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A Word In Explanation.

THE student pulse department has been besieged the past week with letters endorsing a recent editorial in the Nebraskan in which an impassioned staff member severely attacked the price of military ball tickets, asked for better orchestras for the ball, and sought an accounting of the profits.

While the original arguments were sincerely made, and while the flood of letters which has reached this office indicates that student sentiment is sufficiently in accord with them to be moved to action, the Nebraskan feels that several erroneous contentions and impressions which have been made and which have prevented the publication of several letters, should be corrected.

An investigation into the records of the military department and of the student activities office (through which all Military ball funds are handled) shows a strict accounting for every dollar collected and spent in connection with the Military ball. The Military ball fund was first instituted as such four years ago, and at the present time totals enough to cover approximately the expected expenses of this year's ball.

Campus economic experts who figured the cost of the ball each year apparently did not know that in accordance with a board of regents ruling, the Military ball, like all other major parties of the year, pays 10 percent of its gross income for the rent of the coliseum instead of the \$50 ordinarily charged student organizations.

In addition to this important item, many other and special expenses which result because of the gala and colorful nature of the ball, send the expense total skyward. Presentation scenery and fixtures, decorations, and honorary colonel uniform and equipment come to a much higher figure than ordinarily is supposed.

That the ball has resulted in profit despite these expenses is not denied by the military department. Investigation shows, however, that the money that has been spent from the ball fund has been diverted to worthy ends. In the first place, the military department has made large contributions to pay for the permanent coliseum decorations. From the ball fund various student activities such as rifle team and others in the military department have been assisted. In addition, records show that today 140 students are taking advantage of \$10 loans from the fund to secure basic uniforms, which accounts for \$1,400 or nearly all of the present fund. Contributions have also been made to the community chest.

In presenting these facts, the Nebraskan is not refuting the stand taken by its staff members or student pulse contributors, but rather seeks to make clear the pertinent facts in the case.

A reduction in the price of Military ball tickets seems to be very much in order and appears to be a legitimate student demand. Students also are probably justified in their pleas for better orchestras for the Military ball, even though securing them requires spending more money. After all, a first class orchestra would only be in keeping with the classic character of the ball and insure the student getting his money's worth.

Other constructive suggestions are undoubtedly in order also, and for these, or any criticism for which there is sound basis, the student pulse column remains open to all. The Nebraskan asks only that its contributors

make certain of their facts before taking a stand, and it is then ready to work in behalf of any move for bettering present conditions.

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.

Cabinet Secretary.

TO THE EDITOR:

"Establishment of a federal department of education, headed by a presidential cabinet member, was declared the next important step towards better education by Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, at a recent gathering of educators in Providence, R. I."—Daily Nebraskan.

When so much is being done and spent by our federal government for political causes, reconstruction, relief, and hundreds of other human desires, it is high time that the same government should give more of its attention and funds to educational purposes, viewed from the national standpoint. So far as the federal government is concerned, we all have been so busy within our own small circles that education has been compelled pretty much to shift for itself.

Dr. Hutchins is prominent nationally as an educator. His opinions are studied judgments. His vision is broad and accurate. In this case he is supported by 4,000 New England educators, men whose conclusions and judgments are the result of much serious thought and study.

Educators have been drawn into every governmental department during the last five years for everything nationally save education. A cabinet member whose sole responsibility should be that of administering education would rapidly unify our national educational status and give education an equal voice in affairs of national importance, whereas at present we are nothing less than forty-eight separate states, or countries, with no national importance.

The greatest national asset we possess, education, gets the last and the least attention. This is not centralization we ask for, but merely good government procedure, for our government is no more than our education. The state is no better than its individuals. Standards would be improved, school finances would be bettered, and the crying needs of our teachers in every state would be met. Yet we are prone to utmost complacency concerning the national and united status of our educational system, if it is a system, probably because of our routine habits of thinking and acting, and listening to the business of those who shout the loudest and longest, the politicians.

The educational system furnishes the brains and the judgments, yet receives none of the resulting benefits.

Yes, we certainly need an educator-statesman in the cabinet. J. J.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Points Of View.

"Everyone," said the Quaker to his friend, "is queer except me and thee. And sometimes I have my doubts on thee." That well known bit of humor reveals an almost universal human shortcoming. We laugh at the words of the old Quaker, not stopping to think how often we ourselves may have said or done something quite as self-centered.

Man fails to recognize his fellow man's point of view. And so frequently this shortcoming is the cause of unhappiness, broken friendships and saddened hearts. We are so often painfully critical of our associates, yet simultaneously fail to recognize or else ignore the perfectly obvious imperfections of our own make-up.

We often hear the statement expressed that man is a social being. This is more true today than it ever has been before. Man cannot in our present day world be without contacts with society. To obtain the greatest good and the greatest happiness from these social contacts, concessions must be made on the part of the individual to society.

