most PWA funds gone, and much of the money gone to universities and colleges who were wide awake and progressive enough to apply for and receive grants with which to build much-needed campus additions, the illustrious University of Nebraska will now consider what should be done about the situation.

The regents, it seems, also want to consult the alumni and faculty to ascertain what their stand may be on the matter. Of course, the regents have forgotten the student representatives who appeared before them and made clear the alumni association's pledge to furnish and equip the building if the university would seek PWA funds. Faculty members, too, except those who cherished the phantom of a library and unfounded fears that a union building would danger prospects for a library, declared themselves in favor of the plan.

Today, after seeing student enthusiasm for a union building reach its greatest height on the campus, after seeing Nebraska's congressmen throw their weight behind the plan, after securing PWA officials' promise to help in every way, and then seeing the project die an unwarranted death by administrative red tape, the alumni association is decidedly put out, and with good reason. Yet the alumni are still willing to go thru with their part of the bargain if the administration will start the ball rolling.

Certain members of the board expressed themselves as opposed to assessing additional fees against students sufficient to liquidate the PWA loan, it is reported. That is indeed heartening to think that the regents consider so carefully the welfare of student pocket-books. It is especially commendable in view of the additional dollar they soaked students this fall for the student health service which probably more than half the student body will never use or never want to use if they do become ill. They want efficient attention on such occasions. But then maybe students wanted to pay this dollar for something to benefit a few students and didn't want to pay for a union building which would benefit all and also the school. Just look at the petition signers.

The regents want to know how the student body stands. That should be a comparatively easy matter. The course so far as students is concerned is plainly charted. Federal funds are still a possibility altho improbable. But action to start the union-building fund should be taken immediately—this week.

The regents want to know how students feel sometime before Christmas. All right. The student council should meet in special session if necessary to name the committee of five to meet with the regents and also frame a resolution representing student sentiment. Notify the regents that this committee is ready to meet with them next week, tomorrow, any time that it is lucky enough to get a break(?) on this important matter. It won't take long to make the student stand clear.

The regents asked for something. Let's see that they get it and a double-barreled dose.

BROWSING Among the BOOKS

(In the absence of Maurice Johnson, who regularly conducts this column, it is written by Eddie Young, president of Mu Lambda Mu, social fraternity. This column will appear each Sunday in the future.)

I've been telling the fellows here at the nouse about this book, and I've been reading to them out of it, and they all say it's blamed good stuff. Of course I don't have any time to waste on pleasure-books, with all my engineering courses and responsibility here at the fraternity, but whenever I see anything by Ernest Hemingway I get hold of it as soon as I can. I've read just about everything he ever wrote, I guess. Hemingway's one boy that punches straight out at you—there's something kind of lean and hard-hitting and irresistible about the way he writes. None of your arty daydreams and sweetness and light for him, let me tell you. Hemingway's all right.

"Green Hills of Africa" kind of makes you wonder, though. You have to go some to beat swell Hemingway short-stories like "Fifty Grand" and "The Killers;" the novels "The Sun Also Rises" and "A Farewell to

Arms" were chock-full of action and yet they had an air of futility, so to speak, about them; "Death in the Afternoon" was the darndest thing—all about bull-fighters being gored and beauty of line and throw-in anecdotes. But, as I say, you kind of wonder about "Green Hills of Africa."

Hemingway claims this book is "absolutely true" and says that it's about "the shape of a country and the pattern of a month's action." Well, Africa's shape didn't get me very excited, I'm afraid; but when there was action, all that brutal business about shooting hyenas and hunting kudus, I was right there. And when Hemingway's talking about himself, that's all right, too. He's the sort of guy you'd like to know. Oh, he swaggers around and gets sore now and then, but he makes himself out a good egg. And then there's Pop, there's Poor Old Mama, there's M'Cola, and there's David Garrick, too, besides Hemingway in the book.

