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King-Size 'Rag' . . .

At the risk of a broken arm from patting ourselves on the back, we would like to put in a few plugs for The Daily Nebraskan, not the five-column, tabloid "Rag," but the new, seven-column, student paper. Next Wednesday in all nine o'clock classes, students will determine the fate of their paper. The little checks designating approval or disapproval of the present "Nebraskan" format will add up to determine whether the students want to see the new "Rag" around next year.

The Daily Nebraskan is not trying to put anything over on the student body by "sneaking" the 50-cent "Rag" fee increase in with the Union fee hike proposal. The subscription raise will not mean another penny in the pocket of any single staff member. It will mean that you will continue to receive the advantages of a newspaper which is double the size of last semester's "Rag."

When the salaries of the "Nebraskan" staff members are considered, it is obvious that they are not working for the pay alone, that the "Rag" belongs to the students and faculty members rather than the few individuals who put it together. The average staff members works from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, a total of 116 hours a month. And these figures are not exaggerated. Rather, they tend to be an understatement, because people who frequent the Union know they can expect to see the "Rag" staff still at work after 6 o'clock.

But considering the minimum number of hours which The Daily Nebraskan staff works each month, figures indicate that the highest paid member, the editor, receives only 43 cents an hour. The associate editor and managing editors, at 40 dollars a month, earn 34 cents an hour. The feature editor, who spends long hours scouring the campus for entertaining articles, receives 30 dollars a month, or 26 cents an hour. The society editor, who puts in a minimum of two hours on her column three times a week, plus a few hours of "extras," averages 25 cents an hour, at ten dollars a month.

In addition to afternoon work, the 30-dollars-a-month news editors and Ag editor take turns doing the job of night news editor one night a week from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Their pay amounts to 22 cents an hour, or 30 dollars a month. Obviously, the sports editor must take on a lot of overtime work, with night basketball games and late-afternoon events which must be written up in the evening. His salary, divided by the number of hours he puts in, rewards him with 21 cents an hour. And finally, there are the hard-working reporters, with extra morning and evening assignments to handle. The reporters receive no pay; they don't even have a thin dime to show for their efforts. The columnists also earn nothing for their contributions to The Daily Nebraskan.

The business staff likewise could be making more money elsewhere. The business manager makes 50 dollars a month, or 43 cents an hour. His assistants, with extra night duty, earn 35 dollars monthly, or 22 cents for each long hour.

No, it is obvious that the "Rag" staff is not working only for the pay checks they are handed each year. If they were interested in making "real" money, they would seek jobs elsewhere. The average wage earner in Nebraska made \$1.03 an hour last year. Among these wage earners were students who spent their extra hours at jobs down town. The Daily Nebraskan staff is not working in its own interests. If no one were on the other end of the line, reading the "Rag," they certainly wouldn't be spending these warm spring afternoons in the basement of the Union.

An anonymous Letterip writer alludes to the "Rag" staff's concern over how they will spend their extra 50 cents. It isn't The Daily Nebraskan staff which will be spending this fee; it is the students. They will be paying for the large-sized Daily Nebraskan, so much better equipped for giving adequate coverage to campus news and for supplying subscribers with pictures and entertaining features. The students are now paying for a tabloid-size newspaper while they are receiving a newspaper twice that size. The "yes-votes" of the student subscribers mean the continuance of THEIR larger newspaper.

Partisan Editorials . . .

Two letters have been received to date in The Daily Nebraskan office concerning Union expansion. One was unsigned, and the other appears in today's issue. The letter speaks for itself to anyone who reads it. However, the unsigned letter contains an indirect question which we feel needs answering.

In effect, it accuses The Daily Nebraskan of being strongly one-sided in its view toward a Union addition. It suggests that both views on the proposal should be presented. We admit that our policy has been strongly one-sided. But a newspaper becomes weak if it does not express one view or the other on campus issues. And as for both views being presented, we have strongly urged that any student wishing to express himself may do so through the Rag's Letterip column.

The proposal of a new Union wing and a new building on Ag is one which is of interest to every student. And they should have an opportunity to express their opinions publicly if they desire. It is not too late for anyone to talk for, or against, the proposal in The Daily Nebraskan.

Another question which seems to be bothering students involves student enrollment. Some are asking why we need additional facilities when enrollment probably will drop in coming years.

It does not seem to us that the number of students makes a significant difference in patronization of a Union. Enrollment probably will not drop far below 6,000. But Union facilities are not meeting the needs of even 6,000 students.

