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A Qualified Orchid to The P. B. K.'s and Sigma Xi's

Well, the budding young intellectuals had their inning yesterday. Forty-nine of them were elected to the ranks of the scholastic honoraries, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Retaining a larger mental reservation than usual on such occasions, the Nebraska extends its congratulations. Among those 49 are, no doubt, some scholars. The mental reservation is not for them, but for the 40 odd disillusioned ones to whom the honor came as the culmination of a strategically designed course of action.

may represent anything from the judicious choice of 'pipe' courses to the burning of midnight oil religiously on the eve of examinations. Apple polishing and book worms are still with us. The old inane practice of memorizing dictated lectures and returning the same without collation still finds devotees. Yes, grades can be had by the unscholarly.

Because of their inadequate and inefficient method of culling the real scholars from the grade-getters, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi have only a negative value. Not making one of these societies may be more important than being among the elect. Inability to make the necessary average may mean ineptitude in academic pursuits. The possession of one of the still coveted keys may mean anything, not the least of which, we hope, is real scholarship.

The bluffers among the brotherhoods of Phi Betas and Sigma Xi's nullify the honor of membership. Mom and dad will undoubtedly accept the honor in the best of faith. Employers, be they business executives or school superintendents, will look askance.

Inquiring Reporter

War, they tell us, is imminent. If the next breeze that blows across the ocean doesn't bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms, the one following it surely will. In all this bellicose controversy the young men must play some part. They will, you know, comprise the cannon-fodder that will make the world safer for something or other, and we believe that they are entitled to an opinion.

Congress has enough sense to declare war only on a just cause, and I feel that that body is representative enough of the will of the people that it would never declare unless it seemed to be the will of the majority."

Herbert Hanthorn, Arts and Sciences sophomore: "If the underlying circumstances were similar to those existing at the time of the World War, I'd refuse to enlist. This country would be making a fatal mistake to again indulge in a foreign war. If we were invaded by a foreign nation, however, I'd enlist. As long as I am willing to live here and accept the benefits and privileges which come my way, I am willing to fight for the country which makes them possible."

Royce Knapp, Arts and Sciences junior: "I wouldn't go to a foreign war unless I had to. In 1917, we were buffeted into it by English and French propaganda, and in event of another war we'd face a barrage of the same kind of publicity. Now we're a creditor nation with more outstanding foreign interests than at any time in the history of the country, whereas in '17 we were a debtor nation. In event of war we couldn't possibly stay neutral, we're still too susceptible to mass publicity. In case of a defensive war, there would be no doubt in my mind, I'd enlist. However, I fail to see the necessity for war. We've tried war for 6,000 years or so, and arbitration has almost never been tried; at practically no point in man's history has he attempted the peaceful settlement of a dispute when he could fight about it. I am not, however, a pessimist. We're in a transitional period now, young people abhor war and are not so impressed by the tinsel and glitter which made so great an impression on the people of 50 or even 25 years ago. Today, people seem to be gifted with the ability to look behind the false front and see the reality in almost anything, and I believe that such will be the case should be problem of a war become imminent in America."

Gaylord Matzke, Engineering college sophomore: "Even if the war were a foreign one, I'd enlist. If the cause were a good one I would feel that it was my right and my duty to stand behind my country in whatever she did. My country, right or wrong, my country."

Walter Supler, Engineering college sophomore: "I wouldn't enlist in the event of a foreign war. The affairs of other nations are not our worries. When the Monroe Doctrine was written, we told Europeans to stay out of this hemisphere, so I feel that they have a right to feel the same way toward us. If, however, the United States were invaded, I'd sign up at once, feeling it my duty to do what I could for the country that's done so much for me."

MOST BEAUTIFUL COED TO COMPETE FOR FILM CHANCE

Taplinger, Inc., publicity representative for the members of the Comedian's Congress, holding a similar capacity for the Texaco hour, Morton Downey, Nelson Kade, Robert Ripley, Larry Ross, Kate Smith, Guy Lombardo and Andre Kostelanetz.

