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Last Year It Was Suppression NOW IT'S PREJUDICE

This paper has been charged, evidently in all seriousness, with "violating the essentials of journalism" by printing an alleged biased account of the Sigma Alpha Mu-Farm House interfraternity basketball game last Thursday evening.

As long as "pleasing the readers" is not the primary principle upon which the news and editorial staffs of The Daily Nebraskan function, a terse answer to J. M. F.'s letter, which appears in the Soap Box today, can be made without regard to the insinuations which may be cast at the interfraternity basketball teams around which the argument centers.

According to the accusation, this paper is "following a malicious campaign of prejudice". Perhaps it is also trying to please its readers with fairy stories about basketball games, making interesting reading for those who like fiction mixed in with their news to take away the drabness.

Your argument, Mr. J. M. F., attempts to make a mountain out of a molehill. Do you seriously believe that what you contend at the end of your letter applies to this case?

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When a Nebraskan reporter used the words "terrific drubbing" (the score was 12 to 1) to characterize the Sigma Alpha Mu team's defeat, it was not a grave enough question to call for the outburst you mailed us. That might be overlooked. But consider the facts. The reporter has been questioned. He firmly asserts his intentions to "cover" the game were honorable and unbiased. We believe him. He also ventured the information that Farm House played the first quarter with only four men on the team, yet their opponents could not score. Sigma Alpha Mu's only point was made on a foul, so from all indications and information from those who attended, the game was not an even one. Perhaps it would please the Sigma Alpha Mu's more to call it a "trimming". As for being prejudiced, your own conception of the game (being a member of the defeated team's fraternity) might be even more biased than that of the Nebraskan reporter.

In the future, Mr. J. M. F., when you make such glaring charges against this paper, why not back them up with subjects which deserve serious consideration. Your free use of such phrases as "essentials of journalism" and that gem about the taxpayers really needs a serious background; but when applied to two words of a sport writer's description of an evident defeat, the contrast only deserves space in the Awgwan.

THE "CAMPAIGN OF CULTURE"

The University of Nebraska may point proudly at an acknowledged power in the field of athletics, but now it will have to divide its pride to include a praiseworthy and highly commendable addition. For want of a better term, the name "Campaign of Culture" might be applied to the situation now existing on the Nebraska campus—an increasing cultural appreciation by the student body. Bess Streeter Aldrich, notable Nebraska authoress, is the latest entrant in the field. Thursday noon she will address a group of University women interested in journalism.

Mrs. Aldrich has made a name for herself in writing, and her accomplishments have brought fame to herself and her state. She will doubtless have a message of deep interest for the young women who have been fortunate enough to secure her to speak on the field of work in which they are interested, and in which she has earned prominence and experience.

Getting down to cold facts quite removed from the rosy view of culture and brain-development, the number of tickets already sold for the event is large enough to indicate an unusually great interest in Mrs. Aldrich and what she will have to say. The affair, measured in the volume of tickets sold, looks like another point in favor of the University students, who are continuing to show people that they demand and appreciate prowess of the mind as well as of the body. John McCormack and Sousa gave the campaign a head start in the University. Bess Streeter Aldrich is continuing the work.

It is the consistent support of such events and speakers that is the most convincing sign of the trend of students in their thought and work. The University is fortunate in having a student group who are actively demonstrating that their minds are undergoing a thorough course of development, along with their muscles and their lungs.

ON EVERY TONGUE

Every so often an idea, due to its rather abrupt departure from accepted standards, gains sufficient impetus to carry it across the continent. At present, companionate marriage is well to the fore. Throughout the country, newspapers are giving quantities of space in their editorial columns to the discussion of this subject. Tomorrow, Dr. Hattie Plumm Williams of the department of sociology will give a radio speech on the same.

Students at Nebraska are buzzing about companionate marriage even though they have only a hazy conception of its benefits. This paper fails to see the necessity for so wide spread a discussion of the subject here in the University (though we readily admit our proper business in the group who do not understand); never-

theless if such an attitude continues and the Soap Box letters asking about the subject continue to roll in, we will get together the principles of companionate marriage and present them in an early issue.

