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Fare thee well

Before we forget, though our words are three weeks early, we'd like to say goodbye to Kenneth Van Sant, youthful and efficient managing director of this Student Union, without which we don't know what we would do.

Van Sant, whose guidance and amazing ability to work with instead of over people, has brought our Union to a point where it performs all the activities that Student Unions ten and fifteen years older perform.

He leaves us with a lasting impression of what we want in his unnamed successor. We wish him success and good fortune. We are sorry to see him go, but we are glad he has the opportunity to advance. Good luck, Mr. Van Sant, from 7,000 friends.

It's up to you Who said 'yes'

Co-op leaders, along with the Student Council housing committee, have begun work on the expansion of their system. We agree with Ray Murray of the Council committee that the time is not at hand when the actual expansion should begin.

For obvious reasons, it would be difficult to have an exodus of men from rooming houses where they are living now. Plans are being made however, for the expansion to get under way as soon as school opens next fall, and perhaps, to a slight degree, at the beginning of the new semester.

According to the DAILY poll of November 12, over 300 men are willing to take part in the co-op movement. Clearly, about that number should signify their willingness if the working committee asks for names of men

who would join houses.

If that many men sign, it is almost certain the co-op movement will go forward. If but a few of the men who indicated willingness to join co-ops sign, then the work may be doomed.

The committee of co-op officers and Student Council members is in earnest and hopes to accomplish something tangible. It may fail if you Barbs who favored the co-op system in the poll do not cooperate. The opportunity is YOURS . . . so take advantage of it. From what little we have seen of the system, you certainly have much to look forward to if you become a part of it.

Thursday-- We shall go to school!

Thursday evening, the football team leaves for Phoenix and other points west. Rally committeemen, Corn Cobs, and Tassels have planned a huge sendoff that promises to exceed in pep and enthusiasm the wild and semi-hysterical riot of a couple Mondays ago.

It should be understood that Thursday between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., all classes will be held. The Monday riot of pep was fine, didn't anger professors or the administration . . . they knew that nothing could stop it. But Thursday evening has been set aside; officially, almost, delegated as rally time. Classes Thursday will not be dismissed, and we wouldn't be surprised to find some instructors counting cuts double or triple . . . and with a perfect right to do so.

Cheer leaders, Corn Cobs, Tassels, and all other activity groups will not participate in day-rallies. This university can be made the laughing stock of university circles if Thursday brings a repetition of the first Rose Bowl rally.

Behind the Headlines

by Olson and Ordal

Action along the Student Union underground front flared up late yesterday afternoon with border skirmishes followed by pitched battles and near-blitzkriegs. The valiant forces of the DAILY NEBRASKAN staff invaded the territory of the Cornhusker staff armed with snowballs and buckets full of the same stuff. Needless to add, the Cornhusker took a terrific beating from the high-powered offensive of the DAILY.

In the early portions of the battle the Rag Ruffians severely trounced the Huskers and dumped wastebaskets full of snow into their headquarters. Field Marshall Norman Harris of the Rag staff sat in his office behind locked doors, directing the offensive.

General Aden of the Cornhusker armies defied the advancing horde by thumbing his nose thru the venetian blinds of his office. Adjutant-General Forke crawled beneath his desk, shivering from fright and a bucket of snow down his back.

It was estimated roughly—very roughly—that 5 million snowballs were thrown while the battle raged.

Fascists in retreat

After more than a week of fighting, the British African offensive has moved the Italians out of Egypt, and reports now indicate that Britain's desert fighters are pushing across the frontier into Libya.

Nine days ago, an unknown number of empire forces, English, Scotch, New Zealanders, Australians and Indians, well equipped with light tanks swept across the Egyptian end of the Libyan desert in an enveloping movement that encircled five divisions of Italians. Aided by a section of the British Mediterranean fleet and the RAF they captured Sidi Barrani, advance Italian outpost, after three days of heavy fighting. In addition, they are said to have corraled some 30,000 Italian soldiers (including five generals), and vast quantities of munitions and food supplies.

Under pressure of constant strafing by the RAF the Italians have retreated into Libya, with some reports placing the British in possession of Fort Capuzzo, Italian stronghold ten miles inside the Libyan frontier.

Present British successes definitely stop for the present the Italian drive to the African east. Generalissimo of the Italian armies, Rodolfo Graziani, sent his forces into Egypt last September

in a moved designed to conquer Alexandria, Cairo, and the Suez.

Prerequisite guarantees from Mussolini are said to have included: adequate reinforcements of manpower; and an open route for supplies maintained by the Italian navy.

Neither of these guarantees has been forthcoming. The battle of Tarentum and repeated actions off Sardinia have eliminated Italian chances to obtain naval superiority. In addition, Mussolini's efforts to make good his pledges must have been seriously hampered by the amazing collapse of the Italian air force in northern Africa. Probable explanations are that either Graziani did not have many planes, or the British, by their constant bombings of Italian African airports, have made it impossible for them to operate.

Apparently, the British have more in mind than merely driving the Italians out of Egypt, and are co-ordinating all their Mediterranean forces in an attempt to knock Italy out of the war; for in addition to collaborating with the Egyptian land offensive the British fleet sank an Italian submarine, routed a torpedo boat squadron and subjected Bardia, major Libyan seaport, to an intense bombardment. Likewise, British planes bombed detachments of the Italian navy in the harbor at Naples. Direct hits on five cruisers are reported.

