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### BUT —

'Killing two birds with one stone' will have to be changed to 'killing four or five birds with a single stone' if the present measure before the state legislature, H. R. 554, passes both houses and receives the signature of Governor Weaver.

The bill calls for the construction of a joint heating and lighting plant to serve the University of Nebraska buildings and the new state capitol building, the estimated cost of which is placed at \$525,000. Proposed amendment to the original bill stipulates that the University shall pay three fifths of the cost of the plant out of funds appropriated by the legislature, while the state would stand the remaining expense out of the capitol levy.

As the situation now stands before the capitol commission and the University, there is an absolute necessity for the construction of a new heating plant to supply the new capitol building being erected, and on the other hand the present University heating unit which has been over-burdened for many years, is in dire need of replacement. Construction of new buildings on the campus has taxed the heating plant almost beyond comprehension of engineering statistics. Upon this double need for heating plants, then, taxpayers could see the first two birds killed by the single stone—legislative action to construct the joint lighting and heating plant.

R. L. Cochran, secretary of the state department of public works, has estimated that the saving by a joint plant would amount to \$125,000 on the initial investments. The savings made each year would rapidly pile up to approach this initial economy.

A new heating plant serving the University and the state house would serve as a practical laboratory for hundreds of students registered in the College of Engineering. A modern plant, large enough to accommodate engineering students, could be turned into University classroom equipment—without extra expenditure on the part of the taxpayers of the state.

Sufficient electricity could be generated to supply both the downtown and the College of Agriculture campuses, as well as the capitol building. The state-owned plant would be the source of much statistical material that could be sent into the municipally owned power plants over the state, information which would be beneficial to the smaller towns over the state in conducting their light and power plants. There would be no danger of any so-called power trust propaganda coming from such a plant.

And so there are many birds, but—  
 Three fifths of the cost of the joint power plant would cost the University \$315,000 out of the general maintenance fund. Governor Weaver's recommended increase of 10 per cent for maintenance of the University amounts to approximately \$362,000. Fifty thousand of the \$80,000 recommended for building purposes is specified for dormitories. Subtract \$310,000 from the funds for the University's part in the joint plant, and see what's left!

Where is the increase in professorial salaries coming from, if the funds are consumed in the construction of a much-needed heating plant? Where are funds coming from for the general running expenses of the University? Circumstances have so placed the University in the position to demand increased funds that it is difficult to see where to draw the line.

The legislature must see the necessity for a heating plant, the saving that can be made by the construction of a joint plant, and at the same time they must see the need for elevating the salaries of faculty members. And lastly, they cannot forget the dormitories.

It is an optimist who supplements the endorsement on an examination paper with the name of his fraternity or sorority.

### WELL DONE

With no stock company in Lincoln, no professional "home of the spoken drama," the gap in local amusements is well filled by the University Players.

This, of course, is no news for the Players have been producing high class dramas all year. However, "Emperor Jones" surpasses most of the others in setting and atmosphere, if not in quality of acting.

The scenes by Dwight Kirsch are most striking and realistic. The steady beat of the tom-tom throughout the play places one on the proper mental plane to appreciate the psychological changes which the Emperor, Zolley Lerner, undergoes. Zolley Lerner handles his role in a very effective manner.

Lerner's part is the play, for only ghosts and visions appear to support—or perhaps to frighten him—in five of the seven scenes of this lengthy one-act play. Because of this, it is readily seen that his part is an exceedingly difficult one, but Lerner is excellent. He deserves hearty congratulations, with every other actor.

Janitors waited for the first cool day, yesterday, to have the classroom chairs out in front of Social Sciences. Big men on the campus and admiring crowds had taken to the indoors in sufficient numbers to leave room for the equipment.

### OH, OH!

Duck your head, brother, here comes a brick your way!

Bricks, turnips, carrots, onions and stones were the missiles of appreciation of a mob of 5,000 University of Michigan students celebrating a recent victory of their basketball team over Wisconsin. Damage done to the front of the Michigan theater in Ann Arbor, broken windows, and ruined electric signs, is estimated at \$1,500. Dr. Clarence Cook Little poured the oil on the troubled water himself, taking five students that police had captured to his home.

The exuberant mob of students were clamoring for a free show after the victory over Wisconsin.

