

Editorially Speaking

One Board: Good or Bad?

Governor Cochran's recommendation yesterday of a single board of education for higher education in Nebraska met with skepticism along several fronts, particularly among officials of the university. The skepticism arose largely because the governor's brief constitutional amendment proposal was not enlarged upon in his message to the legislature.

Advantages and disadvantages can plainly be discerned from a first-minute study of the proposal which has been mouthed around for years in Nebraska. The single-board and double-board controversy has been raging for years in states outside of Nebraska, with universities and colleges experimenting with both types. Neither has been pronounced a complete success.

Nebraska educators will agree wholeheartedly with the need for a better state-planned educational program. On the face of things, the combined Board of Regents and Normal Board appears to be a feasible answer to the need. But nothing has been officially said as yet to the composition of the board. Will the members be elected or appointed?

Crux of the entire proposal is the board's personnel. At present, the members of the Board of Regents are elected by the people in six districts. Members of the Normal Board are appointed by the governor. If the Board of Regent type is retained, the university will not suffer, as long as the Regents use their authority for the good of the entire state. If the Normal Board system is employed with the governor selecting the board members on a bi-partisan scale, Nebraska's higher education will become little

short of a political football. The university—its supremacy gone—will be only one of five units of education, while the four normal schools will attempt to ape the university as small state universities. Nebraska is having its hands full trying to support one state university, let alone five.

Governor Cochran cited the "saving in taxpayers' money" by having one board of education for the University of Nebraska and its four compatriots, the normal schools. At present, members of the Board of Regents and Normal Board are not salaried officials. The state pays their traveling expenses which do not comprise much of an additional tax burden. Education in Nebraska is carefully enough scrutinized so that waste in educational spending is negligible, if at all. There is no doubt, however, that a more centralized state spending agency for education would concert education's efforts into one single force, rather than several, "pressure groups."

The question of the educational board and the future of Nebraska's higher education program hangs in the balance as the question is debated by the legislature. Its far reaching significance will mean much to the University of Nebraska and to the normal schools—Peru, Chadron, Wayne and Kearney.

The Daily Nebraskan plans to keep the undergraduates in close touch with future developments on this situation, especially when the constitutional amendment is presented to the legislature and arguments accompany the reading of the bill. In doing so, the daily will do its utmost to present the picture as unbiasedly and fairly as possible, unless the full unfolding of the measure reveals a threat to the prestige and superiority of the University of Nebraska. Then, the daily will fight, as will the university officials, any attempt to make higher education a matter of politics.

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS

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membership to the board were left to gubernatorial appointment, it is highly argumentative that educational institutions would be regulated and administered by politics even more than at the present time. The state normal school board as it now exists is pointed to as an example of such political favor. The membership of the state normal board may be based on merit and ability, it can be seen that members coming from a district in which there is a normal school naturally favor that institution when appropriations are to be handed out. A single, appointed board, many argue, might meet the same difficulty.

Vote at Large?

Election of board members by vote at large seems out of the question, since voting power is centered in Nebraska's two large cities.

Probably, the only logical method to determine the membership would be by means of election in individual districts, as the Regents are now elected. Arguments against this plan, however, are the same as those used against the present setup in the state normal board. Each member, in other words, would come to the board meetings ready to seek plums for the educational institution in his district. This would tend, perhaps, to place the university, a much larger institution, on the same representative basis as the smaller schools at Wayne, Chadron, Kearney, and Peru.

Fact that the merger of the two boards would save the taxpayers much money was also questioned. Members of both existing boards receive no salary for their services. Traveling expenses for the members, however, are paid by the state and would extract a small saving in that respect.

State normal school representatives are known to favor the recommendation made by the governor. It has been charged several times that the university was getting more than its share of appropriation for education and buildings. Whether this fact is true or not, state normal educators feel that their institutions will be placed on more level ground with the state university.

It could not be learned late last night whether or not any state senator had yet considered presentation of a bill complying with the governor's recommendation.

