

# Editorially Speaking

## Barbarisms

• By Joan &  
• John Barb

The recent election of a Barb Prom Girl has given rise to no small amount of conversational controversy. The question uppermost is whether it marks the beginning of a new era of Barb political influence on the campus or only a temporary mis-alignment of Greek forces. The fact that this year's Prom Girl is the first in campus history to be a Barb seems to indicate the latter circumstances were in operation. Yet, there is no doubt that Barbs alone could have "swung" the election if they wished. In either case the girls of Carrie Belle Raymond can well crow.

Latest nominee for membership in the "Poison Ivy club" is Barney Bender of the Toreador barb club with his question: "What did the rabbit say when he heard that the hunting season opened next day?" and nauseating answer: "Here today and gun tomorrow."

Students in the Temple "Y" rooms were considerably startled Wednesday morning when Pete Estandig started out of a quiet sleep on the divan to burst forth with a loud and not too musical rendition of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain." After singing only two verses he went back to his interrupted repose.

Those who attended the "Sport Night" as the Armory last night seemed to enjoy the variety of entertainment offered. Some of the games must have bordered on the edge of "ruffness" for two pair of glasses are slightly indisposed as the result of deck tennis and basketball.

Dick Murray seems to be an excellent shot with a basketball. He aimed at the basket as per schedule but the ball landed in the cake that was to be used as part of the refreshments. John Steinhaus provided much amusement for the spectators with his fine exhibition of how not to play Nebraska ball.

Aulton "Bob" Roland seems to belong to the "Royal Order of Loafers" as his participation in strenuous exercise was very limited. Hero No. 1 of the evening was the lad who somehow sneaked out with the remaining cake.

The old rural sport of pitching three-quarter round pieces of iron, horseshoes to you, was very much in evidence during the warm weather of last week. The Toreadors greatly endangered the lives of passing pedestrians as the shoes rolled across the sidewalk.

The inmates of the Co. House on north 13th street huddle around the radio every Wednesday night at 11:30 to thrill and chill to the "Light's Out" program. It's only a question of who can stand the dark the longest while listening to those spooky tales. What if someone would slip in and holler "Boo."

"Bobby" James, that aspiring young journalist, believes in celery chewing as an extra-curricular activity, and Lucille Fry says it has its advantages as a "brain food." We'll be watching for the improvement.

Remember Moni Sen, that tall, dark, and handsome young man from India who visited the campus not long ago? He seems not to have entirely forgotten Nebraska for a little brown-eyed girl from Ag. received his picture this week.

## DAWN ROBBERY DIVESTS P.A.D. HOUSE OF PANTS

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The car parked at the curb was found an equally large number of similar articles. Upon entering the house, the officer, accompanied by Officer Strawn, whom he had summoned, confronted three accomplices, also laden with stacks of trousers.

Charged with possession of an undue amount of clothing, the accused persons revealed the fact that the trousers belonged to actives of the chapter and were being taken in an attempt at retribution for grievances suffered during Hell week.

Culprits Protest.

Upon advice of the president, the cruiser car was ordered to pick up the offenders and transport them to the station, but the

## To That Great God Mediocrity.

"Of these enemies within the gates, 'gigantism' was the first to be sighted. The nature of the conflict is best depicted in a favorite anecdote of the period, said to have been related by Professor George Santayana of Harvard. Walking through the corridors one day, he met the president of Harvard College, who asked him how his classes were 'progressing.'

"Most of the students are fairly intelligent," replied Professor Santayana.

"The president seemed perplexed by the reply, then requested impatiently: 'I meant, what is the number of students in your classes?'" (James Wechsler in "Revolt on the Campus.")

The complex problem facing state universities today, vividly expressed in Wechsler's anecdote, took concrete form for Nebraska yesterday at the joint conference of state superintendents and principals. Following panel discussion on the question "Do the universities and colleges tend to restrict or encourage curriculum development in the high schools?", that body adopted a resolution stating: "We believe that the present college entrance requirements are an obstacle to the progressive curriculum construction in the secondary school. We, therefore, urge the colleges of the University of Nebraska, and all institutions offering higher education, to modify their entrance requirements in accordance with the best philosophies of modern education." Specific action was outlined in the "committee of fifteen's recommendation," which provided that the nine academic units now required in basic courses be reduced to six, and all but two units of English to be in elective fields.

What are these "best philosophies of modern education," and the "progressive curriculum construction" which they cite for secondary schools? What significant group of educational theorists proposes courses in manual arts as preparation for higher learning? Who, besides the secondary schools themselves, no longer sees any educational value in mathematics courses?

It would seem that the secondary schools, finding the struggle against mass education too tough, are seeking to check in their suits and resign themselves to the pressure of mediocre standards. They have come to accept the principle that quality shall stand in theory so long as it does not interfere with quantity in practice. They are seeking the easiest way out of their problem with no regard for the fact that universities will be forced to adopt their new standard of mediocrity.

To apply the American revolutionists' doctrine

eloquence of the defense offered brought permit to remain in the house under guard.

Any cases reported of actives of the chapter found in trousers of extreme size or in diminutive pants of handed down appearance may be explained by the difficulty of identification of the more than 40 pairs by former inhabitants of the garments.

## ARCHITECTS PLACE MARCH BLUE PRINT ON STANDS MONDAY

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both members of the faculty in the Architectural department.

