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That Nebraska's unicameral senate, when the appropriation bill comes before the body, will vote for the proposal without making major changes is the opinion of Senator Charles A. Dafoe, representative of the first district.

The bill of which Senator Dafoe was speaking is the proposal which allots a specific sum of money to various state institutions, one being the university. Whether or not the appropriation will be altered from what it was last year, however, will not be known until the resolution comes from the committee on appropriations where it rests at the present time.

Chairman of the important judiciary committee, a member of the committee on commerce and communication committee, Senator Dafoe believes that the most important issues coming before Nebraska's new assembly concern social security and taxation. The first district representative was the leader for Governor Cochran's gas tax reform and has introduced an important bill regulating transportation.

Senator Dafoe also believes that the unicameral legislature is a great improvement over the old bicameral body. A man of stocky figure, the senator is sincere and careful in all his statements. "My observation has been that the legislative bills have been given more study in the new legislature," Senator Dafoe maintained. "The committee work is much more thorough and complete. It has also been my observation that members of the unicameral body feel more responsibility than members of the bicameral body. The success of the new assembly cannot be judged for several years, however. Personally, I have never seen a group of men work any harder and more sincerely than the members of our body."

Senator Dafoe was a member of both sessions in 1935. He is a lawyer in Tecumseh, his birthplace, has served as Johnson county attorney for eight years and as city attorney of Tecumseh for four years. Mr. Dafoe received his law degree from the University of Nebraska in 1924, is 35 years of age, and represents Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson counties, which comprise the most highly populated district of Nebraska.

## Nebraska May Have a Solution for the Problem, Dr. Conant

President of Harvard university, Dr. James Bryan Conant, told an Iowa university audience last week: "I believe that one fundamental educational question confronts all the universities of a great democracy—how shall we select those whom we are to educate?" Dr. Conant further emphasized the fact that universities "exist for no one single purpose, but for many purposes."

Selectiveness we do not have. Suffice it to say that someone has remarked, in verse we believe, that the average gorilla given a shave and a chin-chilla or raccoon coat could survive the ordeal of an American college and emerge after four years with a degree. Nor do we have either singleness of purpose nor any recognizable definition of our various purposes. Students flock to the university because it is the fad. They come for degrees, to learn what to think, to learn how to think, to be trained for an occupation, to have a good time, to find husband or wife, to avoid going to work.

The problem before the university today, then, as we see it, is to bring order out of chaos as regards the purposes of an educational institution such as ours and to inject some principle of selectiveness in determining what students shall receive the benefits of higher education.

This twofold problem is especially pertinent at Nebraska, because this institution faces the discouraging, if not disgraceful, situation in which the enrollment is increasing and the appropriations for education are static when they are not on the decline. Depreciation eats at the better buildings; an even more destructive decay is rendering the older ones downright dangerous. Classroom space is at a premium and overworked, underpaid instructors watch desperately for vacancies in more favored institutions.

Is there some handy solution for this dual need of selectiveness and definition of purpose? Brewing in the faculty committee of the university senate at the present time is the idea of lower division plan whereby the freshmen would be placed in a category by themselves and given a general course. The lower division idea, newly born in the university senate and still formless though packed with possibilities, went to the faculty committee for grooming before the Christmas holidays.

Progress in formulating something definite for the university curriculum has not been announced. We feel, however, that the scheme possessed potentially both selectiveness in choosing students for at least the final three years of university and gave

some promise of defining the purpose of education. Reasoning from the precedent established by such experiments as the General college at Minnesota and the Louisiana State system, we hope that the lower division plan will cull out the less teachable from the freshmen throng and either send them home or at least deter them from pursuing their education beyond two years.

The plan might serve also to earmark certain students as fit for specialization, further cultural education, or a training course. The specialists would have their definite goal; others would aim at what has been called "the better life;" and the rest would train for business or a profession. Thus all students would have the educational advantage of one year or two; those selected to continue beyond this period would have a definite purpose to accomplish.

The Nebraskaan does not expect this brain child, conceived in the university senate, to prove a panacea for all our ills, but since the embryonic idea gives so much promise, we pray for something other than a miscarriage.

## It's A Sad Commentary, Mr. Macfadden

That potent force in American journalism, Bernarr "Body Beautiful" Macfadden, proposed a solution for all the financial difficulties of charitable institutions in a recent Liberty editorial. We are passing it on to you with great trepidation, lest someone adapt it to the needs of educational institutions that have trouble keeping above water. But we want to be the first to suggest it.

National lotteries, if legalized, says Mr. Macfadden, will bring in all the filthy lucre that anyone needs. It's simply human nature to gamble; the farmers do it—even the minister faces a toss-up in keeping his parish—says Mr. Macfadden.

Which might be all very well if it didn't encourage such an active participation among students to support their schools. In most cities, the money from liquor licenses goes to the public school systems. It's working fine. The Literary Digest poll on college drinking, which will be released this week end, reports that student consumption is on the increase. The report did not include Nebraska, but it does demonstrate a general willingness on the part of students to do their bit for education.