"Student organizations should be purely educational and should not attempt to take specific action." University of Chicago's Prof. W. H. Laves holds the belief that students come to college to learn, and therefore should not attempt to form definite opinions.

Dartmouth Satirists Scorch Hitler With Blood Samples

Defy Fuehrer to Spot Different Specimens

Credit for the smartest bit of collegial satire during the past year goes to Dartmouth undergraduates, whose "Hitler Christmas stocking commission" carried on an extensive drive to provide Adolf Hitler with four test tubes of blood for his Christmas stocking.

Each student on the campus was asked to contribute a penny to the fund. With the money, four test tubes, containing Jewish, Negro, Mongolian and Aryan blood specimens were to be sent to Hitler, together with a guarantee from Dartmouth students of a \$5 New Years present if he could tell the difference.

"Maybe He Can."

The drive, backed by the columns of The Dartmouth, oldest college newspaper in America, was carried on by means of a parade and a Santa Claus who took contributions to pay for the blood samples and to set up the \$5 reserve fund for the New Years gift should Hitler be able to solve the problem.

"We are not sure whether or not Hitler will be able to tell the difference between Negro, Jewish, Aryan and Mongolian blood," read a statement issued at the beginning of the drive by the sponsors.

"Impossible," Says Science.

"All the science which is at the disposal of higher education

indicates that he cannot. But for years, Hitler has been trying to prove that he has inside evidence. We are giving him a chance to demonstrate this."

Dartmouth's chemistry department joined the affair by declaring that "distinguishing the blood is impossible by any known scientific means."

UNION SHOWS

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featured with Jimmy Joy and his nationally known orchestra. Bonnie will sing several solos and join the quartet in leading the audience in singing. The identity of the quartet will remain a mystery.

Irving Kuklin and Tommy Kronk, former well known professional dancers and now Nebraska students, will dance as leading exponents of the terpsichorean art of 30 years ago. Kuklin's specialty is tap and Kronk does a comedy dance he introduced to Los Angeles night club patrons last year.

Shows of this type have University of Wisconsin students clamoring for more. This is the first attempt at Nebraska and its success will determine future programs.

Seniors to Interview Business Machine Firm

Seniors interested in selling will be interviewed by R. L. Thomas, Omaha representative of the International Business Machine company, January 9 and 10. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately in social science 306.

See the Sunday Laugh Session

Including JIMMIE SIMONIN (Swing Pianist)

NO CHARGE SUNDAY — 4 P. M. Student Union

Student Union

Friday

7:30—Comenius Club, room 315.

8:00—Phi Tau Theta and Kappa Phi, parlors X, Y, Z.

9:00—Gamma Phi Beta, ballroom.

Saturday

10:00—Y. M. C. A. Estes committee, room 313.

1:00—High school teachers, parlors X, Y, Z.

6:30—Palladian, parlors X, Y, X.

Modern Dancing Classes to Continue This Evening

Modern dancing classes will be continued this evening at 7 and 8 o'clock in Grant Memorial. The one at 7 is for the elementary class, and the one at 8 for the advanced class.

WAR CORRESPONDENT

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English is like the scraping of a knife across a plate, to me. That is the best way that I can tell you how it affects me." All good Englishmen resort to an occasional "dash it all," or a "pip pip" but they do not make it part of their language.

He believes that the American's most favorable asset is their utter ignorance and disregard of class. If such a thing as class exists in the United States, it can be divided into "snobs" and "democrats." The "snobs are the 10 cent millionaires" or "stuffed shirts" while the democrats consist of the common, ordinary person who is a valuable asset to everyone around him. In England, the class system is so extensive and involved that often a man cannot invite his next door neighbor to dine with him.

The speed with which Americans do everything is a mystery to Richards. He cannot understand how we manage to stand up physically under the pace which we set for ourselves.

"I had to adjust myself to the speed with which things and peo-

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Including A SILENT THRILLER

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ple move in the United States," said Richards. "I have finally advanced to a point where if I have an engagement with a man at 11:30, I get there at 11:29 for fear that he will be in China by 11:31."

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