

THE DAILY NEBRASKAN

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

Entered as second class matter at the postoffice in Lincoln, Neb., under act of congress, March 3, 1879, and at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, act of Oct. 3, 1917, authorized Jan. 30, 1922.

Official Publication of the University of Nebraska and under the direction of the Student Publication Board.

Published every morning during the academic year with the exception of Saturdays, Mondays and during the various vacation periods of the school.

Editorial Office—University Hall 4, Station A. Business Office—University Hall 4A, Station A.

Office Hours—Editorial Staff: 3 to 6 p. m. daily except Friday and Sunday; business staff: 1 to 4 p. m. daily except Friday and Sunday.

CLIFF F. SANDAHL, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. J. M. PITZER, BUSINESS MANAGER

Editorial Staff

Associate editor: Joyce Ayres. Managing editors: Edgar Backus, Gene Robb. News editors: Donald Carlson, Robert Kelly, William McCleery, Eugene McKim, Elmont Waite. Sports editor: Jack Elliott. Contributing editors: Maurice Akin, Donald Carlson, Lucile Cypresen, David Fellman, Robert Kelly, William McCleery, Elmer Skov.

Business Staff

Assistant business managers: Leroy Jack, Charles Lawlor, Lester Lohmeyer.

High (Priced) Society.

Dazzling shirtfronts and brilliant formal gowns came to the foreground of university society Friday night with the twenty-first annual Military ball. More than 1,000 gay couples attended the opening formal of the season.

According to The Daily Nebraskan stories which preceded the ball, it was to have been one of the most lavishly decorated parties in the tritidom of Cornhusker history. Evidently there was a slight change in plans.

The beautiful canopy which was to have stretched from balcony to balcony, overhanging the coliseum floor like a multihued cloud, was absent. However, it was futuristically represented by a string of light bulbs at conservative intervals. Many of those attending the ball were sentimentally impressed by these bulbs for they are practically a tradition on the Nebraska campus, having been used for everything from now-extinct varsity parties to non-fraternity parties.

What if the paint does seem a trifle cracked in places? Those bulbs represent everything that is established and recognized in university society circles. They are substantial and good for many more seasons.

Brilliantly striped hangings that were alleged to have covered the orchestra stand also were absent from the ball. The strip of silver cloth was probably much more beautiful, however, and provided the customers with a little surprise. That is, if they believed the publicity stories.

Fresh flowers, according to advance notices, were to be used throughout the decorative motif. By the time the party started these flowers must have been plucked by young Loch-invars who felt the urge to send corsages, for the only evidence of vegetation was a system of artificial grape vines which twined apologetically, but nonetheless beautifully, around the coliseum.

What could have been more striking than the system of floodlights which were planned for the ball? But these floodlights might have illumined sunburned backs on some of the fair formally dressed coeds, so the lights, too were put in the class of never never arrivals.

All in all it was a stupendous occasion. Possibly some of the cadet officers and their sponsors were out of step in the grand march, but that simply illustrates the spirit of modern youth. Why be stereotype?

At three dollars per couple the proceeds from the Military ball should help materially in paying off debts contracted by the United States in the late war. In short, the Military ball was a huge success.

Bon Voyage, Captain!

When the University of Illinois meets its football foes next fall, Coach Bob Zuppke's team will be playing without a permanent captain. But before each game Coach Zuppke will name the team leader for that one contest. This decision was reached by members of the 1929 squad at the close of the past season, because, as they expressed it, the change will work for the best interests of the team.

That the captaincy of the football team does become a bone of contention among the players and fraternities they represent is an admitted fact. Who will say that the election of the team leader for the next year does not invite petty jealousies among the players; create more politics on the campus in general and among fraternities in particular; invite cliques and factions to take undesirable dealings which work against the welfare of the team?

Nebraska has experienced the results of such evils. A Cornhusker captain of several years ago, elected on an underhanded basis by a faction of players on the varsity, saw this honor taken away by the university officials. They gave the captaincy to another whom they thought entitled to it, but there still remains the question of whether the team's discipline did not suffer as a result.

