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Letterip

Dear Sir:

I am happy to note that the Daily Nebraskan has again adopted the policy of giving editorial space to the barb organization. Your praise of former barb leaders and your recognition of the past prestige of the organization is indeed gratifying. I am sure that all readers of your paper, and especially the 400 barbs, realize that your interest is genuine. We all realize what kind of friend the "Official Paper of the 7000 Students" has been to the barbs and how editors in the past have upheld the aims of the independent students. We have complete confidence that you will follow the precedent which your predecessors have set in this matter.

It is very evident that your intention is to give your best efforts to the building of a new and stronger structure to replace the "House that Bob and Otto built" now, as you say, in decay and ruin. Your leadership would indeed afford a firm foundation. It will no doubt be accepted heartily by all unaffiliated students.

We had hoped to concentrate on aims other than political. We hoped to build a social program which would adequately meet the needs of the unaffiliated students (the organization has failed in this respect in the past).

We had hoped to encourage barb participation in all campus activities, and to aid more in the co-op movement. However your editorial plainly shows that is far more important to rebuild the party in order to do our share in preserving Greek unity and that great symbol of student government, the Student Council. The printing of ballots, as you have pointed out, is of utmost importance to the welfare of the student body. With the Daily Nebraskan leading the way, the barbs may again occupy the place on the campus that they have held in the past.

Again I wish to thank you for your sincere consideration. Your interest is as welcome as your tendered leadership is bound to be welcomed by all independent students.

Very respectfully yours,
Bill Dajoe, president of
Nebraska Independent Association.

The Editor Says . . .

The note of sarcasm and suspicion evident in the above letter from the president of the Nebraska Independent Student association has been expressive of the unaffiliated students organization since its birth and growth. Voiced principally by its leaders, it denotes an unwillingness to act and a willingness only to talk. These leaders want something done, but won't

do it themselves. They want an organization, but make only a feeble effort at organizing. They cry out about being the "underdog," but won't help themselves nor accept the proffered help of others.

The Daily Nebraskan does not intend to foster the unaffiliated student organization. The Daily Nebraskan has never concerned itself actively with any student political organization. Its concern is the welfare of the students and the university. If any individual or group interferes with that welfare or fails to promote it, the Daily Nebraskan has always stepped in and always will step in.

The third paragraph of Mr. Dajoe's letter is significant of listless activity on the part of those "leaders." It strikes the general tenor of the present organization. Quoting from it: "We had hoped to concentrate on aims other than political." (After the barb loss in the fall election, the Nebraska Independent association has done nothing.) "We hoped to build a social program which would adequately meet the needs of the unaffiliated students." (Mr. Dajoe might have had genuine hopes concerning a social program, but it is evident that neither he nor his organization has bothered to do anything about it. There have been no barb dances or other forms of entertainment sponsored by the unaffiliated student organization.) "We had hoped to encourage . . . and to aid more in the co-op movement." (Hope again, but no action.)

As for the accusation that the Daily Nebraskan desires an active unaffiliated political organ so Greek unity can be preserved there is no answer. There is no need of any. Groups, parties and clubs are formed on the basis of interests. If it serves the fraternities to put up a united front, they should coordinate their efforts. If it serves them to separate, they should separate.

It's time the independent students should wake up to the fact that the present group of "leaders" are a hindrance and not an aid to their all-around welfare. It's time they threw out the present organization and begin anew with genuine leaders and not wishful thinkers.

A War Ago

By Marsa Lee Civin.

Nebraska students and alumni located at Fort Snelling were honored at a giant farewell banquet at Hotel Radisson in Minneapolis on May 31. Telegrams from student and faculty well-wishers were read at the banquet.

Members of the Girls' Club and the Y. W. C. A. sent boxes of home-made candy tied with scarlet and cream ribbons. Since the candy was to be a university gift and not an individual one, none of the boxes contained the name of the donor.