He doesn't get anywhere when he starts talking about James Joyce and Thomas Wolfe and George Moore and queer people like that. It seems to me those ultra-literary sections are mixed up in the wrong book. It's the way it's written that makes "Green Hills of Africa" worry you most, though. Something's happened to the Hemingway sentences. Back in the time of "The Sun Also Rises" you had a hard time finding a sentence that was over a line long; now the sentences go on and on, rising and falling, like a whistle that's got stuck. I can't figure out why Hemingway has changed this way. Maybe he thought these long sentences would give the effect of the heat in Africa and the rolling African hills, and the hunters' slow creeping up on African animals. I don't know.

There are a lot of things that stand out of "Green Hills of Africa," all right. There's that swell part about the snout-nosed hyenas being shot and spinning around and biting at their own insides, of course; I'd like to quote that part. You read about the rainy season, the blistering sun, swearing, beer, sweat, baboon-smell, rhinos, gazelles, kudus. You feel like a piker to think of the duck or two you've shot.

It's pretty tame in comparison, but this sentence sticks in my mind: "They went off and now, at the end of the day, the sun came out brightly below the clouds and the Wanderobo-Masai and I looked at this kudu, measured his horns, smelled the fine smell of him, sweeter than the eland, even, stroked his nose, his neck, and his shoulders, marveling at the great ears, and the smoothness and clearness of his hide, looked at his hooves, that were built long, narrow, and spry so he seemed to walk on tip-toe, felt under his shoulder for the bullet-hole and then shook hands again while the Wanderobo-Masai told what a man he was and I told him he was my pal and gave him my best four-bladed pocket knife."

That's pretty slick writing, isn't it? But now I wish I'd quoted the part about the hyenas.

Off the Campus by Lynn Leonard

Scene of New War is Shanghai with about two thousand marines marching into the city after the assassination of one of their comrades. They are apparently enforcing the threat by the Japanese embassy of drastic action unless satisfaction is forthcoming. Japan's war department is opposing China's new silver program and indicated that it could not overlook an attempt by Great Britain to reduce China into semi-colonial status. The attempt is a British loan of about 50 million dollars which is reported to be impending. Japan announced that opposition to the plan was caused by the fact that it was threatening the happiness of the Chinese people and hindering the establishment of peace in the far east.

Ethiopia Began Offensive moves after an important agreement which is believed to include military alliance was concluded between Emperor Haile Selassie and the imam of Yemen. There is a possibility that the agreement will enlist the help of Ibn Saud, warrior king of Saudi-Arabia, for Ethiopia. Selassie has thousands of troops on the way to the northern front to halt the advance of Italian empire-building legions. He expects to have half a million well armed troops on all fronts by Nov. 20.

Italy is Preparing to meet the League sanctions which will take effect Nov. 18. Profiteering storekeepers have been run out of business. Speculators selling the lira at discounts for foreign exchange and persons seeking to get their money out of the country have been jailed. Mussolini suppressed all publication of Italian trade and financial statistics, so that League states that wish to chisel out sanctions and trade with Italy might do so undetected. "Long Live America" and "Long Live Germany" are cries heard from Black-shirt youth as they rampage through Rome, Turin, Milan and other cities as the popularity of non-league states mounted and strong epithets against the British flew.

Peace Negotiators in Paris declared that they must wait until after British elections to make any further moves. It is almost certain, however, Stanley Baldwin's conservative government will retain power, but everyone wonders how far England will go in making peace between Italy and Ethiopia. England has indicated that peace must be acceptable to both the League and Selassie, and Selassie has said there can be no peace as long as Italian soldiers are on Ethiopian soil.

Blockade of Italy which is the supreme sanction would not be supported by even Great Britain, Baldwin insisted, unless he knew beforehand that the United States would help. He thinks such action would be difficult in the absence of the help of three countries outside the League—America, Germany, and Japan. Any of those countries selling goods to a blockaded country might result in war with that country, and then the League would be promoting rather than preventing war.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

More Cooperation.