The accumulating pressure of the British blockade, Greek successes and the smashing English Egyptian offensive are placing fascist leaders in a precarious position.

Since Signor Mussolini's ability to produce results is the test of his weight in the axis partnership, speculations are rife concerning Hitler's attitude. Some observers now feel that Italy stands little chance of gain, whether England or Germany wins the war.

Meanwhile, Egypt still is officially neutral.

Alums in the News

Dwight P. Griswold, '14, was elected Nebraska's new governor last month. For 18 years he has been editor of the Gordon Journal and active in state affairs. Griswold was a member of the state house of representatives for the 1921 term, and a member of the state senate for three terms, 1925, 1927, and 1929. He was president of the Nebraska Press Association in 1930-31. For many years he has been an active member of the Nebraska Alumni Association.

Weir All-American.

Ed Weir, '25, has been placed on another all-time All-American team by Grantland Rice in his "Sportlight" column for Jan. 22. In his column Rice quotes Harry Stuhldreher, one of Notre Dame's immortal Four Horsemen, who was picking the greatest players he has known. "Weir was the only football player picked by Notre Dame players as the best man Notre Dame faced three straight years," said Stuhldreher. "He was the greatest tackle I ever saw—big, extremely fast, alert and aggressive. Weir had everything it takes."

Dr. Horace B. English, '15, has been named president of the American Association for Applied Psychologists. He has been a faculty member at Ohio State in the psychology department since 1930. Dr. English was named a Rhodes scholar after two years of study at Nebraska and was awarded his degree from Oxford. For two years he has held the Currier Fellowship at Yale and received his doctor's degree in 1916.

Turner Organist.

Harold Turner, '31, broadcasts daily from WGN in Chicago. Recently in *Discuss*, the monthly magazine of the Lake Shore Athletic Club, Chicago, he was honored in an article telling of his progress. In the days of silent pictures he played the organ in theaters, and later became a radio artist. Lately he returned from studying in Europe.

Judge and Mrs. Lincoln Frost, '86, '89, are the oldest living couple both of whom have graduated from this University. On Nov. 19 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

maintained. For the operation and maintenance of the hospital of the college of medicine at Omaha an increase of \$34,700 was requested by the chancellor.

Dr. F. E. Henzlik, dean of teachers college, in his article "Freedom of Speech" says: "The main question is not freedom of speech, but freedom of hearing; not freedom of press, but freedom of reading; not freedom of teaching, but freedom of learning."

Thirty-one new members have been added to the famed St. Olaf college Lutheran choir at Northfield, Minn., bringing the total to 63 voices.

Library has Dies paper on nazi dream for U.S.-Nippon clash

The University library has received a copy of the "White Paper" released by the Dies committee on un-American activities which states that German agents in the United States are engaged in straining U. S.-Japanese relations.

The paper released Nov. 21 contains evidence of propaganda, espionage, and economic penetration on the part of German agents in this country. It states that Transocean News Service in New York City, the German Library of Information in New York and The German Railroads Information spent \$2,617,309 on propaganda, most of the money coming from the German government through the Ger-

man embassy in Washington.

Paper on communists.

The library likewise recently received a copy of the Dies "Red Paper" published to show the nature and aims of the communist party in this country and its connections with the U. S. S. R.

These papers along with other documents relating to un-American activities are on file for student use, Miss Ruby Wilder, documents librarian, explained. The documents room on second floor serves as a depository for official material.

Orfield writes review

Prof. Lester B. Orfield of the college of law, has a book review of "Cases on Restitution" by Dawson and Durfee in the December issue of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Laase judges contest

Dr. Leroy T. Laase, acting chairman of the speech department, spent the week end in South Dakota where he judged the state declamatory contest.

Wishnow plays at Irving

Emanuel Wishnow, associate professor of violin in the department of music, played a group of solos at Irving Junior High school Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 11. He was accompanied by Earnest Harrison, associate professor of piano in the department.

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A. I. Ch. E.

A. I. Ch. E. members will meet Thursday Dec. 19, 1940 at 2 p. m. in the main lecture room of Avery laboratory. The topic for discussion is "Oil Refining."

RALLY COMMITTEE.

Rally committee will meet in the DAILY office at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

CORN COBS.

Corn Cob actives and workers will meet at 5 p. m. Tuesday in Parlor X of the Union. All workers are to bring advertising copy of the basketball program.

AG COLLEGE RECREATION NIGHT.

The ag college recreation night scheduled for Thursday will be cancelled this week because of the rally and Christmas parties. There will be a meeting the first Thursday after Christmas.

BARB UNION.

Barb Union will hold its regular weekly meeting Tuesday at 7:30 in room 307 of the Union. All unaffiliated men are invited to attend.

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Board of Regents write letter to legislature in UN Alumnus

"Open up that Rose Bowl Gate," is the slogan above pictures of 38 gridsters and "Biff" Jones in this month's issue of the Alumnus. Interest in the team is shown in articles from the alumni and on the secretary's page where the school is praised not only for its football team, but also because it is a truly wholesome educational

institution.

A letter to the Governor from the Board of Regents asks for an increase in the fund, provided for the university by the state. It emphasized the great loss of irreplaceable members of the staff because of lack of funds, and asked an additional \$355,000 so that the University's rating and slight upward trend might be