Kenneth Clark, Arch. '37, outlines a recent city planning development in his article, "Greenbelt Towns." Illustrated with cuts from the Architectural Forum and magazine, the article describes the undertaking by the Division of Suburban Resettlement of the Resettlement Administration to construct three garden cities, or

greenbelt towns, to provide low-cost housing outside the three cities of Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Washington, D. C.

### 'Greenbelts' Mark Towns.

Each of the new satellite towns is distinguished by its "greenbelt," which is a strip of raw land from half a mile to a mile deep completely surrounding the community, and devoted to truck garden, orchards, pasture, and perhaps parks and athletic fields. Populations will vary from 750 to 1,000 families, and houses, even the large multiple affairs, are designed to look like homes, not "modern sanatoriums."

Gilbert Golding, Arch. '39, discusses "Advances in Materials," telling of the new uses made of steel for frame houses, glass for walls, plywood for decoration, plastics, bakelite, and other products.

### Dean Ferguson Article.

Dean O. J. Ferguson discusses the new Student Union building,

and its relation to the proposed Engineering building. He explains that the financing of the Union building could not be applied to a building such as a new Engineering hall, and therefore it was not exactly a matter of choosing between the two projects.

The proposed Nebraska bill regulating the practice of engineering and architecture is discussed by Prof. Smith in "Architectural Reflections." Paul Rader and Kenneth Clark, both students in the Architectural department are written up in this month's Nebraska's Engineers. Rader has done a sketch of a house for the cover, and the frontispiece of the magazine shows a window treatment used in the Rockefeller apartments, New York City, to allow a maximum amount of sunlight.

The "Hell Week" practice at Northwestern University has been severely circumscribed and restricted by resolution of the interfraternity council.

No progress can come from such a solution. If the university accedes to the request, it would reduce our colleges to over-grown high schools, allowing but one or two years for any specialization or intensive study. No limit would ever be reached in such a procedure; high schools would ask next that courses in beekeeping and home cookery be accepted as entrance requirements.

The university should not ignore its responsibility in the problem. Up to the present time, it has provided no workable solution because funds and facilities are not available to apply methods now operating with various degrees of success at other American colleges. There must be a practical solution for Nebraska, and it will, some day, be found. It may be worked out in the adoption of a junior college system, the extension of technical instruction in schools other than universities built around the liberal arts college, or a complete overhauling of the secondary school system. In the meantime, the university has nothing to gain by backing down to the requests made by the joint conference of superintendents and principals.

## Contemporary Comment

### Classroom Shortage.

Not thru any desire of its own to alter things but due to the force of necessity, the senate of the University of Nebraska has recommended that at least one-third of the entire 1938 freshman classes be shifted to afternoon periods or to a new three day schedule, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. This recommendation does not affect the agricultural college which is adequately housed. But on the city campus, classrooms are at a premium on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Something must be done if no new classroom space is made available by next fall.

University classes fall into several groups. Five hour courses call for lecture periods daily. Three hour classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Two hour classes usually meet on Tuesday and Thursday or on Monday and Wednesday. The great majority of the courses offered, however, are three hour courses and call for meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the morning hours are favored.

The university senate recommendation offers a temporary solution. By shifting these classes to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, if they meet in the morning, or forcing them to the afternoon schedule for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, many conflicts will be avoided and the available classroom space will be made to accommodate the student body for a time, even with normal growth continuing.

Freshman classes were selected for the change because there are so many that a ruling affecting but this one group will provide a solution, at least a temporary solution to the problem. Shifts of classes of upper classmen would require changes in two, perhaps all three classes.

The unfortunate aspect of the situation is not that the arrangements of many years must be revised, but that those students who must work may find themselves seriously handicapped if they can no longer keep their afternoons and Saturdays free. There should be enough Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning classes to accommodate those who work. But even in the past the students who, for various reasons, have tried to keep their afternoons free, have complicated registration problems. These complications are bound to increase under the proposed change.—Lincoln Journal.

## PONTIAC VARSITY SHOW SIGNS SPOT ON RED NETWORK

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agent, and Al MacIntosh, Journal reporter.

Student committee members at the meeting were Marylu Petersen, Student Council vice-president; Arnold Levin, Student Council president; Floyd Baker, Senior Class president, and George Pipal, Daily Nebraskan editor.

### Ask Student Script Writers.

Students who wish to register for auditions or script-writing are asked to apply at the Daily Nebraskan this week. Auditions will be booked for Gordon Whyte, director for the Nebraska program, who will arrive two weeks before the program for final selection and practices. Organized musical and dramatics groups will also appear on the program.

"The highlight of the show," Stix told the committees, "is likely to be some as yet undiscovered talent at the university. You have an All-American band here as well as an All-American fullback, and a good band is usually the backbone of any broadcast."

"What I was happiest to find," Stix remarked, "was the new Nebraska song, 'Hail Varsity,' which we hope will have a nationwide premiere on this program. From our experience at other schools, we're counting on Kosmet Klub for some original material."

"The university coliseum is by all odds the biggest auditorium from which we've ever planned to broadcast, and we'll certainly fill it," he told the committee.

Additional student committee appointments will be made some time this week, in addition to a search for student talent.

Regents at the University of Omaha voted in favor of a new dormitory which will cost \$10,000.

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