An editorial clipped from the Omaha World-Herald treating the subject rather cleverly in a semi-humorous vein appears below.

In Other Columns

COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE

(Not an expression of editorial opinion but a somewhat fanciful adventure into the realm of possibilities.)

Minister—Now, Juliet—you, too, Romeo—all us folks are gathered here for the purpose of uniting you two young folks in marriage. On second thought, perhaps unite is a bit too strong. Too binding. None of us want you young folks to get yourselves into a tangle you couldn't get out of—that is, if you ever should want to get out. I don't think you will. I think you are going to be real fond of each other. Juliet is a charming girl and with no early crop of babies coming on to detract from her beauty I see no reason why Romeo shouldn't cherish her and cling to her and all that sort of thing. Of course that is only formula. Naturally, it will be up to Juliet to see that her loveliness does not fade. That's her problem. Now, Romeo, do you promise to take Juliet as your wedded wife and to cherish her and love her and live with her as long as you DO love her?

Romeo—I can't see anything dangerous in promising to love her as long as I DO love her. I'll tell you what I'll do, parson. I'll meet you half way. I'm a cautious man and I don't want to get into any domestic entanglements from which, as you so appropriately suggest, I might find it embarrassing or even impossible to extricate myself at a later date. I'll agree to what you say if you'll amend Article X to read—

Minister—We will do better than that, my boy. Anybody as willing as you are deserves every consideration. We will eliminate Article X entirely.

Romeo—Then I agree—with reservations. Minister—Oh, certainly! Reservations are understood. And, Juliet, do you agree to take Romeo as your husband and to be a companion to the boy? He really needs you, Juliet.

Juliet—I agree—tentatively. Romeo—That's all we're asking. Minister—Now, my children, you are man and wife—

Romeo—With reservations. Juliet—Tentatively, I said. Minister—Of course, of course! And I do hope that after 15 or 20 years—after, that is, you are certain, at least reasonably certain, that you are going to like each other—I hope a little one will come to bless your happy union.

Romeo—I won't sign anything about any little ones at this time. Juliet—Who asked you to? Minister—Don't worry, Romeo. You will have 15 or 20 years to decide about the little ones.

Romeo—Make it 25. Juliet (horrified and drawing back)—Twenty-five little ones? Romeo—Twenty-five years, silly. Juliet—Oh! Minister—Amen.

(Rice, shoes, treatises on eugenics, pictures of Judge Lindsey, etc.)



Daily Nebraskan readers are cordially invited to contribute articles to this column. This paper, however, assumes no responsibility for the sentiment expressed herein, and reserves the right to exclude any libelous or undesirable matter. A limit of six hundred words has been placed on all contributions.

December 5, 1927.

To the Editor, Daily Nebraskan, Kind Sir:

I wonder if your reporters who have been covering the interfraternity basketball tournament know the first essentials of journalism. They do not seem to know that a newspaper should, above all, be an impartial witness; giving the facts without any coloring by them, especially without bias or predilection. Friday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan carried a story which flagrantly violated this rule. In a story dealing with one of the basketball games played Thursday evening, the Daily Nebraskan recited the fact that the Sigma Alpha Mu quintet met a "terrific drubbing" at the hands of the Farmhouse team. Being a witness of the contest, I believe these qualifying words entirely uncalculated for. It is true that the score was Farmhouse 12; Sigma Alpha Mu 1. But the game was much more close than the score would indicate. In my opinion the S. A. M.'s outplayed the Farmhouse boys most of the game. That they had more trouble in locating the hoop, while having many more attempts to score than the Farmhouse five, is not shown by the score, nor in the article containing the writeup. It is true that only when the ball slips through the hoop can the score keeper add to the score, but a contest which displayed such even floor play and opportunities to score by both teams cannot be called a "terrific drubbing." If it can, why was not the Kappa Psi victory over the Phi Alpha Delta by a 14 to 2 score called a "terrific drubbing?" The defeat of the Delta Sigma Delta by the Beta Theta Pi by a 22 to 2 score was not a "terrific drubbing" either. The margin of victory in both of these contests was much more decisive than was that of the Farmhouse over the Sigma Alpha Mu. The above fact would not have rankled so much had not the Daily Nebraskan assisted the Phi Kappa in doubling their score over the same victim. Either through the negligence of a reporter or his wilful misconduct the 25 to 4 score of the night before was turned into a 45 to 4 score by this organ. I excused that as a typographical error when it was first brought to my attention. But coming in connection with the above gross exaggeration it appears to me that either your reporters are incompetent, or that they are following a malicious campaign of prejudice. If you can draw any other inference from the above facts I would like to know what it is.

