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Again We Get Words, Not Action!

The university reiterated its longstanding policy of watchful waiting Saturday when the board of regents shelved consideration of the Student Union building until final notice of the grant is received from Washington.

On the face of the matter, belated arrival of the official papers is a sound excuse for postponing action. Actually, it is nothing more than an excuse which might prove a disastrous delay to construction.

Altho final papers were not on hand to be signed, the regents might have signified their good intentions by making plans for securing \$200,000—by far their most important task in the project.

The essence of the situation is that after considerable hemming and hawing and "Mr. Chairmans" and tabling, the board of regents is right back where it started from.

This isn't the time for words. This matter has been talked about and threshed over and argued over avidly for the past two years. Now is the time for action.

It is important that the board of regents make provision for the appointment of a Union board of directors at once. Plans for the building must be drawn up, and allocation of floor space will be a major problem.

Immediate action must be taken if the union building is not to be lost. The next step in this game is up to the board of regents.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Classroom Monopolies.

Certainly it is the prerogative of the professors of an educational institution to conduct their classroom discussions or lectures in the manner they consider the most efficient.

Interesting lectures are highly desirable as is interesting classroom response, but if an instructor does not have the knack of presenting an animating lecture, he should take stock of himself and devise a method of presenting his knowledge to students in the most interesting manner.

College students, on the whole, are serious minded young people who are in college for a

definite purpose. In the case of most mid-western universities, they attend either to prepare for a more extended education in some specialized field or to gain knowledge and background for a commercial purpose.

Disregarding any of the methods that professors employ in classrooms, a majority of the students will listen diligently and patiently. But in the interest of a harmonious relation between the student and the instructor, interesting classroom lectures or discussions will promote a spirit that will make the student pleasurable anticipate the time for a class rather than await the class hour with antipathy.

—Daily O'Collegian.

We Have a Good Language, Why Not Use It?

Dr. Frank M. Vixetley, the well known lexicographer, is quoted as saying recently that "out of a choice of a million words in the English language, editors have an average command of about 50,000 words."

Several years ago the editor of a college newspaper wrote an editorial which was awarded first prize in an intercollegiate contest by Arthur Brisbane, famous editor and columnist. This editorial, headed "The King's English," said:

"Except for the Bowery brogue, there is probably nothing that can compare with the undergraduate vernacular when it comes to setting a standard for English 'as she is spoke.'"

"There are several very remarkable things about the everyday speech of the average undergraduate. One is that it can run along with ease on a minimum number of words; and another is that it is quite expressive within the limited student circle and quite unintelligible elsewhere."

For these reasons the undergraduate tongue has limitations. Altho it may be entirely adequate upon most occasions, when put to the test it is often found wanting.

"It is unfortunate that in a university community very little attention is paid to the acquisition of a universally acceptable power of expression. Any one can develop a code of expletives with a little practice, and the unique phrases can be picked up within 24 hours after their inception."

"Fluency of speech is a distinct asset to any man, and the college man who graduates without having gained even an orderly method of expression has taken stock neither of himself nor of his opportunities. There is too great a tendency to say the easy thing, too little to say the accurate thing."

"We have a good language—why not use it?" That editorial, incidentally, was written by E. B. White, then editor in chief of the Cornell Sun. That was back in 1920.

We commend his editorial to the attention of the several thousand journalism students in colleges and universities who will be reading this issue of The Auxiliary. And lest other readers, such as the several thousand who are publishers of newspapers, think that it may not be particularly applicable to them, we suggest that they look again at Dr. Vixetley's statement about the extent of editors' vocabularies.

"We have a good language"—why not use more of the words in it? —The Publishers' Auxiliary.

NEWS PARADE

Another black cloud, which may develop into the "inevitable" Fascist-Communist storm, appears on the European horizon as the Russian government declares that it is going to bolt the pact calling for non-intervention of all major European powers in the civil war in Spain.

When the civil war started in Spain, Russia aided the communist government forces, while Germany and Italy aided the rebel fascists. European powers, sensing that this policy would result in a general conflict, agreed to a "hands-off" policy in Spain.

Italy and Germany have repeatedly violated this pact according to the Russians. The Russians allege that the Italians and Germans have been shipping arms and munitions to the rebels through Portugal.

Speculation was rife as to whether this was another Russian bluff to force England and France to take action or whether the Russians really intended to aid their belaguered comrades in Madrid.

Apparently, however, the Russians intend to take concrete action in aiding the Madrid government. Rumor had it that several Russian ships were already on their way to Spain with airplanes and other war supplies.

However, it appears likely that Russian aid will arrive too late to save Madrid from the Fascists. General Franco's forces are now within 10 miles of the Communist stronghold.

There are several possible outcomes to the present crisis. Very likely the Fascist forces in Spain will crush the Communists before the soviet comes to blows with Italy and Germany.

ANNUAL EXTENDS ORIGINAL OFFERS FOR 14 DRY DRIVE (Continued from Page 1.)

