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Swan-Song . . .

Nebraskan tradition dictates that each editor, as he leaves office, shall write a swan-song, a final backward glance over the campus happenings of the semester during which he held office, a final analysis and evaluation of the trends in campus life. We present herewith, then, our swan-song, our last "longing, lingering look behind."

This second semester of the academic year 1944-45 has seen several distinct trends in campus life, some good, the others bad. One of the most encouraging trends has undoubtedly been the resumption of many normal campus activities, the beginning of a swing back to normalcy. Ivy Day this spring, for example, more closely followed traditional procedure than had its wartime predecessors. The revival of the men's Interfraternity Ball, too, pointed the way to the resumption of normal campus life, as did the return of the Awgwan.

Going hand in hand with this swing back to normalcy has been the equally encouraging resurgence of school spirit. Such worthwhile projects as the miniature peace conference, drive have found students working in close cooperation for desirable goals, have made campus life more vital and more interesting. School spirit has received a badly-needed shot in the arm.

Encouraging notes for the university's future, too, were the recent announcement that UN has applied for a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps unit for this campus and the accompanying announcement of an ambitious building program which would include the construction of a new armory and several other sorely-needed campus buildings.

But perhaps the brightest note of all for the future of the entire University was the general increase in faculty salaries which the state legislature provided in its biennial budget for UN. The increase indicates that the people of the state are at long last coming to realize that the faculty of their university is underpaid, that salaries must be raised until they reach a level commensurate with the size and rank of the University. If the people of the state continue to display this interest in the University and this appreciation of its needs, UN will be assured a first-rate faculty, an adequate physical plant, and a bright future.

But there have also been entries on the debit side of the ledger. The many encouraging trends have been accompanied by several which are distinctly discouraging. One of the chief of these latter is the alarming movement toward ever more strict regulation of the private lives of students, particularly coeds. Students are slowly but surely being deprived of more and more of their freedom of choice in personal matters. A case in point is the recent "suggestion" that there be no kissing at candy passings in sorority houses. This ruling would not be serious if it stood alone, but it is merely a typical example of the ever-growing tendency to deprive students of their personal freedom, of their right to shoulder their own responsibilities.

Another dark note in the campus picture is the gen-

eral decline of scholastic achievement among the students. Many students apparently are too busy with activities or "play" to devote any time to getting an education, the purpose for which they are supposedly attending university. The tinsel and frills which adorn college life dazzle their eyes, blind them to the fundamental values which a college education imparts.

The return of machine politics to campus elections marks still another discouraging trend. When campus political parties were reorganized last fall, abolition of machine politics and bloc voting was one of the chief objectives of those students most active in the reorganization. Yet in the recent spring elections, partisan politics was all too evident. Obviously one of the chief objectives for which the new parties were formed has not been attained.

This, then, is the picture on the campus today. There are trends both good and bad. But as long as the good continues to outweigh the bad, as long as the University and its student body continue to move in the right direction, the future will be bright.

LETTERIP

Students and Student Organizations The University

May I take this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation for the fine appearance which our campus presents today largely because of the enthusiastic manner in which the students have undertaken the removal of the dandelion pests.

The campus, insofar as I can remember, presents the most respectable appearance that it has in this respect for so many years. This indicates to me again what may be accomplished by a united and co-operative effort.

My personal thanks to each and every one of you.

Very sincerely yours,

T. J. Thompson, Dean

Miss Mary Jo Gish My dear Miss Gish:

I wish to express to you our appreciation of the excellent work done by you, your committee and all who participated in the dandelion eradication contest.

When you first talked with me about this, I had no idea that such an enormous task could be accomplished so successfully.

Very truly yours,

L. F. Seaton

Operating Superintendent

Dear Editor:

Not that there is enough school left to do any thing about it, but some one should make a few cracks about the Air Corps that has been lousing up the Student Union. It's not that they have worn out their welcome but it's getting dogged threadbare. I have written an aria that can be sung to the tune of "There is no Place like Nebraska":

There is no place like the Corn Crib

The officer's USO

The Looies will run it so nice girls will shun it

They'll never go there anymore.

Civilians shoved out of the Corn Crib

Are the ones who paid to go.

Three bucks a semester, and all to sequester

An officers USO.

(Sequester means to take over, or set apart.)

I can think of nothing more to say on the subject but

Grrrrr.

Dean (Precious) Wall

Council Selects Election Group For Next Year

Appointment of the 1945-1946 Student Council elections committee and making suggestions for next year's work was the business of the special council meeting last night.

Roberta Collins was appointed chairman of the election committee with Bob Gillan, Gene Dixon, Barbara Emerson and Helen Laird as members.

Miss Pumphrey reviewed the work of the council during the past year and stated that she hoped it would do as well in the coming year. Members of the council then made suggestions for improving the council's efficiency.

Some suggestions mentioned were drawing up a new constitution, continuation of the investigation of Student Health facilities, council management of Homecoming decorations, and different form of running elections.

Music Seniors Give Recital Tuesday Night

Five seniors in the school of music, chosen by the members of the school's senior class, appeared with the university orchestra in a concert Tuesday night in the Union ballroom.

Mary Alice Zeigler, violinist, opened the concert after the orchestra had played "The Star Spangled Banner," with the first movement of the "Concerto in A major" by Mozart.

Singing "Il est doux, il est bon — Herodiade," by Massenet, Elaine Lebsack followed the violinist. Ruth Way played "Waltz—Suite" by Godard on the flute and was followed by Russell Leger, baritone.

Mr. Leger sang "Cacilie" by Strauss and "If Love Hath Entered Thy Heart," by Marx. Closing the recital was Marion Rapp, pianist, playing the first movement of the "Concerto in A Minor" by Schumann.

Delta Phi Delta Elects Officers At Annual Banquet

Delta Phi Delta, honorary art fraternity, announced its new officers for the ensuing year, at its annual banquet in the Union, at 6:00 last night, according to Adelaide Garver, former president.

The new president is Marian Hatten, vice president is Roberta Collins, and the secretary is Louise Putney. Helen Busacker takes over the treasurer's post, Martha Atkinson the corresponding secretary and Betty Lamb the historian. Lola Everingham is the social chairman, and Pat Raum fills the position of alumnae secretary.

Speech . . .

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earned are Alpha Omicron Pi, first, with Sigma Delta Tau and Zeta Beta Tau competing for second. Organization receiving the highest total number of points will receive a silver gavel, and the top individual will be awarded a silver loving cup.

Contestants.

Contestants in the semi-finals last night were Bette Jo Packard, Alpha Omicron Pi; Margaret Hunter, Delta Delta Delta; Mary Esther Dunkin, Delta Gamma; Shirley Corbin, Alpha Xi Delta; Dewey Ganzel, Sigma Chi; Jackie Gordon, Sigma Delta Tau; Blanche Duckworth, Towne Club; Gladys Grothe, Alpha Phi; Betty Jeanne Holcomb; Mary Dye, Alpha Omicron Pi; Eloise Shlensky, Sigma Delta Tau; Marthella Holcomb, Ardith Smith, Residence Halls; Marjorie Ross, Gamma Phi Beta; Everett Eynen, Zeta Beta Tau; Don Kline, Beta Theta Pi; Arlis Swanson, Pi Beta Phi; Betty Jean Latta, Kappa Alpha Theta; Irving Epstein, Zeta Beta Tau; and Gloria Beaumont, International House.

Lizabeth Scott's experience as a fashion model stands her in good stead now that she's an up and coming screen personality. She's able to make the hundreds of still photographs that are required, in half the time allotted to most stars.

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