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J. M. F.

Notices

Wednesday, December 7

W. A. A. General Meeting
The W. A. A. will have a general meeting Wednesday evening, December 7, at 7 o'clock in S. 101 Women's Gymnasium.

Gamma Lambda
Important meeting and dinner of Alpha chapter of Gamma Lambda, Grand Hotel, 8 p. m. Wednesday. All members should be there.

Green Goblines
The Green Goblines will hold a meeting at the Delta Chi house at 7:15 o'clock.

Phi Tau Theta
Methodist men's religious fraternity will hold its regular open meeting Wednesday evening at Wesley Foundation parlors, 1417 R Street 7:30 o'clock. Chief of Police Johnstone is the speaker. His subject is "Fingerprints." You and your friends are invited.

Silver Serpents
Silver Serpents will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock on Wednesday at Ellen Smith Hall.

Xi Delta
Xi Delta will hold a very important meeting at 7 o'clock on Wednesday at Ellen Smith Hall.

Thursday, December 8

Math Club
A meeting of the Math club will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 o'clock in Faculty Hall, room 202, Temple. A talk will be given on "A Machine Solving Nth Degree Equations" by Merrill Flood. There will also be initiation at this meeting.

Friday, December 9

Prairie Schooner
The Wordsmith chapter of Sigma Upsilon will meet at 3 o'clock Friday in the office of Prof. L. C. Wimberly, in the Law Building.

Calendar

Friday—December 9
University Players.
Cornhusker banquet for men.
Cornhusker Costume Party for women, Armory.

Phi Omega Pi, Formal, Scottish Rite.
Chi Omega House Dance.
Kappa Psi House Dance.
Theta Chi House Dance.

Saturday—December 10
University Players.
Acacia Formal Dinner Dance, University Club.
Sigma Nu Formal Dinner, Chapter House.

Delta Zeta Formal, Lincoln.
Kappa Rho Sigma Formal, Lincoln.
Alpha Gamma Rho, Farmer's Ball, Elk Club.

Alpha Sigma Phi Freshman House Party.
Alpha Xi Delta, Freshman House Party.
Beta Theta Pi, House Dance.
Delta Chi House Dance.
Farm House House Dance.
Kappa Sigma House Dance.
Sigma Kappa House Dance.

DIRECTOR HAS LEAD IN PLAY

(Continued from Page 1) centers about the loves of two men for one woman, Candida Morell. She is the wife of an English clergyman, the Rev. James Morell, who is naturally in love with her. The other man is the young poet, Marchbanks, who is befriended by the Rev. Morell. The action is laid in 1890, and the production will be put on in the costumes of that period.

As a prologue to the main play, a short Christmas play, "Why Thimble Rang," by Elizabeth Appothorp McFadden, will be presented in answer to numerous requests for a repeat performance, the play having been first presented three years ago. It is typical of the Christmas season, so is an appropriate addition to the main performance, "Candida."

Season tickets will admit to the play. There will be evening performances, starting at 8:20 o'clock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, with a student matinee Friday afternoon, and an additional matinee Saturday, starting at 3 o'clock. Tickets for all performances may be purchased at the Temple box office, or at the Ross P. Curtice company.

Financial difficulties recently snowed under "The Webfoot," humor magazine of the University of Oregon.



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POLO TOURNEY ENDS TONIGHT

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Those who will swim in the dash are: Joe Spangler, Gregg Waldo, Bud McBride, Bob Davenport, Frank Mockler, Bill Ungles, Ed Cahaw and Wesley Mays.