Add to this the case of a fraternity "swinging" an election by having all of its members on the varsity who earn letters vote for one man. In an incident of this nature, the captain is not always the one player who is justly entitled to such honor. Then there are other ways fraternities can join hands to defeat the spirit for which the election of this honorary position was intended.

The team, the coach and the school suffer from these evils: The team, because of the low morale which a defeated candidate may stir up; the coach, because of the upset of discipline and poor playing which inevitably follows; and the school, because of knowledge of the lamentable—but remedial—state of affairs which will become widespread in the state.

To Nebraska, this Illinois example should be a lesson; it should teach the Cornhuskers to follow in the footsteps of the Illinois and carry out an idea which next fall will produce results, all the more amazing because they were brought out by the simple formula of abolition of the football captaincy.

New Summer School Plan.

The University of Nebraska summer school for 1930 is to be operated on a combination plan of six and nine week courses, according to Prof. R. D. Moritz, director. The new scheme affords opportunities to three types of summer students: Those seeking a higher degree; those shortening their college courses; and the elementary school teachers who are required to take six hours of college credits every three years to retain their certificates. Heretofore, these three classes have not all been served satisfactorily nor impartially.

It is a gratifying improvement in the university summer school, both in the system of operation and the spirit of co-operation, that is evinced by the university authorities. When an honest effort is made by a state institution to serve the greatest number of the citizens of the state, in the most efficient manner, the action is to be heartily endorsed.

Announcement has been made of the coming selection of the 1930 football captain. Which is just a different way of declaring another contest between fraternity "pushers."

Freshmen who were inveigled into attending the Military ball were surprised to observe that it was just an ordinary affair.

In the light of recent happenings on this campus, one wonders whether the innocents are so innocent after all.

Echoes of the Campus.

Too Much!

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: The first party of the formal season, the Military ball, has again rolled around. All the persons present were anxiously awaiting the presentation of the honorary colonel. Many more were unable to attend because the cost was waiting, too. These forced outsiders wanted to attend, but the expenses of a ticket was more than they could afford.

Why should the admission to this party be in excess of most others given during the year? The parties given by the bar council this year have had the low admission price of thirty-five cents. Elaborate decorations have been had and the music has been excellent. Even with such a small price, a profit has been made on these parties. Everyone has been able to attend if they so desired.

Now the military ball appears and, as in past years, the admission is \$3. The decorations are no more elaborate than those of other parties and the music is furnished by a few incidentals is not heavy and yet the cost is more than six times as great.

It is true that the interfraternity ball and the junior-senior prom have about the same price, but the music has been furnished by out-of-town bands which increases the expense. In such a case, the added admission is expected and is not so greatly questioned.

Why can't the military ball be placed within the means of more students? Reduce the price to fit more pocketbooks and enable more students to enjoy the affair. Unless there is some great expense that is unknown to most of us, such a reduction is highly possible. The party would then be attended by more and would be a truly representative university function. F. A.

S-O-S—Y. W. C. A.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: A Y. W. C. A. drive was recently conducted on the Nebraska campus, the necessary goal being \$2,000. A minimum of about \$1,200 was to be raised before any contribution would be made through the city community chest. At the present time the total of campus donations falls short of the minimum by several hundred dollars. If this deficiency is not collected within the next few days, the drive will be a failure, with the probable outcome a compulsory abandonment of the organization.

Would the coeds mourn the loss of the Y. W. C. A., were it to be laid beside the graves of Mystic Fish, Vikings, Awgwan and other deceased extracurricular activities?

Hundreds of young women attend matinees throughout the week, hundreds spend their free hours caking, spending money for cokes, candy, etc. But when solicited for a trivial amount for the maintenance of a worthwhile organization they suddenly become hard up, and are unable to contribute a cent.

It has not been hard to raise vast sums of money to send the band with the team, to help Kosmet Klub, and many other organizations in distress. But Y. W. C. A., one of the most worthwhile organizations on our campus, is now in distress and no aid is in view.

