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For the Records . . .

A former editor of the Nebraskan recently charged us with being afraid. We are afraid, he said, to print a hot story, to champion a "cause," to break away from convention and restrictions and enliven the news columns.

This is for the record: We are not afraid of telling the truth. We are not afraid of printing the facts when the facts are not injurious to individual or group undeserving of criticism. We welcome the chance to participate in clearing up a misunderstanding or righting a wrong. We try to get the available news.

But any reader who has a complaint should consider the difficulties to be overcome in publishing a student newspaper. The Nebraskan staff's used to rebuffs from faculty members and student organizations. It is used to days when news is non-existent because its readers will not cooperate to insure full news coverage. It is used to burying hot news which would injure university reputation.

If the reader has been among those who have not hampered Nebraskan efforts toward a better paper, then he has every right to criticize its policies.

The Nebraskan is not not afraid. It is limited only by the cooperation of its readers.

Hell and High Water

By Guest Columnist

Since Les Glotfelty was running down a TNC story yesterday, the assignment of writing Hell and High Water was shuffled from one person in the Nebraskan office to another. This undesirable task was finally given us, much to our anything-but-pleasure.

One of the women's organizations finally came out with a slate—namely WAA. We are still wondering what AWS and Coed Counselors are hatching up between them. Anyway, to get back to WAA, the slate is quite a deal. Such monotony in candidates.

After typing the first few names on the slate, our typewriter just automatically started writing "Delta Gamma" and "Tassel." Three out of six candidates are members of DG. Granted, the DG's are good kids, which nobody can deny. It is a cinch they can't lose out completely, and from the looks of things over Grant Memorial way, they don't have a great deal to worry about.

Noticed the usual number of men trying to get into Coed Follies last night. Coeds' coats, head scarves, and old skirts with trouser legs hanging out from under them, were in evidence. Far as we noticed, only Don Keough, member of the stage crew, and Harold Andersen of the Nebraskan staff made it—as far as we noticed, ya' understand. Some of the laughs were a pretty deep base, but then everyone has a cold these days.

Research Fund Inadequate For Creditable Grad School

(Editor's note: This is the eighth in the series of articles in the university bulletin of postwar plans for UN which was prepared by the chancellor's faculty advisory committee, the administrative council of deans, and the board of regents. It is hoped by the Nebraskan that these articles may acquaint the public with the university's need for more adequate appropriations.)

As far as research costs are concerned, one of the serious weaknesses of our college and school budgets for many years has been the small amount of money allocated, even indirectly, for the support of research projects. With the exception of the agricultural experiment station, research allotments are, and long have been, almost nonexistent; and even in this station the state tax funds that have been available for research have been little beyond what was necessary for us to qualify, on the matching principle, for federal research grants. And yet, research is the distinguishing feature of a university as contrasted with a college; it is the activity that develops and maintains a creditable graduate program.

One of the ways in which to reduce the scope of the university's activities in order to prevent too great a spread of available resources, would be to discontinue one or more of our colleges, schools, or departments.

Graduate College, An Asset.
One of the first of our colleges that many uninformed persons would suggest for elimination is our Graduate College. If this is seriously considered it must be with full realization that if the graduate program were abandoned we would immediately have to surrender membership in the Association of American Universities,

for we would then be reduced to the class of undergraduate four year colleges. At the same time the standing of many of our professional colleges would be placed in jeopardy, because professional programs can be supported adequately only as part of a true university program which encourages and supports research and graduate study.

During the last dozen years the drain on our best staff personnel by loss to institutions with better opportunities for research and with better salary scales has been too heavy for the welfare of the institution not to suffer. If we were to abolish the graduate college we would immediately lose most of the best of our present staff members who would not wish to remain in an institution that was merely an undergraduate college. The best universities of the country attract the best scholars of the country just as the brightest flowers attract the bees.

With the loss of our best scholars, the quality and reputation of our undergraduate colleges would suffer. There is no incompatibility between teaching and research; they are done best where they are done together by the same persons in the same institution, and it is particularly the teaching that benefits from association with research because it is thus enlivened and kept up to date.

If our Graduate college were to be discontinued, such action should be taken only after mature consideration of the resulting effects upon each of several other colleges and schools.

(To be continued in Sunday's Nebraskan.)

WAA . . .

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of Pi Beta Phi and a sophomore in school.

Voting in the WAA election is limited to the WAA council, intramural representatives, sports board, promotion board, concessions board and clubs board. Since the WAA office is not open at all hours, votes will be cast in the physical education department office from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Pi Phi's . . .

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every appearance. In addition, Jeanne's slacks were rolled up a bit farther each time she stepped on the stage, thus adding a bit of spice and suspense to the show.

All in all, men, you would have seen a fine show, but maybe it's best that you didn't try to take it in high-heels, bandana and borrowed dress. Some of your fellow male students did, and they were politely but firmly tossed out on their masculine ears by AWS Board watch dogs.

Judges of the skits and acts were AWS advisory board members, Miss Clara Raush, Miss Catherine Schwake, Miss Mary Guthrie, Miss Emily Schossberger and Miss Jeannette Fraiser.

Acknowledgements: Stage crew; Don Keough, Virginia Seacrest, Jean Cowden, Anne Wellenseik, Barbara Berggren and Mary Helen Thoms.

Pianist: Ruth Way; sign changer, Jeanne Swarr; sign maker, Dorothy Black.

Service Men . . .

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officials under the federal law passed in September, 1942, the member of the armed service must meet the requirements of a civilian voter in his own state. That is, in Nebraska the voter must be 21 years of age and a qualified resident of the state. The serviceman is not required to register or pay poll tax.

Serviceman Mails Card.

To obtain a ballot, the serviceman mails a card to the secretary of state of his state. These cards are furnished by the army and navy. An officer must witness the card, proving the eligibility of the sender. Congress is trying to amend this federal bill now.

Voting for Nebraska state officials is left up to the state. The present bill, while allowing for absentee voting, makes such requirements as: The application can't be made before 30 days before the voting; the ballot must be returned by registered mail and must be here for the first meeting of the canvassing board, five or six days after election. Such requirements eliminate overseas men and men in the navy from voting.

Special Session March 27

The governor has announced plans for a special session of the legislature on March 27 to consider amendments to Nebraska's present bill. The new draft, which will be presented to the legislature, if and when it is called, applies to any absentee of Nebraska, although it would only affect those in the armed service.



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Robert Henry & Donald Frey, Soloists

3:00 P. M., Sun. March 12

in the Union Ballroom

Watch for

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT," MAR. 19
BOARDMAN ROBINSON LECTURE, MAR. 26
"EAGLE SQUADRON," APRIL 2
JOHN JACOB NILES LECTURE, APRIL 16