Twenty-seven campus organizations have requested office space in the Union. These requests will never be granted unless office facilities are increased. The organizations will always be needing space no matter how many students there are in the University.

But this is only one phase of Union activity. Recreation in the Union is limited also. What else does it offer other than a few ping pong tables, cards and a music room for five, six or seven thousand students. If a wider variety of activities were offered, a large number of students would be interested, and the Union would become a cen-

Letterip

To The Editor:

We are aware that the typical University student is haggard, study-worn and over-worked. We realize as well, that diversion, (i. e. recreation) is a subject sadly neglected. Lacking nobility, the student has little access to the bright lights and pool tables of Lincoln proper. For these reasons we feel it is imperative that every student of the University vote a positive ticket in the coming ballot dealing with the proposed addition to the Union.

We have had the misfortune to see Iowa State's Student Union. Comparing it with our own, it is like comparing a second rate out-house with Love Memorial library.

We feel that the addition is a requisite to our prestige. However, we have one suggestion. We feel that we are not spending enough on the addition. A mere \$600,000 is chicken-feed. Why be pliers? Money should mean nothing when the recreation of the student is at stake.

Amid delapidated buildings, cracked sidewalks, et al., we must have our pool. The educative and intellectual qualities of pool are renowned. So, we say, "enlarge the damn thing!" Let our maxim be "A billiard cue for every student at Nebraska!"

Signed,
Bill Sherwood
Dave Ferguson

news and views

BY GEORGE WILCOX

National
WASHINGTON.—Louis F. Budenz testified Thursday that state department member, Owen Lattimore, was a member of a "communist cell" and was a party to a conspiracy to deliver China to the communists. He said that he did not know the far eastern expert as Russia's "top agent" here.

After the lengthy accusations at a senate hearing a hearing Budenz, a former communist who renounced the party, said he was not saying that Lattimore is a communist. Upon questioning by the counsel for a senate foreign relations subcommittee, Budenz admitted that he had never seen Lattimore at a meeting but was just relying on the reports of high communist officials.

WASHINGTON.—Rep. Walsh (D., Ind.) said Thursday he will ask congress to block the sharp cuts in postal service ordered by Postmaster General Donaldson. He told the house he will introduce a resolution Friday not only to halt the service reductions but to provide for "a sweeping investigation of the entire postal system."

WASHINGTON.—Pres. Truman Thursday signed the multi-billion dollar housing bill. The measure provides incentives for home building by families of low and moderate incomes but lacks the controversial co-operative plan which he proposed.

CONCORD, N. H.—The New Hampshire board of registration in medicine Wednesday revoked the medical license of Dr. Herman N. Sander and found that "his moral character . . . is such as to require revocation of his license under the law." The board announced that "no application for reinstatement by Dr. Sander



Wilcox

NU Bulletin Board

WAA Rifle club meeting today. There will be no meetings on Wednesday for the remainder of the season.

Tassel Tea at Theta house Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All rushees are to attend.

Wesley Foundation—friendly picnic will be held following the boys' softball game.

All Union Workers! Please report to the Union ballroom at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Roll will be taken. No excused absences.

Vivaldi Records Given to Union

A recent contribution to the Union Music Room has been a record album of Vivaldi's "Concerto Grosso in D Minor," played by the Boston Symphony orchestra.

This gift was presented for student listening by Jerod Storz, graduate student at the University.

The composer of "Concerto Grosso in D Minor," Antoni Vivaldi, is known in the music world as a contemporary of Johann Bach. Known for his concerti grossi and violin concerti, the 18th century musician composed a set of 12 concerti grossi. The 11th is presented in the record album.

L'Estro Armonico, which the concertos are called, is translated as Harmonious Rapture.

will be entertained prior to June 19, 1950.

The state charged the 41-year-old physician with killing Mrs. Borroto by four injections of air into her veins.

State
LINCOLN.—Indications at mid-afternoon Thursday were that first degree murder charges would be filed against Clarence Trvz, about 42, of Wilbur in connection with the slaying of a couple in a Wilbur tavern Wednesday night. Trvz, questioned for an hour and a half at the state penitentiary earlier in the afternoon, continued to deny he had shot to death Ivan McElroy, 50, and the latter's wife in the Fox Hole tavern.

Farber's Folly by ajon

Much as we hate to admit it, romance can certainly influence the actions of everyone including instructors and other members of the faculty. This can be illustrated by the current correspondence from E. P. Burnett to one of the girls at the Kappa house. Maybe we're rather naive and not in the know, but we can't comprehend the significance of sending a cooked fish head as a token of one's esteem.