Final Between Halves

The swimming dash will be divided into three heats. The preliminary heats will be held as the beginning of the evening's program, and the finals will be fought between halves of the Beta-Lambda Chi game.

This evening's contest brings to a close Nebraska's first water polo tournament, which has lasted over a period of more than three weeks, and in which a score of teams were entered. Beta Theta Pi and Lambda Chi Alpha have battled through the preliminary rounds, with easy victories over their former opponents. Indications seem to be that they are closely matched and tonight's battle promises to be a stiff one.

The following officials will have charge of the game: Referee, Rudolph Vogeler. Scorers, F. Mockler and L. Thomas. Timer, Saults.

The lineups as announced by the respective captains:

Table with 2 columns: Beta Theta Pi and Lambda Chi Alpha. Lists players and substitutes for both teams.

FOSTER WILL TALK AT FORUM MEETING

(Continued from Page 1) Foster lectures on religious topics but makes them of more interest by inserting a knowledge of science.

The luncheon will begin at 12 o'clock and end at 12:50 o'clock. It is open to all who are interested. Tickets can be bought at the Temple, Social Science Hall, or at the Grand Hotel.

Students working their way through school are given their textbooks free of charge by Stanford University.

The Wisconsin University extension division is offering a training course for policemen this semester.

Over the Tea Cups

By Yora
Paris, Dec. 6.—"Um-m-m, that's bad," muttered Lucien Lelong as he reached to recover the handkerchief I had dropped.

It was my second interview at the Paris establishment of the well-known dressmaker and perfumer. Every time I entered the artistic ground floor salon devoted to the display of perfumes and beauty preparations a dozen questions pertinent to their use demanded an immediate answer.

But here I had clumsily dropped my handkerchief and.....What had

M. Lelong said? I looked at the offending handkerchief. It was a respectable white linen square bordered in blue (a purchase made last spring with my text book rebate at the university cooperative store.)

"What's bad about it?" I questioned. "It's perfumed," replied the famous monitor of Paris fashion.

"Of course, and with Lelong 'B'," I rejoined proudly. "A total waste," asserted M. Lelong. "Don't you know there are reasons why you should never perfume your handkerchief?"

He must have noticed my amazement; for he continued without waiting for a reply. "First of all a perfume never exhales its proper odor until twenty-four hours after it has been sprayed. By that time your handkerchief has been discarded, and the true essence of the perfume lost. Furthermore, the laundry soap used to wash your handkerchief kills the delicate scent of the perfume, and it is restored to your bureau drawer, clean but unperfumed."

I thought of the sentiment attached by my mother's generation to a party "hankie" of lace and its accompanying odor of violet....a sentiment now banished by this practical modern perfume philosopher. My father still kept such an intimate memento, now frail with age, tucked away in his black ebony curio chest.

"But where does perfume belong if not on a handkerchief?" I questioned. "You will find that most women use it in spots....a dab just before going out for the evening, a drop on their hair, a touch behind the ears.... but that only proves that they are amateurs and have not learned how to apply it," explained M. Lelong.

"Instead, lingerie should be generously sprayed with the perfume. The odor of a good essence will last for several days and improve by its contact with fine silk. Never apply it to any frock except one made of woolen material. In that case use a generous quantity of the fragrance."

"And what about furs? Should they be perfumed?" I inquired, eager for more secrets hitherto reserved for the fashionable Parisienne.

"Yes, certainly," answered M. Lelong. "The nature of fur helps to

strengthen and improve a fine perfume. The fragrance, in return, removes the unpleasant animal odor of the pelt."

"Any other rules that you think might interest college women, M. Lelong?"

"Just tell them this....to find one perfume they like and stick to it. You may also remind them that perfume should always be sprayed with an atomizer to insure its even distribution."

I thrust the guilty handkerchief which had been the cause of my perfume lesson into the bottom of my deep coat pocket, determined that it should never again be honored with a whiff of my favorite fragrance.



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