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Merit in Basketball.

AND IT was once maintained that Nebraskans failed to support their basketball team. If such accusations were made in the face of the statistical attendance figure submitted after the Kansas-Nebraska game Friday night only uproarious laughter would be the reply. Friday's tilt drew over 7,000 persons, more than any maple contest has ever drawn in the past on the Coliseum court. Such record breaking attendance must be the result of something other than mere desire to furnish team support.

Obviously the answer may be found in the fact that Nebraska rooters expected to see, not just one good team in action, but two squads with records back of them that would justify the expectation of a hard-fought encounter. When the athletic units involved establish such a notion of prestige and ability as to make every battle seem a crucial moment in the treacherous climb toward ultimate recognition, then crowds inundate the coliseum maples.

It is far better to have willing, nay, eager and clamoring, supporters than to have those whose only reason comes from sense of duty, a sense of loyalty or from the very simple reason that as long as students have an athletic ticket they might as well attend. Wholehearted and sincere support is given the team with merit. When a team shows its wares and establishes within the minds of interested parties the impression that they are getting dollar for dollar value, no need for superficial support arises.

This year the team under the direction of Coach Harold Browne rose almost to the pinnacle of success. Gradually building from a position only one up from the cellar, Coach Browne this year culminated his work up to date with a strong bid for the Big Six Conference basketball title. Landing ultimately in second place the Brownmen expect to continue their stride the coming year. Commendations are due the team. Commendations are due their coach. Ample evidence of the saying that "so goes the winner, so goes the crowd" is shown in the season's attendance record.

Rather than cynicism regarding this phase of the student body's support, should arise the inspiration of competition, a paramount function of college sport. While backing the victor in deference to the man at the bottom of the heap may have its drawbacks, nevertheless it also has its good points. Merit becomes the objective. Skill becomes the necessary qualifications. Team-work coupled with the spirit of perseverance enters the fray. When this is done and a victorious team then emerges, a feeling of something well done rests not only with the coach but with the players. Compatibility, possessed of mutual benefit, is reached.

Coach Browne has performed his task well. Functioning as assistant coach on the Husker gridiron usually necessitates postponement of active participation with the maple quintet until a later date than that assumed by other schools. Coach "Phog" Allen, for example, has no gridiron duties; as such he may begin seasonal practice when he desires.

With the remark that merit will in due time receive adequate recognition, although prospects at the time of outlook seem dull, the Nebraskan wishes the Husker basketball teams of the future continued success that they might enjoy continuation of wholehearted student support.

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.

After the Student Forum. To the Editor:


Can it be possible that Nebraska students are not aware of the increasing precarious state of international relations? Have they never heard of the great student movement against war, born at Chicago in 1932? A movement which broke sharply from the fruitless formulae of the old pacifists. To be sure, administrators haven't championed the right of their students to speak out on peace, and this university was the first to attempt halting the campaign (for the obvious reason that it feared refusal of financial support). Education has found that the fundamental cause of war and its logical implications to action are too hot for it to handle. At the outset, the student assemblage could not fail to set forth this basic assumption, arising from the evidence of the

previous war and the approach of the new one: International conflict is primarily an outgrowth of the profit system inherent in the status and politics of imperialism. Whether one liked this social order or not, one had to admit that war was one of its most flagrant deficiencies. Even the once-ardent advocates of the League of Nations perceived that the most convincing pact could not stop the quest for markets and the placement of capital, especially at a time of enduring internal distress. Effective opposition to war would require vigorous combat with the essence of imperialism and the vested interests involved.

People who wish to abolish war wish to abolish R. O. T. C., for it is the campus personification of war and repression. The corps has always had intolerant, chauvinist, and anti-cultural tendencies.

We are only kidding ourselves when we say we can prevent war by reliance on God or neutrality laws. In 1929 our possibilities of internal exploitation for American capitalism were exhausted, and the crash came. When Roosevelt came to power, instead of the liberal, co-operative foreign policy he wanted, he was forced to make one of strongest possible competition. He could not even co-operate with America's trade rivals in establishing a common standard of value, which meant that the capitalist empires could no longer co-operate even about the conditions of their competition. This desperate rivalry against one another and such unlimited, unrestrained competition must result in war, for it is a struggle for survival—American capitalism saving itself at the expense of British, Japanese, German, French and all other capitalisms. We had the leading place today in world affairs.

We can maintain the existing class domination and destroy material and human forces in war. Or we can organize the new productive forces as social forces for the rapid and enormous raising of the material basis of society, the destruction of poverty, ignorance and disease; the unlimited carrying forward of science and culture, and the organization of a world society in which all human beings will be able to reach their full stature.—U. K.



Off the Campus

by
Lynn Leonard

Martial Law in Japan.

is the result of an uprising in which militarists seized control of the Japanese government after assassinating several political leaders. Compromise efforts have failed while the situation as regards the rebels remains unchanged, although the country is said to be quiet and orderly awaiting developments. General Kohei Kashi, supreme commander under martial law reported that his soldiers were efficient and in good spirits, ready to enforce all orders of Emperor Hirohito.

New Cabinet Is the

desire of the emperor and is probably the only thing that will save the situation. Suggested in press dispatches from Tokio as a strong possibility to become the leader of the new cabinet is General Sadao Araki, who is the idol of the Japanese army and a strong nationalist. Should he come into power the revolt will have an immediate effect on the affairs of the country. In a recent speech he said, "Woe to those who oppose our arms. We declare to the world we are a militaristic nation."