As for the Nebraskaan, we favor a more direct system of contribution. If we are to support charities and education, why give Mr. Schlitz the biggest cut?

## Student Pulse

Critic Kimball Retaliates.

TO THE EDITOR:

An article, signed "A Subscriber," appearing in the "Student Pulse" column of the Nebraskaan two days ago, was directed toward this writer's criticism of last week's performance of the University Men's Glee club. Mr. "Subscriber" has thus given me an opportunity to clarify, for the reader, my position in this and any other criticism that his or may appear while I am writing "Musical Footnotes."

First of all, let's take this business of opinion. My would-be censor objects to my comments because they are only matters of opinion. How often a critic meets with this sort of argument! Yet what would we do without opinion and the expression of it in print? The important question here is on what do you base your opinion? Friend Subscriber complains that, because I happen to be the reporter, while he is not, my judgment rules. Let it be understood that I expect no one to take my word for anything should they choose to do otherwise. Moreover, this person is using the very medium designed to prevent the thing he complains of: He addresses me thru the "Student Pulse" column.

If this "Subscriber" enjoyed the program, far be it from me to begrudge him that enjoyment. My criticism was not on the entertainment afforded, it was written of a group which is supposed to be a representative vocal ensemble of the University of Nebraska. Moreover, if a religious song by Bach is entertaining to this person, he is probably the kind that would have a good time at his grandmother's funeral.

It is characteristic of those musicians, and artists of other kinds, who have no better argument, to resort to complaining that they were working under a handicap. Never will this be a valid argument. No critic should be asked to consider anything except what happens during the actual performance.

Our anonymous correspondent says that, with only praise, "a group could see just how much they are appreciated and would try so much harder." In the opinion of this writer, this would have exactly the opposite effect.

## In the Infirmary

Admitted Thursday.  
 Winston Hedges, Indiana.  
 Fred Shirey has been transferred to the Lincoln General hospital.

The writer will always hold the contention that a glee club, an orchestra, a dramatic group, or any such organization on this campus, will never benefit by false praise.

The policy of the present writer of "Musical Footnotes" will always be, "Plenty of praise for the worthy, but not one word of flattery."  
 GEORGE H. KIMBALL.

## DELIAN SOCIETY TO HOLD SOCIAL MEETING TONIGHT

Surprise Program in Store for Union at Session in Temple Hall.

A surprise program is in store for the members of the Delian Union at their social meeting tonight. Several features have been planned for the meeting. There will be a mock debate by several of the members, the subject of the debate being kept a secret. Hope Bartunek will sing a vocal solo. The rest of the program promises to be a pleasant surprise for the guests as well as the members. All unaffiliated students are urged to attend. The meeting will begin at 9 p. m. at the Delian Union hall in the Temple.

## Sigma Alpha Iota Initiates Honor Actives at Musical

Initiates of Sigma Alpha Iota, music sorority, entertained actives at a musical March 3 at the home of Eileen Donley, 2430 Lafayette. Included on the program were soloists Janet Olson, piano, Margaret Harvey, vocal, Yvonne Gaylord, trumpet, Jane Smith, piano, and Merlene Tatro, piano. Ruth Freisse, president, accompanied.

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## GAMMA LAMBDA NAMES FOURTEEN NEW PLEDGES

Honorary Band Fraternity Plans Improvement of Muscial Unit.

At a recent meeting of Gamma Lambda, honorary band organization, definite steps were taken for the improvement of the band and plans were made for an all-band smoker to be held soon.

New men pledged at the meeting were George W. Bacon, Charles A. Bartz, Dwight D. Bonham, Lawrence S. Burke, Robert H. Chambers, Erle M. Constable, Robert L. Gates, William G. Gillespie, Robert L. Howe, Francis N. Libershal, Stanley A. Michael, Clinton E. Sturdevant, Warren A. Trank, and Ralph S. Woodruff. New officers will be elected at the next meeting, it was announced.

## BARBS MAKE DRAWINGS FOR FORENSIC TOURNEY

(Continued from Page 1.) former Lincoln high debaters, drew the bye and will debate the winners of the first round. The winner of the second round will be judged the winner of the non-fraternity competition.

Bibliographies on the question are still available in room 111 of Andrews hall. Material on the question is on reserve in the library.

## CORRECTION.

A story in Tuesday's Nebraskaan announced incorrectly officers elected to Phalanx, military honorary. Kenneth McGinnis was elected national adjutant of Phalanx and his place as local commander was taken by Paul Bandy. Paul Bogan, instead of Paul Hogan, was re-elected finance officer.

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## STAFF DEDICATES 1937 CORNHUSKER TO LEGISLATORS

(Continued from Page 1.) first one-house legislature in America for 100 years, and the first non-political legislative body since the rise of the party system, the new Nebraska assembly first convened on January 5. In its compact membership were 43 men to guide the law-making fortunes of the state. In recognition of this historic meeting of 1937, and in tribute to the ideal of good government which it represents, Volume 31 of THE CORNHUSKER is dedicated to the following members:

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