Students should make appointments with the photographer to have their pictures taken as soon as possible. He advised, however, that appointments be made rather than merely calling at the studio.

"Pictures are pouring in fast," Marsh declared. "I advise all students to call the studio when they are ready to have their pictures taken. We want to assure everyone of having an opportunity to be photographed, so have your pictures taken right away."

Under the new price schedule, books will sell for \$3.75 cash and for \$4.25 on the installment plan until Nov. 15. If bought by payments, the first installment is always one dollar.

KOSMET STARTS SALES CAMPAIGN FOR FALL REVUE (Continued from Page 1.)

No fraternity and sorority may combine to produce a skit this year, as such action was forbidden by the Dean of Women's office last year.

Typewriters For Sale or Rental Used machines on easy payments. The Royal portable typewriter, ideal machine for students.

Dr. Weaver Praised by English, American Ecologists for His Work On Correction for Soil Erosion

Dr. J. E. Weaver, professor of plant ecology at the university, is credited by internationally known scientists with "giving the basis for the much needed correctives" in the increasingly important problem of saving the soil from erosion by the use of a proper vegetative cover.

Barrington Moore, London, England, formerly editor of "Ecology," in speaking of Dr. Weaver's recent work said, "The widespread use in America of practices which have wrought such destructive erosion is readily understood when one sees conditions in England."

In his three publications covering the field the Nebraska ecologist was assisted by the following graduate students: G. W. Harmon, W. C. Noll, and Joseph Kramer. One bulletin emphasizes the consistent decreases in the amounts of underground plant materials found in a series of soil samples taken from relatively undisturbed prairie types and those secured from the early, medial and late stages in the deterioration of the prairie caused by over-grazing.

LADY LUCK GIVES EDGE TO PHI PSI'S IN WIN OVER ZBT'S Losers Play Bang-Up Soccer But Drop Game 1-0 In Close Race.

Phi Kappa Psi, defending soccer champions, was hard put to it to defeat a scrappy Zeta Beta Tau team 1-0 in a close game yesterday on the Russian flats.

The losers played bang-up soccer all the way and held a slight edge when lady luck took a hand in the game. A ball that should have been blocked by the goal guard took an unexpected hop high into the air and over the head of the goalie to land squarely into the goal for a score for the Phi Psi's.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, runner-up in last year's tourney, had little trouble in overwhelming Farm House by a score of 6-0. Phi Kappa Alpha was saved the trouble of facing a cold north wind which swept the flats when the officials gave them the game 1-0 because their opponents, Beta Sigma Psi, failed to show up.

The only games scheduled for today are in league 4. Phi Gamma Delta meets Sigma Phi Epsilon at 4:30 on field 1, while Alpha Tau Omega will battle Delta Tau Delta at the same time on field 2.

Four League Setup. Teams have been divided into four leagues. Leagues one, two and three each having a five team roster with league four drawing but four entries.

The manner in which Acacia dominated the touch-football program is noteworthy of attention. In winning the six games that ultimately gave them the championship, the H stretchers were unscathed upon. Upon only one occasion was their winning margin restricted to a single touchdown.

Little Star of Season. No little credit in Acacia's victory must go to the fine passing and punting of their field general, Dick Smith. On more than one occasion was Smith responsible for a win by flipping an accurate pass into the outstretched arms of a cohort.

roots and tops of plants in protecting the soil from erosion. A review appearing in Nature, foremost scientific English publication, commented on the work of Dr. Weaver and his assistants. Quoting in part: "The controlling of wastage of land thru soil erosion is one of the major economic problems in America. The authors have standardized the technique. Numerous data were obtained, but the striking general result is the great protection against rain erosion provided by the above ground portions of the plant compared with the root system alone."

Erosion Related to Plants. The author of the latter publication says Dr. Weaver has added some excellent data in the problem of soil erosion and its relation to plants. "This is one of the few experiments on record in which the relations between runoff and depth of water penetration in the soil has been recorded," says the Missouri man.

Speaking on the Nebraska's bulletin on the efficiency of roots and tops of plants in holding the soil together, a review in Ecology makes this statement: "The bulletin is well prepared and should prove of much value to all workers in the soil conservation. The methods that were developed should also be valuable in obtaining information in a very short time on the relative efficiency of all plants under different soil and climatic conditions."

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Lutherans. Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erck for the regular Bible class from 7 to 8 p. m. Wednesday in room 203 Temple.

Tassels. All members of Tassels will meet this evening in room 105 of Social Science at 7 o'clock.

ELYMEN POINT TOWARD DOANE BATTLE, NOV. 20

Inclement Weather Keeps Nubbins Indoors for Practice Monday.

Jubilant over their 47 to 0 victory at the cost of Midland last Friday, Coach Lawrence Ely's Nubbins, forced indoors by inclement weather, took a light workout yesterday under the east stadium.

High School Teachers See Prairie Schooner Exhibition at Temple. A covered wagon, the "Prairie Schooner," decorated a display table in brown and gold in the Temple theater Thursday during the English teachers' convention.

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