If Y. W. C. A. is compelled to disorganize due to lack of support, financially and otherwise, it will be a poor recommendation for Nebraska women. Is there no way in which we can appeal to these young women and bring them to the realization of the seriousness of Y. W. C. A.'s present situation? D. W.

Some Weekly Reflections

Cheating the University.

Nothing seems to delight a surprisingly common type of student more than cheating the university. In a multitude of ways, he soars to the heights of human happiness when he has succeeded in putting one over on his school. He seems to condone a type of action, in his relations with his school, which he would be the first to condemn were it to arise in other forms of associate life.

This instinct to cheat has its larger counterpart in the attitude of many people to their government. Many otherwise honorable citizens will not hesitate to cheat the state, whether such dishonesty takes the form of a falsification of income tax returns, the realization of an exorbitant profit in a public contract or laziness and ineptitude while in the public employ.

Somehow or other, these people seem to think of their government or their school as something apart and distinct from themselves. The state and college are to them mechanical contrivances, to be tolerated as best one can, and to be taken advantage of whenever and however one can.

They seem to curiously dissociate themselves from the institutions which represent social organization. They are apparently oblivious of the elementary fact that a school is just what its component parts make it, and that a government's excellence is measured by the virtue of its individual citizens.

Such students cheat in various forms, which range from petty meannesses to grand larceny. Some will use their neighbor's notes in efforts to put one over on the instructor. Some will develop severe eyestrains during examination periods, to cheat the university. Many will spend more time and thought upon the development of ingenious crib sheets than would be necessary for an honorable mastery of the course. An unscrupulous few will go even further, and reap pecuniary gains in divers subtle ways, in the course of their collegiate careers.

Between the Lines.

By LASELLE GILMAN

Historical, Psychological, Analytical and Scientific Treatise on the Subject of Mother Goose; An All-Embracing Study of This Little Known Bit of Folk Lore.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner Eating his Christmas pie; He stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum.

As any good home ec. can tell you, it is not the custom now-a-days to give little boys large and rich plum pies, and so the flavor of the verse is lost on most of us. Let us, therefore, draw an analogy.

For the sake of clarity, let us consider Little Innocent Jack Horner. The Little Innocent doesn't generally sit in a corner. On the campus, he's right in the center of the room, dressed in red, white and blue. He's got his pie-dumpling and everything else—and he's eating it with great gusto. All the rest of the little boys and girls stand around and watch him with large and jealous eyes. He makes the most of it.

He sticks in his thumb and pulls out all the plums he can get. It isn't hard to get plums if you're a Little Innocent—Jack Horner. He regards these plums 'at are his for the taking and he says: "My gosh! What a good boy am I!" Everyone then nods their heads sagaciously and agreeably. Except a few who murmur: "What is he good for?"

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn. The Sheep's in the meadow, the Cow's in the corn; Where's the boy that tended the sheep? He's under the haycock, fast asleep.

To bring our treatise up to date, we have the incident of the Little Boy Blue who blew the rally horn too often, instead of too infrequently. The sheep, following their leader, broke loose and rushed into the meadow and the cows crashed around in the corn-field, doing a lot of damage.

But after all the damage was done, someone wanted to know where Little Boy Blue was. They asked questions, but Little Boy Blue—modern name unknown but suspected—went away quickly and feigned sleep. He hasn't been found under the haycock yet but probably will be soon. What will happen to the little boy that tended the sheep? Little Miss Muffet, she sat on a tuffet Eating her curds and whey; Along came a spider and sat down beside her And frightened Miss Muffet away.

In our campus case, sedate and demure Miss Universitas Nebraskanis was sitting on her tuffet one bright and sunny p. m. She was having a nice time of it, sitting there eating her perfectly proper curds and whey. Well, she knew that there was a spider named Awgwan somewhere in the offing, but he was a small and very well behaved spider and she thought nothing of him.

But the spider had been living, of late, on a diet of eastern university exchanges and he got pretty large and gruesome and he came over and sat down chummily beside our heroine. She suddenly became aware of him and was horrified. He smiled villainously at her and twirled his mustachios. Now here's the surprise, for in our case, she didn't run away scared half to death. She sits up in wrath and stomps on him.