And colleges and universities all over the land have set upon the most recent episode of campus riots as another black eye that must be made to look as well as possible. Apologies galore have been given at Michigan, but they have been like all apologies.

There is a time for celebration and an outburst of enthusiasm over athletic victories. There is even cause for demonstration after a victory. Lincoln has seen eruptions of student spirit almost every year. Cornhusker students have never taken to heaving bricks through plate glass windows, assailing police with garden stuff, and ripping down electric signs, and they seem to have extracted the utmost benefit from their capers. When the president of a great university is called to quell a mob, it must have had something of cyclonic proportions.

Students can find a vent for enthusiasm over athletic victories without resorting to orange-outing tactics, and at the same time there is no need for a Sing Sing atmosphere about a college town after a big game has been won.

College is a great place for training the young man and woman. They even learn to catch a few winks of sleep now and then, in classes.

### STATIC

The thought comes that radio sets and minds are very much alike. A well trained mind is very much like a fine radio receiver. One of the most important and desirable qualities in the latter instrument is "selectivity." That is, it can be so sharply tuned that only one broadcasting station can be heard at a time. If several stations are transmitting on the air, every receiver will pick up all of them, with the result that one may find himself trying to listen at the same time to a symphony orchestra, a jazz band, a speech, and a vocal solo.

Some minds are like these "broad tuned" radio sets. They lack selectivity. They are receptive to all sorts of impressions, good and bad. Such people are said to be easily upset. They are not selective in choosing their companions or making friends—most anyone will do. They are not selective in the work they follow, often changing occupations on a mere whim. To such minds the world seems full of buzzing confusion—static; they do not know exactly everything available.

The selective mind is purposeful. It has a definite aim, a precise goal in sight. It quickly appraises the worth of persons and things presented to it, and rejects all that will not serve its purposes. It reads only what is useful and good. It associates only with minds that are vibrating at the same pitch, traveling along the same path. It knows its work and sticks to it. In short, the selective mind concentrates, just as a fine radio receiver does, on a single, clearly defined objective to the exclusion of all disturbing, rambling, useless thoughts.

Reports have it that one fraternity had a thousand rush cards printed before the basketball tournament started.

Then just about the time everyone gets to yelling about spring being here, the car radiator freezes up some nice evening.

Some assigned reference readings are so dry that the moisture of the breath is all that keeps them from blowing away.

### ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

There is at least one woman student of the University who will be glad when the present ice wave subsides. She has been holding the boy friend from falling on the slick spots for about two weeks now.

—Daily Kansan

### YOU'N SERVES YOUTH

Even the most genial faculty man, whose undergraduate days are not so many years in the past, cannot sympathize with the problems of the college student as can a man fresh from the ranks. The University of Wisconsin, progressive institution is trying out the novel plan of putting five first-year graduates, not over twenty-five years old, in charge of advising freshmen enrolled in arts and letters.

The advisers, selected for activities, scholarship and personality, have been given certain of the powers of a dean of men and allowed to work out their own ideas.

More than a little interest in the Wisconsin experiment is being manifested on other camps, it seems. The general impression is that it's a rattling fine idea.

—Univ. of Wash. Daily

### THE CO-ED DOES HER STUDYING

Several members of the National Association of Deans of Women, in convention at Cleveland recently, spoke to the effect that girls go to college to study and not merely "for dates and to collect fraternity pins." The convention seemed to agree on this point, for it was a convention of women who are intimately associated with the college girl and know something of her trials.

It is those who do not know the facts of the case who look upon the young co-ed as a mere butterfly. Because long hours of poring over books is nothing to sound the alarm or write home about, the general public bears only of the glamor which surrounds the life of the college girl and sees primarily the gala life of week-ends or the persistent "jellying" which some students indulge in.

The story of a fire which broke out in a Columbia home recently at 3 o'clock in the morning, told of one of the household who was still up studying. A survey of the city between midnight and daybreak displaying the many lights sprinkled about would make one conclude that this is not an unusual case. A few lights, of course, would be flickering over "bull" session, but occasionally the midnight oil is burned over study sprints.

The girl who comes to the university to trifle her time away soon has the gate opened for her by university authorities, and she makes exit while she is still an underclasswoman. In spite of their many avocations, those who remain after the elimination process expend some good hard toil on lessons, even though it is concealed from the public gaze.

