

Can we call it a 'Student' Union

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Van Sant seeks powerful board

Director wants to run activities as students desire; displeased with dictatorial status

Did you ever hear of a student union which operated without benefit of student interest, management, or suggestion? Did you ever hear of a dictator who wished that he might get on the receiving end of the dictating?

In an exclusive interview with the Daily Nebraskan yesterday, the Nebraska Student Union's dictator-director, Kenneth Van Sant, disclosed the real facts back of the situation which makes him answerable to no one in regard to running of the union, outside of policy formulation, and expressed his complete dissatisfaction with that setup.

The present high moguls of Union management are the 16 members of the board of managers. Seven of these members are students elected annually by the Student Council—two sophomores, three juniors, two seniors, of whom at least three must be women, one must be from ag college, and three must be unaffiliated with any social fraternity.

The other nine members (constituting a majority) consist of six faculty members appointed by the chancellor for two year terms, and three alumni including the Alumni association secretary as an ex-officio member, and two others appointed by the executive committee of the association. The finance secretary of the university is also an ex-officio member of the board in the capacity of Union treasurer.

How often does the present board meet? Irregularly at best. There is an annual meeting on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May, a fall semester meeting on the first Tuesday after the fall registration period, and a spring meeting on the first Tuesday after the mid-year registration period. There may also be special meetings at the call of the president of the board, the director of the Union, or any five members of the board. In general, meetings are held following each financial statement of the Union.

Does Mr. Van Sant criticize the present board? Not exactly, because he points out that it is almost exclusively a policy-making body. Does he think that it should meet oftener? No, because as a policy-making body it could accomplish little by more frequent meetings.

What then does Mr. Van Sant object to in the present setup, and what does he propose as a substitute or supplement?

The faculty members of the present board take a genuine interest in the Union and are entirely co-operative with the director. The student members, with one or two exceptions, have shown a complete apathy for their positions. As now appointed by the student council, they sit on the board (when they can get around to come (See DICTATOR Page 2.)

Bizad professors compile book list

Faculty to publish business bibliography

At the suggestion of W. A. Spurr, the 20 odd members of the Bizad college are co-operating in the revision of a bibliography of better business books and periodicals, which they hope to make available in about a month.

Originally published in 1922, the business bibliography, "What to Read on Business," comprises a list of about 400 of the essential publications in the field of business that the business faculty believes have worthwhile reading material. The books are divided into the various divisions of the field of economics and business, and are chosen by those professors who have a particularly good knowledge of the material in different lines of study.

Titles in the revised edition will be sifted by the department from about 1,000 names, compiled from the older edition, from books contributed by the professors, and from those listed in the American Library association booklist published by the association in Chicago.

Most of the books listed are to be found in the university library and in many of the city libraries throughout the state.

Hoffman speaks at Union Sunday

Plant model builder talks

Initiates educational series of lectures

Applying the principle that people who live in glass houses don't have any private lives, F. W. McCurry, vice president of the Derby Oil company, has built a glass and metal replica of a modern petroleum refining plant to illustrate his talk tonight on petroleum refining.

This address, the first in a series of educational lectures and demonstrations to be presented during the coming semester, is being presented under the sponsorship of the chemical engineering department and the student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The lecture will be given tonight at 7:30 in the large lecture room of Avery laboratory.

Model to Be Used in Courses. McCurry, who is in charge of all manufacturing operation for his company, will tell about crude petroleum and the use of petroleum products. The model, which is similar to one recently purchased by the university, enables the spectator to see the actual operations in the refining of crude oil as they are carried on commercially.

The model plant purchased by the university was also built by McCurry. It will be installed during the next few weeks, and will be used in some of the Chemical engineering courses. McCurry's lecture will be open to the public.

Prom girl presentation contest opens

Committee offers \$10 award for best stunt

A ten dollar prize awaits the person able to outdo all entrants among those who submit ideas for presenting the prom girl at the Junior-Senior prom, Friday, March 3.

According to Fred Stiner and Elizabeth Waugh, members of the prom presentation committee, maximum cost of the winning stunt may not be more than \$35, and a detailed list of expenditures must be submitted with each plan. If the cost of presentation exceeds \$35, the prize money will be forfeited.

All ideas must be turned in by Friday, Feb. 17 to the office of the DAILY NEBRASKAN editor.

The orchestra committee has been corresponding with several music booking agents in its initial efforts to secure a nationally famous band for the prom.

Westbrook visits Fine Arts staff

School's new director Looks over position

Conferring with various members of the school of music and fine arts school faculties, Dr. Arthur E. Westbrook, recently appointed director of the university's new School of Fine Arts, visited Lincoln Thursday and Friday.

NEBRASKAN sizes up '39 yearbook beauty candidates

Average queen is five feet, five; weighs 118

Figures don't lie. Nebraska's six most beautiful women in the 1939 Cornhusker may or may not have figures that measure according to the composite standard of beauty of the 32 candidates aspiring for the honor.

Nebraska's average beauty wears a size six and a half shoe and has a 12 inch neck. She is five feet 5 and one-half inches tall and just happens to be 18 years and three months old.