TO THE EDITOR: Can student organizations withstand the Administrative sanctions and restrictions being placed on them? This seems to be a problem of increasing formidability.

Many of us social-minded students at Nebraska are aware of, and disgusted with, the recently inaugurated and novel idea of requiring organizations to become financiers in order to provide the campus with social events. Such restrictions if rigidly followed will undoubtedly kill some worthy groups on the campus within the course of a few years.

Last year the Tassles conducted a most successful pre-season sale of season football tickets among students, breaking all existing records up to that time. In appreciation of their efforts, the athletic department thru Mr. John K. Selleck devised a little scheme of their own and supplemented it in place of the former method of selling the season grid duets. Thus depriving the Tassles of a much needed source of revenue.

Corn Cobs have also come in for their share of foundation-rocking from the Student Activities office and the Administration. In the fall of 1934, their chief source of revenue, the sale of football programs, was taken from them. They succeeded in "coaxing" the Administration into letting them sponsor a subscription dance. The party provided the major portion of the funds for the trip to Lawrence.

This fall to start the year off so that it might be a challenge to the Corn Cobs, Mr. John K. Selleck with the new device of his sold out the section usually occupied by the Corn Cob organization. Through ingenious efforts of several members of the pep club they succeeded in obtaining two boxes of seats between the thirty and the thirty-five yard lines.

As further evidence of cooperation from the Administration the Corn Cobs were informed that they could not give a dance in order to finance their trip to Manhattan. They were also refused the opportunity of selling football programs. Not to be so easily beaten, they set out to find other ways of making the coveted trip. They succeeded most admirably through the sale of Nebraska pennants, but only after pleading on bended knee for the privilege of selling them.

And now comes this latest evidence of whole-hearted support from the office of Mr. John K. Selleck. For both of the last two football games, the Corn Cobs have been the proud possessors of two boxes without a chair set up in them, nor the wherewith to obtain the chairs. It is heart-warming, to say the least, to know that the Student Activities office appreciates our work in rallies, building bon fires, creating genuine school spirit, and otherwise performing duties relative to athletics.

The Corn Cobs have struggled against almost insurmountable odds to stage a "come-back" from an unenviable position of several years back. They have not reached the top by any means. Could it be that we expect too much in asking that the "powers that be" give us level ground upon which to stage our struggle?

In protesting our situation last Saturday, several of us were nearly banished from the game by one of the members of the R. O. T. C. staff. We couldn't take unoccupied chairs from the band nor from other boxes. We couldn't stand up, and we couldn't get down on the track. We couldn't "heef," and we couldn't get the proper authorities who are supposed to prepare the stadium for games.

We were permitted, after paying \$6 for admission to athletic contests, to drape ourselves as best we could over the railings and cement walls and realize that we were representing, to those present at the game, the University of Nebraska's chapter of Pi Epsilon Pi, a national pep fraternity.

Will someone put us right if we are too presumptuous in our demands and too egotistical in our estimated worth to the campus and to the school.

Maybe We're Tired.

TO THE EDITOR: Nearly all students have been taking six weeks examinations during the past two weeks, and it would not be surprising if bystanders began to wonder if this might possibly be the

reason for the sad, disconsolate, and droopy appearance of a great many students on the campus.

This weary and indifferent attitude is reflected in many ways. Students sprawl in their seats and those of others while in classes; at the libraries they hunch themselves over the study tables or try to lie down on them. When they walk they present an extremely tired appearance, many being round shouldered and downright droopy looking.

Surely this does not come from carrying books because the majority of students do not carry more than a notebook and one or two texts while the sight of a text, let alone carrying one, would no doubt be a fatal shock to others.

Young people should not have such poor postures while sitting, standing, or walking, or trying to do these things. They should stand erect and use a firm stride when walking, head up and eyes ahead. It is easy of course to develop poor habits of posture but it is as easy to form correct habits and benefits from the standpoint of health and appearance would be realized.