General Sadao Araki

was formerly minister of war and a commanding voice in Japanese government affairs even before he became chief of the military. He is known as a fascist, but his ideas embody a peculiar kind of fascism as the result of his oriental philosophy of military and political control. His theory is based on the belief that the Japanese are a race of divine origin ordained to rule mankind. He urged successfully the training of men, women and children in the use of arms. On the subject of Japanese-American peace he once said, "Limitation of armaments will not be enough. We must have a fundamental understanding, a mutual determination not to go to war." This statement is not consistent, however, with his belief that Japan is destined to rule the world.

Young Army Rebels

and Japanese army authorities are reported to be fighting for control. All compromises which the two factions are reported to have formed have very little meaning when they are thoroughly investigated, and the situation is still not under control, even with these groups. The extremist army rebels had, however, agreed to a compromise under which the enlisted soldiers were to return to their regiments but details had not been arranged.

General Issei Ugaki

former governor of Korea is another strong candidate for prime minister. He is supported by the navy and the liberals, but the army is against him, evidently supporting Araki and possibly General Jinzaburo Mazaki. National leaders believe that negotiations have been made difficult by these disagreeing factions and the possible desire of the army leaders to form a military dictatorship.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

The Ideal System.

The 1934 National Interfraternity conference in an endeavor to devise methods of closer co-operation between fraternities and educational institutions, formulated what is known as "Fraternity Criteria" and copy of this was sent to every fraternity holding membership in the National Interfraternity conference.

The criteria set up by the conference are worthy of note:
"We consider the fraternity responsible for a positive contribution to the primary functions of the colleges and universities, and therefore under an obligation to encourage the

most complete personal development of its members, intellectual, physical, and social.

"There, we declare: 1. That the objectives and activities of the fraternity should be in entire accord with the aims and purposes of the institutions at which it has chapters.

"2. That the primary loyalty and responsibility of a student in his relations with his institution are to the institution, and that the association of any group of students as a chapter of a fraternity involves the definite responsibility of the group for the conduct of the individual.

"3. That the fraternity should promote conduct consistent with good morals and good taste.

MID-MONTH DATE SET FOR OPENING NEW BOOK STORE

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store are being made by the committee members in charge of the project in the student council, according to Mary Yoder, chairman of the celebration. "It promises to be a spectacular opening, culminating the success of the long drive sponsored by the student council," Miss Yoder announced.

Supporters of the store have asked that students keep their old books and sell them when the store is opened. Second hand texts which will be used in classes the semester following will be bought at 50 percent of the original cost of the books and are to be sold for a 25 percent increase, according to Seaton.

Instructors are now sending in lists of texts to be used next fall so that the store can be opened immediately following the rearranging of the new headquarters.

MRS. SIMMONS PLAYS ADMINISTRATION FOR LAVISH EXPENDITURES

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and took his one time owners to ride in the red wagon of communistic centralization of government." She continued her socialistic charges by stating that what this nation needs "is a cleaning out of red mites in Washington and the rubbish in which they hide."

"To Russian leaders," she charged, "Mr. Tugwell, who has done much to direct the affairs of state during the present administration, is known as 'Comrade.'" And further she continued that in her mind the new farm bill was simply a method of keeping "the power in the hands of the 115,000 persons who made up the triple A organization."

75 STUDENTS WILL COMPETE IN JUNIOR AKSARBEN CONTEST

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White, in charge of publicity for the affair.
Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division, and a loving cup given to the grand champion, the winner in the final elimination.

Committees for the contest as announced Saturday are: Delos Johnson, horses; Don Bauman, sheep; Roy McCarty, dairy cattle; Herbert Nore, hogs; John Clymer, program and music; Dale Smith, decorations; Chet Walters and Hugh Choy, building and arena; Paul Pierce, master of ceremonies; Vincent Jacobson and John Bengston, dance; Clyde White and Norman Weitkamp, publicity; Dave Rice, Charles Rochford and Roy McCarty, special features.

MURIEL SMITH GETS PWA STUDY POSITION

Miss Muriel Smith, home management specialist in the Agricultural Extension Service, has recently been appointed as State Director of a cost of living study under the PWA. This study will be made in Lincoln and in several rural areas and small towns in Nebraska.

HOME EC SENIOR TO SERVE INTERNESHIP

Miss Dorothy Stoddard, senior in Home Economics Lincoln, has received word that she has been appointed interne in dietetics in the Haysner hospital in Detroit. Miss Stoddard attended the Merrill Palmer School there this past semester.

HUFNAGLE EXPLAINS CAMERA FILTER USE

Richard W. Hufnagle, university photographer, spoke before members of Lincoln Miniature Camera club Tuesday evening on filters, their use and effects. His picture, "Coliseum in the Morning" appears on the cover page of the March Alumnus.

DR. C. H. OLDFATHER INSPECTS SCHOOLS

Dr. C. H. Oldfather, dean of the college of arts and sciences, is on an inspection trip for the North Central association. He will visit educational institutions at Chicago, Stephens Point, Wis., Moorhead, Minn. and Joliet, Ill.

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Lincoln art guild is holding a public exhibit in the architectural rooms in the Temple theater

throughout the week. In all there are about twenty-five pictures, all by local artists, in water color, oil and tempera paintings, according to Prof. L. B. Smith, chairman of the department.

MARCH 20 DATE SET FOR INSPECTION TRIP

Prof. O. E. Edison of the engineering faculty announced March 20th as the date of the Omaha inspection trip of the student branch of the American Institute of electrical engineers. The Nebraska section of the organization will hold a dinner at Omaha that night and several of the students may remain over the next day for the annual Engineers Roundup. About forty will make the inspection trip.

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