Altogether the aspiring beauties weigh over a ton and a half, but their average weight is 118 pounds. Miss Median's bust is 34 and one-fourth inches; her hips are 36. Her thigh measures 18 and one-fourth inches.

Her ankles is the kind that gentlemen can reach around, measuring eight and one-fourth inches. Her wrist is even more easily grasped, being a perfect six inches around, and she wears a six and one-half glove.

Of all the pulchritudinous coeds whose figures (and we mean figures) contributed to this composite, no one girl strikes the average exactly, so Miss Average Nebraska Beauty doesn't really exist.

Smallest in weight, bust and neck is diminutive Dorothy Wear, while Hope Drummond has a thigh which measures only 16 inches. Five foot, one inch Charlotte Stahl is shortest. The Daily Nebraskan makes no predictions, or supposes that "average" is synonymous with "most beautiful," but Frances Williams comes closest to having the average measurements.

Reiss to talk at Union

English housing expert will appear tonight

One of the world's foremost authorities on housing, Capt. Richard L. Reiss, of London, England, will speak tonight in the Union. Sponsored by the Association of Graduate Social Work Students, the meeting was made possible thru Omaha proponents of the federal housing program. It is open to all students.

Captain Reiss is beginning a month's tour of the west, central and Pacific coast cities, having been brought to the United States by the Nebraska Public Housing conference of New York City, a non-profit federal organization.

Because of his extensive experience in the housing field, conference officials consider Captain Reiss the leading authority on housing problems and programs of Britain, Continental Europe and America.

At present Captain Reiss is the chairman of the London labor dwellings, of Welwyn Garden City and of Hampstead Garden Suburb trust, three of the leading housing projects in England. He is also a member of the London County Councils housing committee. He is generally considered responsible for the slum clearance of London.

Hansen addresses Nu-Med group

Lincoln doctor tells of obstetrical work

Dr. E. M. Hansen, Lincoln obstetrician and gynecologist, will deliver the principal address at a banquet of the Nu-Med society at 6:15 in parlors XYZ of the Union tonight.

Dr. Hansen will discuss in general the "Advantages and Disadvantages of Obstetrics." This lecture is an attempt to present to Pre-Med students a view of the work accomplished in this field.

Following the banquet there will be an election of officers and a revision of the society's constitution. All members are urged to attend the lecture and the business meeting.

Now is the time

for all you students interested in feature writing, straight news, sports, society, or "dishing the dirt" to report at the office of the Daily Nebraskan in the basement of the Student Union.

The editors of the "Rag" are attempting during the second semester a more complete coverage of all campus activities and therefore require a larger staff of reporters.

Behind world events

Bev Finkle

JUDGE MANTON

Martin T. Manton, presiding judge of the Second District Circuit Court of Appeals, has resigned under heavy fire from state and federal authorities.

Following investigation into the justice's financial affairs in connection with a New York state income tax probe, authorities disclosed that Manton, often called the "tenth ranking federal judge," had profited to the extent of some \$432,000 from loans and gratuities which he obtained from litigants in cases on which he rendered decisions. Of this \$432,000 only \$50,000 in loans has been repaid to date. Included among the list of those rendering assistance were the American Tobacco company which contributed over \$200,000 in loans, receipt of some 77 thousand dollars from the Dictograph Products corporation, \$57,500 from John L. Lotsch (Brooklyn banker who was cleared in a pending extortion charge), and some \$10,000 still due Warner Bros. Pictures.

In the long history of the federal judiciary only four judges have actually been impeached, altho, of course, several others have resigned under attack. The federal judiciary has held a reputation for integrity not often approached by the personnel of the various state court systems.

FUNNY MEN

Comedian George Burns has been fined \$8,000 for his smuggling activities. The trial of Jack Benny, in which Burns is expected to appear as a witness for the prosecution, has been scheduled for Feb. 14.

HITLER'S SPEECH

Prime Minister Chamberlain, in response to Hitler's speech of Monday last, declared that England wants peace with the totalitarian powers. England seems satisfied with the "appeasement" speech of the fuhrer. Today, Mussolini is expected to present Italy's reaction in a scheduled speech before the Italian legislature.

Washington commercial experts have announced that the United States still constitutes Hitler's greatest enemy. The Reich's attempts to gain a greater foothold in South and Latin American commerce. Because Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade agreements constitute a barrier to German commercial domination of these regions, the experts expect that relations between the United States and the Nazi government may continue to be strained.

THE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

The United States Supreme Court has ordered reargument of controversy arising out of the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. This is the third delay of the court in the announcement of a decision fraught with importance in constitutional law.

Kentucky rejected the amendment at the time of its original submission to the states, but the 1936 legislature ratified the bill. This ratification was declared invalid by the state supreme court which ruled that rejection was a complete act and binding for the duration of the life of the amendment.

Ex-governor to lecture on 'Murder'

Courageous outlook of eastern progressive undaunted by criticism

Harold G. Hoffman, ex-governor of New Jersey, whose name was as well known as Hauptmann's



HAROLD G. HOFFMAN. "No one wants to pay taxes..."

during the sensational Lindbergh kidnaping trial, will speak in the (See HOFFMAN Page 2.)