



Editorially Speaking

TO THE NEXT EDITOR:

Rummaging thru the files of 37 years of Daily Nebraskans today, we traced the evolution of the "tombstone" editorial, from the two line farewells of the early hundreds to the column long resumes of our near contemporaries. There are, in the main, three types of "swan songs": 1. We've had a swell time and hate like hell to leave; 2. There are so many things left undone, so many things to do; 3. This isn't a swan song; this is only the beginning of a great future.

We would like to take the last point of view and weave it around a few recommendations for your editorial policy next fall. They're not any one editor's policies—they've been with the Nebraskan since its first glorious days. They are traditions which have proven their worth, and have guided more than one editor thru the rocks of indecision.

When you lose patience with some department or individual in the university, when you'd like to tear into some seemingly cockeyed policy that the great white fathers of R street have decreed, file your editorial away in a drawer for 24 hours. If it's good criticism, it will benefit with mellowing age; if it's unwarranted, it will have spoiled overnight. Remember this: The university, like the state, is a comparatively young institution. If you were writing for the paper of some venerable old college in the New England Ivy league, there is little that you could say that would harm the institution. But Nebraska is still in growing pains; we have yet to win the complete confidence and support of the people of the state. You can do more for your school by giving recognition to some of the thankless jobs that are being done around here, and overlooking the rough spots that seem to lack polish.

Try to "stay on the campus" as much as possible; the readers appreciate pertinent comment that enters their immediate sphere of activity. If you're tempted to expound the virtues of dialectic materialism, look around first for topics that might effect more tangible results. But don't pass up an opportunity to discuss national issues if the campus is really interested; it is still our opinion that the Student Pulse contributions on the supreme court reform proposal were the most interesting stories the Nebraskan carried this semester.

Don't forget that the staff makes your paper. What George Grimes said 20 years ago still holds true; that feeling of friendly co-operation has met more deadlines than all the material incentives in the world.

If you ever get discouraged and lose all faith in these democratic institutions of higher learning, remember that Nebraska students are probably better off than anyone of their age in the world. You wouldn't trade places with the German or Italian or Russian youth; you can at least make your own opportunities, pattern your future to suit yourself.

Nebraska has had an eventful past, but its golden age of development lies in the future. The year just completed has seen new ideas and important changes in our philosophy of education; you will be sitting on the front row when they first face the firing line of experience. We graduating seniors envy you; we can only hope that you will preserve the best part of the Nebraskan tradition of fairness in dealing with them. With this assurance, we know that the Nebraskan will never impede the university in its progress.

"During the last 25 years, hazing has been disappearing from college. This is due largely to the fact that students are devoting their energies to other activities and have little time for such trivialities." Raymond E. Manchester, dean of men at Kent State university, thinks students are almost past the prankish "Rover-boy" days.

Student Opinions

Give Us An Old Ox Road.

TO THE EDITOR:

For a long time after coming to the Nebraska campus from the University of _____, I wondered why picnics form the sole topic of conversation among even the lesser Don Juans of Fraternity Row.

I was astonished at this phenomenon. From the first warm day in March to the last sultry interval between final examinations—yes, from the January thaw to the dust storms of June—one hears of picnics. . . . vague rumors of future picnics, specific references to past picnics. Picnics, picnics, picnics. . . . One would think the biggest social event of the year a Nebraska picnic.

But wherefore this palaver of the pleasantries of picnics? For a Nebraska picnic is no great shakes, even to a Nebraska. Even a plainsman should know that Nebraska, with its ugly flats, its treeless landscape, its dusty surface, its lack of lakes and rivers, of inspiring views, is not the ideal picnic ground.

Then why, in this land of mud choked streams, of stagnant ponds, upon which the raucous voiced frog croaks for sustenance and the moon is loath to cast a beam, should picnics be the answer to a maiden's prayer and a youth's designs? Can the picnic myth be a creation of Lincoln's cleaners and dyers? I asked myself.

The answer came to me one day when I was thinking (as all college boys are wont to do in springtime) of Stanford's lover's lane, Virginia's willow drive, Illinois' ox road, and Wisconsin's observatory hill. Nebraska lacks these more pleasant stepping stones to romance. And so without these elaborate settings, the moonstruck youth, bent on a pin hanging which he conceives to be his own idea, nurtures his romance in the drab, dusty milieu of a Nebraska picnic. And he boasts the next year, to the later disillusionment of hapless freshmen, of the wonderful picnic season which is to come. So much for all this ostentatious talk of a picnic in the dust bowl.

Nebraska lacks a Student Union building, an adequate library, and proper classrooms, but it lacks, how much! a journey's end for lovers. A wise legislature will take heed. How much better to expend some thousands upon the creation of rural retreats outside this unpleasant city of Lincoln than to build a Student Union building. In union there is strength—but no romance.

Every mother knows what a picnic is. In the interests of morality, if not of beauty, give us an old ox road!—EXPATRIATE.

"It is not relief that breaks men's spirit. It is the condition that makes relief necessary."—Dorothy Kahn.

"Sometimes we can't help getting the impression that the big idea is to have the armament race and the human race end simultaneously."—Boston Herald.

"I have found that it is easy to be virtuous, politically speaking, when you are in a minority."—Fiorella LaGuardia.

"After all, no one can teach you anything. Nine-tenths of what a professor knows you can find in books, if you know what books to find it in, and the other tenth consists of deductions which he has made from his knowledge. You can make the same deductions or better, ones if, as, and when you have the same or better knowledge.