—Columbia Missourian

### A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

Mexico is at present time convulsed in a civil war of large proportions. After four years of quiet under President Calles, the various leaders of Mexico are once more fighting it out with force and arms. The trouble began with the unfortunate assassination of General Obregon, who was peacefully elected to the presidency, a few months ago, to succeed Calles. The government then chose Emilio Portes Gil as provisional president, but his appointment didn't seem to be agreeable to all the powers that be. The underlying causes of the present turmoil are not apparent, and there is little literature and much confusion about them. We can but suggest three possible sources of friction: The relation of the church to the state, the agrarian problem, and the question of personal rivalry among the leaders. Just how important each of these factors is we do not know at the present time. The religious question is probably the most troublesome in Mexico right now. The present government is strongly and relentlessly anti-Catholic.

There are some American complications in this revolution, however, in which we are very much interested. The department of state estimates the value of American property and interests in Mexico at two billion dollars. So far, there is no indication of any intention, on the part of either party, to harm these interests, but the American government is on the alert. Then, too, there is the necessity of patrolling the border, to prevent the recurrence of bloodshed on American soil, such as took place during the rampage of the bandit Villa. We now have 7,500 troops on the border.

Mr. Hoover's inaugural address, delivered last Monday, contained an enunciation of general first principles. The president urged American adherence to the World Court, as a step toward world peace, but pronounced the League of Nations, and all similar political entanglements, as being a dead issue, so far as the American people are concerned. With regard to the economic future of the country, he expressed himself as favoring government regulation of industry, rather than government ownership. He urged the need for a special session of congress to handle the tariff and farm relief questions. He laid the greatest emphasis upon the problem of law enforcement.

President Hoover pointed out that crime is increasing, and that, at the same time, "confidence in rigid and speedy justice is decreasing." To establish more effective enforcement of the law, the president made several proposals. He advocated a complete over-hauling of our judicial and law-enforcement machinery. He also indicated that he intends to appoint a national commission to conduct a searching investigation of the whole structure of our federal system of jurisprudence.

"At the president asserted, "a large responsibility rests directly upon our citizens. There would be little traffic in illegal liquor if only criminals patronized it. We must awake to the fact that this patronage from large numbers of law-abiding citizens is supplying the rewards and stimulating crime...."

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Our whole system of self-government will crumble, either if officials elect what laws they will enforce, or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law that it destroys respect for all law.... If citizens do not like a law, their duty as honest men and women is to discourage its violation; their right is openly to work for its repeal."

A frank, interesting, and well-written treatment of the practice of American politics is Frank R. Kent's "Political Behavior." (Morrow, 1928) Mr. Kent is another of that vigorous group of journalists and thinkers who is devoting a great deal of his time and effort to debunk certain features in American life. The book's suitable gives an indication of what it contains: "The Heretofore Unwritten Laws, As Practiced in the United States," "The Delusion of the Clever Political," "Party Regularity the First Essential," "The Jobs, the Machine, and the President," "The Ideal Organization Candidate," "The Art of Seeming to say something without saying so," "Corruption not really a Party Liability," "The Poison Squads," and "The Instability of Political Emitties." Mr. Kent also lays down a number of the most important political maxims, devoting a chapter to each. Some are: "There is no Nourishment in fighting the Machine," "Give them a Good Show," "Prosperity Absorbs all Criticism," "Give them Hukum," "When the Water Reaches the Upper Deck, Follow the Rats," "Never Handle a Hot Poker on the Front Porch," "It does not Pay to Buck the Interests," "You Can't win on a Shoestring," "The Floaters Hold the Real Power," "Live up to the Law and be Licked," "You must Play the Game with the Gang," and "Don't Worry about the Women."