Anyway, it might look a little better if Nebraska students tried to be a little more conscious and awake than going around as if they held the burdens of the world on their shoulders and had fallen asleep from the monotony of it.

E. J. M.

Why Can't We Swim?

TO THE EDITOR:

The free hours for men's swimming in the university pool has been limited to two hours a day. This is the only time that men students, who are not registered in physical education classes have access to the pool.

To many students who like to take an occasional swim and to those who depend upon it for their form of daily exercise, the change in schedule has denied them the privilege of using the pool. Why could not the schedule be changed so as to give back the men's afternoon period, or at least a period in the morning?

As the swimming schedule now stands, the only period open to men is from 12 to 2 p. m., the only time on the entire schedule when a person should not swim. It is a well known fact that one should not go into the water for at least two hours after eating. Why then should those in charge of the pool shove these two unwanted hours on the men when they know it is dangerous to swim at that time?

Last year the free hour for men was from 4 to 5 in the afternoon, but now the girls have that hour. The varsity has the pool from 5 to 6 to do their swimming. There is no reason to force students to join the Y. M. C. A. just to enable them to swim when we have one of the best pools in this part of the country right here on our campus.

It seems that university pool officials have been inconsiderate to say the least, and we students should rightly demand a proper time to have access to the pool. After all, school facilities of this sort should be equally open to all, and not just those who enter for credit.

E. C.

But We Only Paid for It.

TO THE EDITOR:

The university swimming pool has been paid for by the assessment of fees upon students enrolling in this institution. One dollar per semester has been charged each student since the installation of this pool for its payment. In view of these facts it would seem only fair that students be permitted to use what they paid for.

The women's physical education department can hardly be blamed for selecting the most convenient hours. They have first choice and naturally pick those hours which will permit women students an opportunity of swimming, but what about male students?

It is true that sufficient classes have been provided to accommodate male students desiring instruction in swimming. It is unfortunate that not every student has an opportunity or the time necessary to enroll in and receive credit from one of these classes. The solution of the problem, naturally, is the maintenance of a time when non-enrolled students may swim.

At the present time there is maintained such a period. It is during the noon hour and is the only opportunity male students, not enrolled in classes, have for swimming. Complications prevent most students from indulging during that hour. In view of the fact that male students paid for half of the pool, it might be well to suggest that they be given an opportunity to swim.

G. F.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Party Tickets.

All Corn Cobs and others who have homecoming party tickets checked out are requested to check them in at the Student Activities office before Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Agricultural Engineers.

American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Agricultural Engineering building.

Gamma Alpha Chi.

Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Thursday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

ESTES CONFERENCE GROUP NAMES MISS SWENSON OFFICIAL

Nebraska Junior to Preside At Conclave Next Summer.

Nebraska representatives of the Student Christian movement of the Rocky Mountain Region met at the city Y. W. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9 to set up plans and choose leaders for the Estes conference next spring. Rowena Swenson, Lincoln, and Kenneth Smith, Washburn college, Kansas were chosen as presiding officers for the conference.

A standing committee, chosen Saturday to work on plans for the conference is Gladys Klopp, Charles Hulac, Rowena Swenson, Howard Wright, and Al Wilkes from Wesleyan.

Speakers the group hopes to have next spring were chosen at the weekend meetings and will be invited by the standing committee to take part in the convention. The general theme of the conference was discussed and points of interest decided upon.

Personnel of the committee follows: Dean F. E. Meyer, Jay Logan, Barbara Wilson, Hastings College; Melda Ranson, Kearney; Prof. and Mrs. Chris Keim and Ruth Spore, York; Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Wayne; Dean Alma Karstedt, Sully; Wessum and Howard Bream, Midland; Frances Bliss, Alvin Wilkes, Wesleyan; Miss Edna Weare, Peru; Gladys Klopp, Mildred Green, Dr. C. H. Patterson, Ward Bauder, Dan Williams, Howard Wright and D. D. Payne, University of Nebraska.

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