

# Editorial - Comment - Bulletin

## Here's editorial that will end all editorials

Editors have customarily reserved the last issue of the NEBRASKAN each semester to themselves. And in singing their swan songs, they have usually related the accomplishments the paper has made under their guidance, have tritely praised some institutions on the campus, have criticized others; and in general have sought to enumerate enough outstanding feats to justify their respective editorships.

Feeling that this type of summary is somewhat naive, since it only relates the editor's prejudices; and inadequate, since it fails to consider the university as a whole, we leave our record to the readers' judgment. The semester has been stormy. We have made some enemies, we have made some friends. But with the honest belief that this has been a student newspaper, and that every signed letter regardless of opinion expressed so long as the opinion was not spiteful, has been published, we dismiss the NEBRASKAN altogether.

Four years on the university campus have shown us a lot. Work on the NEBRASKAN, moreover, has thrown us in contact with practically every organization and activity of this institution. And in leaving not only the NEBRASKAN but the school itself, there are several misconceptions we want to clear up for those still to come, and leave a few suggestions, which tho they are individual here, are held rather generally, we believe, by graduating seniors.

### Not the big bad wolf . . .

• The administration is not fighting nor ever has fought the students. The common bull session contentions that the Chancellor, the Deans and those governing the school are trying to drive fraternities off the campus, are trying to run student affairs, and are so wrapped up in scholasticism that they can't appreciate the student viewpoint are grossly false beliefs, which once indoctrinated into freshmen seem to stick in their minds for the remainder of their college careers.

The quota system was organized at the behest of the AWS board in cooperation with Dean Hosp to preserve sororities; and the Interfraternity Board of Control works actively with Fraternity Management in protecting the financial positions of Nebraska fraternities. Criticisms leveled at individuals in fraternities

by university officials have never reflected the administration attitude toward the fraternity system.

There are few men in the higher offices of this institution that won't go out of their way to help any student. The feeling of domination-dominated that creates a fearful respect for the administration heads by the students is altogether foundationless. A parting wish is that seniors appear at the Chancellor's reception and dance this week end, and the younger classes consider what grounds if any they have for their fears.

### Why greek-barb conflict?

• There is nothing more asinine than the greek-barb conflict. What sense is there in building up class lines when such class lines do not exist? There are very outstanding men who aren't members of any fraternity. There are men with money that are unaffiliated. And on the other hand, though, there is a certain wealthy class in the organized houses, there are many greeks who are working their way through school, wearing last year's clothes, and living on as economical a budget as the majority of barb.

### Politics poor excuse . . .

• Merit governs selection to most organizations on the campus. A close analysis will show that men who do the most work in the eyes of their associates will obtain membership. So don't use politics as an excuse for not getting a particular honor. Such excuses serve only to needlessly blacken the name of the organization. Though the majority of men in activities are now greeks, there are no restrictions to barb participation. The shortage of unaffiliated persons in key positions is due largely to the fact that conflicting activities have kept them from giving the time necessary to secure advancement.

### Scholarship overall . . .

• This university is first and last an educational institution. Activities are fine and very valuable, but woe unto the man who sells what he might have learned for a little activity prestige. Much practical experience and valuable friendships grow up from membership in extra-curricular organizations, but the value of these

activities must be forever kept subordinate to scholarship. Else Nebraska shall become a social rather than an educational institution.

### Tolerance and thought . . .

• Maintain tolerance for the ideas of all other individuals. Next year particularly the isolation-intervention debates will become heated. And one's own sincerity will tend to make one look with scorn upon those holding conflicting views. But arguments always show that no one is altogether right and no one altogether wrong. The NEBRASKAN has been the organ through which all groups could express themselves. Freedom of debate is grand. Let's keep it that way.

• Search carefully for a solution to the war issue. It seems to us to be a question of whether a German victory means the downfall of the American way of life, or whether the dangers of economic collapse that will follow a war in which we participate will make such participation more costly than a British defeat. If one thinks the former, it is his duty as a citizen to fight for immediate intervention, and, where that fails, to volunteer in the Canadian or English forces at once. And those sincerely believing the latter must support internal preparation and more caution in our policy abroad. Above all, however, every individual next year must support the government unyieldingly in whatever policy it decides upon.

### Good publicity system . . .

What this university needs most critically is publicity favorable to it over the state. Largely because the political squabbles and any scandals on the campus get played up over the accomplishments of the school, an antagonism has arisen against fraternities and against college education in general. Such facts as the ranking of this university in the elite accrediting institutions of the country and the advancements it is making in agriculture and in science should be broadcast through one's family and friends far and wide. Ultimate preservation of the fraternity system and the budget of the university itself depends upon this publicity.

With these cautions and suggestions this year's staff passes into obscurity. May those who come after find the cooperation as fine and the way as bright.

### Tonight in ballroom . . .

## Old-fashioned movies, peanut vendors star in Flickers show

From custard pie to Felix the cat, from satire on the Joe College of 1925 to Bob Benchley—that's the range of the Farewell Flickers Show, tonight at 8 p. m. in the Union ballroom.

Comedies from 1900 to 1929 will be featured on the show tonight, with Mack Sennett, Harold Lloyd, Bob Benchley, and Walt Disney headlining the program of old-time movies. Side-line attractions will include the nickelodeon tunes of Russ Gibson and, as usual, the "butcher boys" will hawk their wares of peanuts and popcorn.

Main attractions on the two hour show include "The Doctor's Secret" by Georges Melies, "Gertie the Dinosaur" by Winsor McCay, "His Bitter Pill," directed by Mack Sennett, "The Freshman" starring Harold Lloyd, "The Sex Life of the Polyp" with Robert Benchley, and "The Skeleton Dance" by Walt Disney.

McCay's production represents the first attempt by a comic strip artist in making animated cartoons, while "His Bitter Pill" is a real western satire, replete with an heroic sheriff, a robber and hard riding.

"The Doctor's Secret" is a 41 year old film, and a typical short comedy of the early days full of Rabelaisian sense of humor. Disney's "Skeleton Dance," made in 1929, is his first Silly Symphony, while the Lloyd production is a satire on undergraduate ambitions of the freshman dating from 1925.

Benchley's production "The Sex Life of the Polyp," which was a seven day's wonder thirteen years ago, represents one of the first talking films to be recorded.

A French club field day in which all activities were in French was held at Southern Illinois Normal university.

## Sigma Eta Chi installs Johnston as new president

Marjorie Johnston was installed as president of Sigma Eta Chi, Congregational women's sorority, at the annual Founders' Day banquet Thursday night. Other officers presented were:

Frances Ramey, vice-president; Milrae Anderson, recording secretary; Neva E. Hill, corresponding secretary; historian, Norma L. Watkins, and Beth Daniels, chaplain.

Lorraine Schwedhelm, retiring president, presided as toastmistress at the banquet, and the table decoration centered around the theme "Convention." Delegates to the national convention to be held at Columbus, O., will be elected Thursday at the annual picnic supper at Pioneer Park.

### Corn Cobs hold meeting

All new members and old officers of Corn Cobs should attend a meeting Wednesday at 5 p. m. in room 315 of the Union.

### Boucher speaks at Iowa

Chancellor C. S. Boucher delivered the honors day banquet address at Iowa State college Wednesday evening, May 21.

Because of the rearmament program, the experimental towing tank laboratory at Stevens Institute of Technology is virtually on a war footing.

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