The great teacher is not the one who unloads on you, but the one who inspires you with an insatiable passion to know, one in whose presence you determine to live a greater and higher life."—George B. Cutten.

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Around Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congress will be in session July 4 as well as the third, second and fifth. But this is not the congress of the United States; this is the model congress which will meet at Milwaukee in July. The American Youth congress has been promoting a model congress and every National Youth organization is entitled to four members of the "senate." Each local youth organization may send one "representative" for every 50 members.

All "senators" and "representatives" will be expected to have proposals and resolutions ready to be referred to the committees before the "congress" opens. Members of this model congress will not be allowed the 20 cents per mile travel expense money that is appropriated for members of the national congress. However, a committee is working to arrange living accommodations at a very reasonable rate.

National problems of unemployment, war, industrial relations and other topics will constitute the agenda of the meeting.

A "Barefoot day" is observed each year at Oklahoma Junior college. One day every spring the students and faculty must shed their shoes and pad about the campus in nude feet.

VALIDATION of the social security program by the supreme court obviously means less than a tinker's dam to President Roosevelt. He is determined to carry out his original court reorganization plan for two reasons: (1) 5 to 4 decisions on new deal legislation which he feels are too close for the certainty of future administrative validations; (2) opponents to the court reform even if a compromise is effected. His latest recommendations, anti-child labor legislation and minimum wages and maximum hours provisions, are destined for supreme court decision if enacted by congress.

VOTE on the administration's \$1,500,000,000 work relief bill will be cast this week by the house, following its refusal Tuesday to turn back administration of relief to local communities. The proposal, sponsored by republican representatives, called for federal contributions of three-fourths to one-fourth by states. Some high-powered propaganda has been loosened thru Harry Hopkins' relief offices to secure the desired billion and a half dollars to alleviate the heavy relief rolls.

FAULTY construction was blamed as the cause for the siphon break in the Platte Valley power and irrigation district project by army engineers Tuesday who completed an independent probe of the trouble. An earlier examination by an explosive expert revealed that the break was due to some malicious dynamiting of the siphon. Farmers in the lower valley who had planned on using the project's water for irrigation will be forced to look elsewhere for water.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Faculty Members to Give Many Addresses.

Members of the University of Nebraska faculty were called upon this year to give the commencement addresses for many Nebraska high schools. The following is a list of those who reported their addresses:

- May 12: Cottonwood, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Bennett, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Sidney, Neb., Dean F. E. Henzlik; May 13: Dunsmuir, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; May 14: Halsey, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Silver Creek, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; May 15: Leigh, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Snyder, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 18: Oketa, Kas., Dr. H. E. Bradford; Grass Range, Mont., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Chadron, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 19: Manning, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford; Fremont, Neb., Dean F. E. Henzlik; Newman Grove, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Hickman, Neb., Mr. R. E. Ramsay; Rushville, Neb., Dr. A. A. Reed; Fullerton, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 20: Villisca, Prof. K. M. Arndt; Imperial, Neb., Dr. E. H. Bell; Jefferson, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford; Stanfords, Mont., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Dodge, Neb., Supt. H. K. Douthitt; Superior, Neb., Dean F. E. Henzlik; Clay Center, Neb., Prof. C. K. Morse; Clay Center, Neb., Prof. C. K. Morse; Cedar Bluffs, Neb., Dr. C. H. Patterson; Mitchell, Neb., Dr. E. E. Ramsay; Cresco, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; McCool Junction, Neb., Dr. C. W. Scott; May 20: Greenleaf, Kas., Prof. Linus B. Smith; May 21: Denton, Mont., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Wayne, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Kimball, Neb., Mr. R. E. Ramsay; Madison, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 24: Fallsdale, Neb., Dr. W. K. Pfeiffer; Leup City, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 25: Dorchester, Neb., Dr. H. E. Bradford; Western, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Lawrence, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Prague, Neb., Dr. C. H. Gutzlander; Cortland, Neb., Dr. C. H. Patterson; Hays Center, Neb., Dr. W. K. Pfeiffer; May 26: Alton, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford; Thedford, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Henrieville, Neb., Dr. W. H. Morton; Plattsmouth, Neb., Dean G. W. Rosenlof; Idavale, Neb., Dr. C. W. Scott; May 27: Estherville, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford; Leona, Neb., Dr. K. O. Broadly; Paxton, Neb., Supt. H. K. Douthitt; Nebraska City, Neb., Prof. C. K. Morse; Hartley, Iowa, Dean G. W. Rosenlof; May 28: Spencer, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford; Alliance, Neb., Dean F. E. Henzlik; Wisner, Neb., Prof. C. K. Morse; Central City, Iowa, Dr. W. H. Morton; Sheldon, Iowa, Dean G. W. Rosenlof; June 1: Red Oak, Iowa, Dr. H. E. Bradford.

College World

Cribbers and answer exchangers in a class at the University of Washington thought they were getting a bargain when the professor left the room for an hour during a final test.

But the "prof" got the better of the deal. Asked why he was loafing outside the room, he answered, "I'm giving a final examination."

"Aren't you afraid the students will crib?" the questioner wanted to know.

"No. I turned in the final grades yesterday," laughed the professor.

"Double feature shows are the third stage of movie evolution," says a writer in the Silver and Gold, student paper at the University of Colorado.

"First they had silent ones; the next group talked, and now the ones they show in double bills smell!"

When a fraternity wants to build a new chapter house, the details of raising money must be considered seriously.

So one of the boys at a Miami University brotherhood wrote to a big city "financial fox" to get advice on how to raise funds.

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