Chancellor Avery, in speaking of the banquet remarked "It will be one chance that the students will have to do something to keep the spirit of NU close to the hearts of our country's future soldiers. Some of the men who have done much for our university are at Fort Snelling and everyone who is proud of their work here will have a chance to show his appreciation both of this service and of the greater service they are now diligently preparing to render their country."

Eighty-three athletes from the 1916-1917 varsity teams contributed to the war cause, according to the list of withdrawals.

Nebraska's representation at Fort Snelling made excellent progress as they received 87 commissions. Six captains, 12 first lieutenants and 67 lieutenants were Nebraska students, ex-students and alums.

Copies of the Daily were sent free to every Cornhusker soldier whose address was known.

Members of the faculty traveled out into the state and gave lectures whose proceeds went to Red Cross. In with this, Professor Blanche C. Grant, assistant professor of drawing and painting, gave lectures entitled "Artists' Work and War Time" in conjunction with the exhibition of famous war posters in Nebraska Towns.

More than 1,000 photographs of the oldest buildings standing in Texas have recently been acquired by the University of Texas library.

Debate Squad Enters Denver Tournament

First major event of their season, the varsity debate squad will leave Wednesday morning for Denver, Colo., where they will compete in the Rocky Mountain Forensic Conference.

Selected to represent Nebraska in debate and discussion events are Bill Rist, Art Rivin, Hugh Wilkins and Bert Smith. Frank Mattoon will enter the persuasive speaking division and will participate in the student legislative assembly.

Awards will be given at the conference as recognition of ability in all the events in which a student takes part. There will be no wins and losses, no comparative rankings, but each student will be given a qualitative rating each time he appears. Averages will then be computed at the end of the conference and superior speakers presented with awards.

Altho the registration of schools is not complete, it is believed that there will be speakers representing colleges and universities from California to Iowa and Texas to Washington.

First stop on the trip will be made at the Colorado State College of Education in Greeley. The Nebraska squad will meet teams from that institution Wednesday and from there will go on to Denver.

Opera . . .

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linger's voice made his singing especially noteworthy.

The difficulties of dramatic presentation involved in the opera were handled well, though perhaps this aspect was the weakest of the presentation. Operatic acting is very demanding of experience and prolonged study. Catherine Tunnison of the Wednesday cast must be praised for her portrayal of Santuzza as well as her very excellent vocal rendition.

Richard Koupal should also be praised for his handling of the extremely exacting tenor role, and Milrae Anderson, Dorothy Huffman, and Lynn Meyers come in for their share of the plaudits. Myers presentation of the whip song was especially enjoyed on Wednesday night.

The key man, who with his baton, coordinated the entire effort and who was responsible for the smooth, continuous action, was conductor Emanuel Wishnow, who performed his difficult part with a fine artistic flexibility, without ever sacrificing full control of the entire ensemble.

So memorable was 'Cavalleria Rusticana,' that it will not soon be forgotten, and it has possibly established a precedent which will make the opera a yearly event.

Grads . . .

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de Nemours, Wilmington, Delaware, respectively.

The chemical engineers who graduated in mid-semester and their positions are as follows: Emil Kolman, Trojan Powder Co., Allentown, Pa.; George Short, Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis; Don Little, Phillips Petroleum Co., Phillips, Texas and Alfred Martin, U. S. Army Engineering Corps.

Farm Dance Is Scheduled For March 14

The annual ag spring party will be held Saturday night, March 14, at the student activities building on ag campus, according to plans released by the ag exec board at their meeting Tuesday night.

The party, a traditional semi-formal dance, features the presentation of the Goddess of Agriculture, chosen each year by students in the department of home economics. Last year Sylvia Zocholl was crowned monarch of ag campus spring activities.

Committees named for the party are: co-chairmen in general charge: Ruth Millar, Don Tracy; decorations: Gwen Row, chairman; Dorothy Schudel, Merle Ward.

Publicity will be in charge of Arlo Wirth; presentation: Randall Pratt, chairman; Betty Ann Tisthammer; tickets: Dale Weible, chairman; Dorothy Sic; orchestra and chaperones: Mary June Buck.

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