If men who steer the destinies of nations would practice a little less of a selfish nationalistic egotism and a little more of universal brotherhood, the world need seldom fear the outbreak of destructive wars. If men like Mussolini had a little more of the milk of human kindness in their hearts, a situation approaching international peace on earth would not be the fable or Utopian dream which it seems to be today.

Will man make the necessary concessions, or—

"Everyone," said the Quaker, "is queer except me and thee. And sometimes I have my doubts on thee."—LUTHER COLLEGE VISITOR.

Off the Campus



by
Lynn Leonard

Banking Committee of
the Nebraska house of representatives, after investigating the state banking department at the special request of the legislators, reported that some of the employees in the department were receiving more money than the law permitted. The report made special reference to the chief counsel for the banking department, Franz C. Radke.

Radke Retaliated with
a \$50,000 damage suit against the members of the banking committee for libel. In his petition for suit he contended that the report, which recommended his immediate dismissal, has unjustly injured him in his profession, character and capacity; that the members of the committee were actuated by hatred, political jealousy and ill toward him; and that the report was made without justification.

So the House Cited
him for contempt, contending the solons, who were acting for the interests of the state, were privileged to say what they like about any employees without fear of damage suits. The house charged that in filing suit in district court for damages Radke intended to take property from the defendants, that the filing of the suit was an attempt to influence members of the legislature; and that it was an attempt to force the committee to recall its report and omit all matters pertaining to Franz Radke.

For Defense Radke
in the contempt hearing before the house Friday indicated that all courts should be open to all people seeking remedy for wrong, that immunity does not completely clothe legislators and that the legislature was invading the province of the judicial branch in bringing contempt charges against him. He further contended that the committee in recommending his dismissal was exceeding its powers because the power to employ and expel belongs to the executive.

Burden of Proof
was placed on the accused in the hearing, a procedure to which Radke's attorney objected. The burden of proof is always on the accuser in ordinary trials. The state answered this objection with a statement that the procedure in a case of this sort is not clearly defined, the house is invading a new field and the speaker, as referee had placed the burden of proof on the accused. The hearing lasted three hours. Then the house sat in secret session as jury for three hours. The verdict it rendered was against Radke. He was fined \$50 for contempt and charged \$50 costs. The fine, however, was remitted.

Democratic Low Tariff
policy came to the front last week with the signing of a reciprocal trade treaty with Canada. The treaty acquired for the United States most-favored nation status; reduction of the duty on agricultural machinery, automobiles, meat, electric refrigerators, radios and some other products including oranges and grape-

Miss Smith to Represent School in Essay Contest

Marjorie Smith, Omaha, who graduated a year ago, and who is now working on an M. A. degree at the University of Pennsylvania, will represent the University of Nebraska in the Horatian ode and essay contest. Each school may have one contestant. Prize is \$1,000.

Dr. Pound Member Modern Language Group

Dr. Louise Pound of the English staff, has been made a member of the new publicity committee of the Modern Language association. The group meets this year at Cincinnati during the holidays. Miss Pound has also been made chairman of the nominating committee of the Present-Day English section.

Guilford Made Chairman.
Dr. W. E. Walton, assistant professor of psychology, received word that Dr. J. P. Guilford, who is on leave of absence, has been appointed chairman of the nominations committee of the newly organized Psychometric Society. Dr. L. L. Thurstone is president.

Hendricks Reads Symposium.
Dr. E. Clifford Hendricks, associate professor of chemistry, will read a symposium on examinations sponsored by the division of chemical education of the American Chemical society at

its spring meeting at Kansas City.

DARLINGTON RECEIVES REVIEW RECENT BOOK

Prof. George M. Darlington has received a copy of a review of his recent book "Office Management" which was printed in the November issue of Management Library, a magazine published in England. The reviewer praises the book very highly, and says the book is particularly helpful in what it has to say about increasing office efficiency and reducing office expenses. It also mentions that Mr. Darlington is assistant professor of accounting in the university "and is both an experienced office manager and a keen student of management."

Fordyce Gives Address.
"Psychology and Its Relation to the Problems of Every Day Life" was the subject of Dr. Charles Fordyce's concluding address.

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fruit; and abolition of the duty on magazines, tractors, cotton and some other products, including soy beans and eggplant. The United States reduced the duty on cattle, seed potatoes, cream, and lumber from Canada. This nation agreed to keep on the Canadian free list wood pulp, newsprint, crude asbestos, wood shingles and some fur.

BROWSING Among the BOOKS

In the absence of Maurice Johnson, who regularly conducts this column, it is written by Gideon Dew, librarian.

This writer is delighted by the number of excellent books which have been recently published. Sarah Orne Jewett, a very dear friend of this writer, has just written "The Life of Nancy," which should prove as charming as "A Country Doctor" which this writer should also like to read. Richard Harding Davis and Lew Wallace, other dear friends, have penned new novels as well, it is said. Mr. Davis's work is entitled "In the Fog"; General Wallace's work is entitled "The Wooing of Malkatoon." Both books should be worth while reading.