Farber.

We've heard of rabbits, turtles and other things being sent but this is something new and at least different. The only possible and plausible use for a fish head is a meal for a feline, and we certainly know that there are no cats in the Kappa house. The newest item of play equipment that have appeared on campus. Fifty-two plastic cards, each adorned with a different gal in a different pose and shockingly in the nude. The jokers are there, too. It's so confusing playing with them, that gin players break up runs, Canasta maniacs throw away melds and bridge enthusiasts lead singletons on a no-trump bid merely to keep the players' favorite pictures in his hand. This in itself is not so bad, but the situation is rendered more confusing by the fact that the pictures are so large that you have to look hard to see which card to play.

Somebody is going to make a fortune selling the things, but what an odd way to enjoy the opposite sex. Well, anyway it's an opportunity for some semi-jollies for the frustrated few. See Arnie Stern at the ZBT house to place your order.

Last week a large contingent of college brains added three greek letters to their titles. P.B.K. has named the people who will join its honored ranks. Some of the students who were named already have a host of titles, and the addition of a new one makes the whole thing sound like a play on the greek alphabet. Just as an example, one person has the following: B.S. M.S. L.L.D. Ph.D. P.B.K. R.A.G.G. M.O.F.P. Not too bad.

A few years ago there was an organization on campus that was a power to be reckoned. Faction was its name. In the months that have expired between then and now, this organization has slipped into the realm of non-existence or at least assumed the guise of an innocent bystander who does nothing, sees nothing and says nothing. Re-organizing and coming into the open as the University party, this organization has been content with seeing absolutely nothing accomplish as to the new political situation on campus. There was a time

when we used to hear a peep or two out of the student organ which is, at the present time, mistakenly called the Student Council.

We seriously doubt at this time: whether or not the Council is capable of assembling a quorum to discuss any business other than certain groups submitting their constitutions for approval. We think the cause is not in the name of the organization, but in the members of that group who are content to sit back with important sounding titles and blink at each other. Since the council was re-organized last year, nothing has been done or at least the campus isn't aware of what is going on.

Perhaps this was the administration's hidden purpose in disbarring the old council in favor of the new one. The old argument that the Greeks dominated campus politics was certainly enough, but what has happened to campus politics since the Greek power has been diluted? The administration was anxious to see that all students (independents) were represented in the governing body. In principle, there is nothing wrong with that. But let's look at the actual situation here at Nebraska.

The organization that represents the 5,000 independent students is the I.S.A. and we are wondering just how important that organization is since it could muster only a little more than 200 votes out of the entire independent population at their recent election. It is quite evident that the independents don't give a hoot. So why not let the people who are earnestly interested in a good student government do something about it?

If the administration tried to prove something by changing the Council and forcing the faction into the open, we think they realize now, as does the campus, that the resulting failure to accomplish the desired ends has been something short of miserable. The competition that used to prevail was a wonderful and interesting thing, but even that has been forced out of existence by the dominant and overpowering ax. We think God Himself knows what a lousy situation prevails here at Nebraska. He must, because it reeks to high heaven. Finding the solution is going

to be quite a problem, but there is, we think, a solution which might pull this institution out of the hole and put it in the political black again.

There is at this time, an organization on campus which has done more to promote harmony among the Greeks than any other group. In doing this it has succeeded in bringing the affiliated men together in strong social, political and brotherly bonds which far outweigh the criticisms brought against this sub-rosa organization. Most of the adverse commentaries referring to this group is far-fetched and not much consideration has been given to the merits of the organization. It is too bad that more people don't realize that there is good, which, if you look at it properly, outshines the "pranks."

In this group lies the answer to the future of politics at Nebraska. Politics in itself are not as bad as some seem to think. They promote honest competition and bring, in most cases, the best people into office. They teach what is ahead in the political world and in most cases how to cope with future political problems. If that is bad, then look out or we'll find ourselves being led around like sheep, not only in this dream world of school, but also in the drag ahead. A little thinking about it wouldn't do anyone any harm.

We have been advised that a bulletin was sent from the Dean of Women to the sororities and organized houses stating that University women are not allowed to participate in picnics. If it is true then we're in sad shape. Come to think of it we haven't seen any coeds on any picnics this year. We are sure that the girls will abide with this alleged ruling and abstain from picnics etc. at all times. Maybe the Lincoln girls will come into their own.

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