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The following excerpt, taken from the concluding pages, gives the essence of Mr. Kent's argument and is characteristic of his candid style of writing. "Any candidate who, without propaganda, camouflage, sugar-coating and window-dressing, talked turkey to his constituents, would offend so many prejudiced persons that he could not be elected.... It is folly to attempt it. This seems, of course, a dreadful doctrine to lay down. It amounts to saying that the people as a whole are too dumb to know right from wrong, and any such thing as complete frankness with them is impossible. It amounts to saying that if a leader arose who, casting aside all camouflage, appealed to the people without pretense or reserve or concealment, but solely with the truth as he saw and felt it, they would not respond to him, but would react against him. There will naturally arise those to denounce such a notion as

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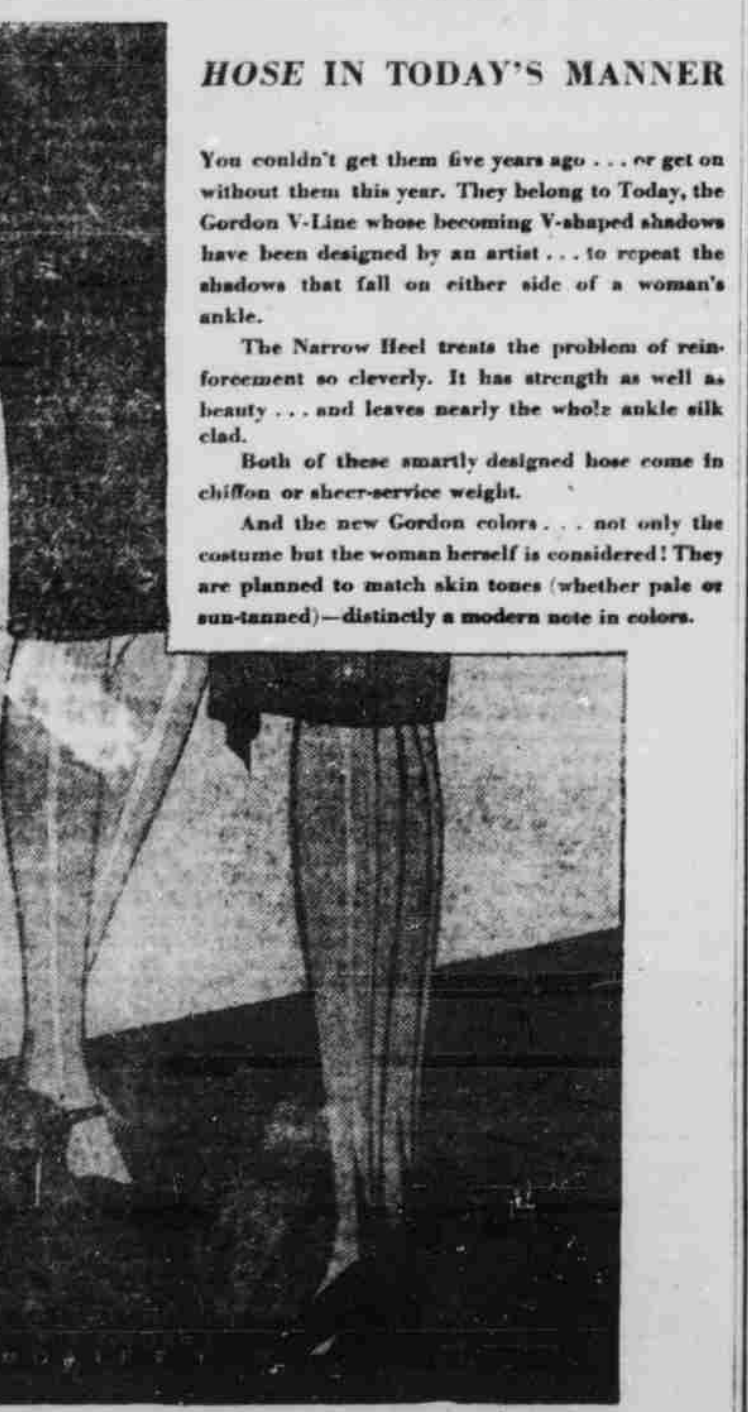
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sordid and shameful, unjustified and untrue. I am aware that many well-meaning and intelligent people will refuse to believe it, and I think perhaps that is a good thing. I further expect to be execrated by some for having such a "low opinion of the American people." I would, myself, like to believe the notion without foundation, and I am neither sour on the world nor a confirmed pessimist. But what is the use of refusing to face the facts? If you want to shut your eyes and believe that the right will prevail in politics because it is right, no one has any license to complain, but to do so is merely additional evidence on the insistence of the people on being fooled."

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