The popular weekly review sheets (to employ the vulgar word) speak in high favor of "The History of Western Civilization," by Harry Elmer Barnes, a dear friend of this writer. The reviewer of Dr. Barnes's book in the New York "Herald Tribune Books" assures one that there is "immense richness" in each of the \$5 volumes. The reviewer points out that the work is "sober scholarship rather than the literature of magnificence. . . Barnes keeps his soul and his concept-making machinery out of the picture. He has no thesis. He points no moral."

This writer is particularly impressed by James Harvey Robinson's observations on "The History of Western Civilization" in the "Saturday Review of Literature." One hastens to quote from Dr. Robinson's article: "So far as the reviewer is aware there is no work superior or indeed equal to that in hand as an introduction to civilization as now understood and to the possibilities of future research." Here is high praise indeed.

The review of Dr. Barnes's book in the New York "Times Book Review" one finds illuminating: "The 'two main convictions' upon which the book is built are, first, that a history of civilization must take into account of biology, archaeology, anthropology and sociology as well as of history, and second, that 'the whole story of human development,' with obvious qualifications of proportion and emphasis, should be told."

The famous historian Preserved Smith makes the statement that Dr. Barnes's book concerning the whole story of mankind is "as readable as a novel or a newspaper." Not even H. G. Wells's great history, declares Dr. Smith, held his attention as did Dr. Barnes's book.

Indeed, "The History of Western Civilization" is a work one might well wish to have read. This writer intends to peruse the German Spengler's "Decline of the West" (the approximate title), a book which, this writer is told, concerns itself pessimistically with the same material under Dr. Barnes's scrutiny. One requires time, of course, to get around to one's reading.

Addendum: Attention has just been directed to a recent book charmingly entitled "Omar, the Tent-Maker," by Nathan Haskell Dole, a dear friend of this writer. One should like to have read "Omar, the Tent-Maker."

ROTTEN EGGS MEAN LITTLE WHEN THESE FRATERNITIES PLAY

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tomatoes, conducted by special request of the dean on the Russian flats, no reconnaissance (scouting) was allowed. Some of the pledges turned chicken before the eggs. Reliable and just referees called the fight a draw and rebuked the many frosh who had turned yellow.

Following an exchange dinner, actives and pledges of both fraternities held a hard times party with the actives at the S. A. E. house and the pledges at the Sigma Nu house.

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GOVERNING SOCIETY PLANS ADD TWO TO GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Graduate College, School
Of Music to Choose
Representatives.

Two new student council members from the graduate college and the school of music will be added to the student governing body under the provisions of the council's proposed amendment, which was introduced at Wednesday's meeting of the organization.
The proposal will allocate the two women members, now discontinued, which were formerly had by the defunct School of Fine Arts. The plan will be subjected to the approval of students, and any protests to the proposal may be filed during the next two weeks with Vance Leininger, chairman of the redistricting committee.

Over 200 Memberships.
The committee checked up on the number of women students in the various colleges. With over 200 women in both the school of music and the graduate college, it was decided they should have the representatives.
"The graduate college will be given representation in the council in an attempt to stimulate graduate interest in campus problems and activities," Leininger stated. "Graduate members in former councils have proved themselves to be very capable and beneficial."

To Give Final Approval.
At the next meeting of the council the body will give final approval to the proposal. It will then be presented to the student body for final approval at the next election.

BAPTISTS PLAN OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS

Church Members to Stand
In Receiving Line
Sunday.

The annual Fall Open House for all students affiliated with the Baptist church will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon in the Baptist Student House located at 1440 Q st. The new students will be greeted by a receiving line composed of members of the Baptist Student Council and the presidents of the various student groups.

Miss Rowena Eliff and Miss Eliza Gamble will be in charge of the tea table during the course of the afternoon. Entertainment for the reception will consist of a piano solo by William Gant, a vocal trio composed of Misses: Dorothy Thompson, Ruth Mary Stone, and Doris Pantier; and violin duets by Misses Lois and Twyla Ogle. Students assisting in the preparation of the open house include: Misses Lucille Todd, Gertrude Fountain, Helen Anne Howie, Ruth Fauquet, Viola Johnson, Ruth Randall and Evelyn Peterson.

Morton, Broady, Miss Hill Visit Schools in Beatrice

Dr. W. H. Morton, chairman of the department of secondary education; Dr. K. O. Broady, professor of secondary education, and Miss Luvicy Hill, chairman of the department of commercial arts, visited Beatrice schools and took note of the library programs sponsored as projects there.

Graduate Visits Here.
Dr. H. W. Wiley, graduate of this university and now associate director of the Jackson Laboratories, Wilmington, Del., visited the chemistry department here Monday and interviewed seniors and graduate students.

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