Little Tommy Tucker sings for his supper What shall he eat? White bread and butter. How shall he eat it without any knife? Dr. Perrine of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., will address the student branch of A. I. E. E. on "The Application of the Photoelectric Cell to Communication," Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, in social sciences auditorium. This lecture, which is to be supplemented by demonstrations, is open to the public.

HEWITT WILL READ PAPER TO ACADEMY "A Study of Dakota Formations in Nebraska and Adjacent Areas," will be the subject of a paper to be presented at the holiday meeting of the American association for the advancement of science in Des Moines, by L. W. Hewitt of the geologist division of the conservation and survey division.

The Davis School Service For 13 Years Nebraska's Leading Teachers' Agency Established 1916 635-S Stuart Bldg., Lincoln, 5-6964 (Formerly 188 No. 12th St.)

Davis Coffee Shops Day and Night - 108 N. 18 Trading Campus - 1181 E. Fountain Service

Collegiate Gifts from Co-op Book Store University Crested Stationery Fraternity and Sorority Stationery Pennants Pillows—Leather and Felt Fountain Pen Sets (Name Engraved on Sets FREE) Leather Note Books with Uni Seal (Name Stamped in Gold on Note Book Purchased) Large Assortment of Xmas Cards Co-op Book Store 1229 E. East of Temple Bldg.

Boston Transcript Tells of Lost City Near O'Neill, Nebr.

It may be that there are university students living near the ruins of a lost city, according to a story in a recent issue of the Boston Evening Transcript received by the Nebraska Historical society.

According to the Boston paper "ruins of the second of three lost ancient Indian cities recently discovered near O'Neill, Neb., are two miles east and on the north bank of the Elkhorn river. The lost city is known to be about a quarter of a mile in length and about the same in width."

"Violent winds aided by the heavy waters caused erosion and has removed several feet of top soil from the corn fields on these ruins. Enormous amounts of rock material were found lying about in the open." It told of dense population and a long occupancy by the ancients. One unexpected phase of the discovery was the arrow heads of snow white agatized wood.

The historical society museum has a number of large cases filled with artifacts from this area. The above story comes from a citizen living near O'Neill. It is the opinion of a local archaeologist that the ancient people who occupied this "wonderful city" were of Irish extraction.

E. E. Blackman, curator of the State Historical society's museum, will make a trip to this locality in the near future to determine the true significance of the facts as stated in the Boston Transcript.

Worcester Will Talk To Wesleyan Faculty

Dr. D. A. Worcester will address the faculty of Wesleyan University Thursday, Dec. 12, on "Some Attempts to Solve the Problem of Freshman Failures." Dr. Worcester is professor of educational psychology.

NEBRASKANS TAKE PROMINENT PART IN CONSERVATION

At a recent annual meeting of the American Soil Survey association in Chicago, Frank A. Hayes was retained as committee chairman of technical soils studies and E. A. Nieschmidt was made a member of the committee on forest soils. Mr. Hayes made a re-

Homeland Clothes of Baltimore at \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00 Sport Combinations Planned and Camelfair at \$25.00 and \$30.00 Lou Hill Phone B9976 For Appointment

MacLennan CORNHUSKER NOVEL Smart Handbags from \$6.00 to \$20.00 Hand blocked scarfs \$3.50 to \$12.00 Costume Jewelry, genuine or simulated stones \$1.50 to \$30.00 Lacy dance handkerchiefs \$1.25 to \$2.50 Dainty lingerie and Hosiery Silk frocks and Knitted Sports dresses \$18.00 up

Need an Extra Hat for the Holidays? Every Magee's Hat 1/2 Price Except Spring Felts and Dobbs— What with Christmas coming—when you need to make an extra impression on the boy friend—better buy one of these hats. Magee's

port before the convention on the lime content of Nebraska soils. Both men are connected with the conservation and survey division of Nebraska. Prof. J. C. Russel of the agronomy department was on the committee dealing with chemical content of the soils.