CINCINNATI DEAN ADRESSES HONORARY MEMBERS AT BANQUET

ing of its past victories and failures, or of the lives of its great masters." Thought Must Be Critical. "Until scientific thought becomes critically conscious of its aims and hypotheses it will remain as it is now, like a ship without a rudder, subject to every passing conceit and whim. So long as scientists persist in their ignorance of what has been attempted in the past, just so long they will cling to the fallacy that any hypothesis is valuable whether true or false. Only in science could such a belief be tolerated; the Cincinnati graduate school head maintained.

In the biographies of men of science, the casual facts of their lives and a chronicle of their achievements are narrated, but there is little attempt to analyze their characters and motives, to weigh the value of their work, to elucidate their influence on philosophy and literature.

Author Must Know Opinions. "Probably the principle cause of this aridity of scientific histories," Dr. Moore continued, "is that the author must be thoroughly acquainted with the science discussed, and at the same time, must have a knowledge of the 'Climates of Opinion' of the period."

Science Is Valuable. Dr. Moore explained that it may be so great a mass of facts has been brought to light, and so many erudite explanations of phenomena have been ventured that science is valuable even if it can be treated as a thing separate from all the commerce of thought. "Certainly this is not true of earlier times. The study of national phenomena was then believed to be valuable rather for its effect on character than to acquire either power over nature or ease of life."

PROF. SCHRAMM TO TALK BEFORE A.S.C.E. TONIGHT

Engineers to Hear Lecture on Mexican Mining, Oil Industries. Prof. E. F. Schramm, chairman of the geology department, will present an illustrated lecture on Mexico tonight before members of the American Society of Civil Engineers at a meeting to be held at 7:30 in room 102 of mechanical arts hall.



Meet Your Senator. Senator Carl Peterson of Norfolk.

Shortly before yesterday afternoon's legislative assembly, the new vogue of conducting afternoon senate meetings having begun Monday, we sat down beside Senator Carl Peterson of Norfolk. Senators were busy, some were on the floor discussing questions, others had not yet returned from lunch, and most of all, interested parties were running here and there for the interests of legislation.

But such activity did not prevent Senator Peterson from explaining his view on Nebraska's new type of legislature. Definitely and convincingly the Norfolk representative explained that the legislature is trying to do too many things.

"This form of legislature has definite possibilities, but," Senator Peterson pointed out, "our work can be bettered if we can only put a limit on our work. The success of the entire assembly, of course, depends entirely upon the personnel."

As one whose name is connected with the bill which so greatly affects the university, No. 334, Mr. Peterson maintained that the measure is worthy. The bill provides for a state building fund to be raised by a one-half mill added levy. To the university 35 percent of the newly created fund would be given entirely for building purposes. The Norfolk senator favors the bill because of one main reason—that it provides for a long term program. In reality, the university could build some five or six buildings in the next six years.

"Probably the most important legislation before this session is unemployment insurance," the senator stated. "And that is defective because it taxes people and then gives the money to someone else."

Senator Peterson is new to the legislature but in no way inexperienced. He has been City attorney of Norfolk and County attorney of Madison county. Representing Pierce and Madison counties of the 15th district, Mr. Peterson graduated from the university with A.B. and L.L.B. degrees. He is 41, a lawyer, and a bachelor.

At this point in the interview we saw Senator Warner take the rostrum, ring the bell, and the unicameral legislature's second afternoon session was under way.

Barbarisms

BY JOAN AND JOHN BARB

Barbs In Need Of Psychological Boost

True and to the point was the recent editorial comment directed against our own columnar criticism of the term "Barbs" as applied to unaffiliates on the campus. As the commentarian pointed out, the stigma implicated by the name "Barb" has without doubt been propagated more by a wrong psychological attitude of the "non-orgs" towards their status on the campus than by the intimidating superiority of the Greeks. We still have a personal repugnance for the name "Barbs," but with true magnanimity we shall devote our efforts toward the consideration of that larger issue, Barb psychology, as pointed out by the Daily Nebraskan.

We asked our favorite professor what he thought about Barb psychology or if there was any such thing. The reply elicited was both revealing and forceful: "It is a curious thing, the feeling of inferiority which many Barbs seem to have. When I ask an unaffiliated student whether or not he belongs to a fraternity, he usually blushes, looks sheepish and stammers out an inaudible 'huhumph' instead of throwing back an aggressive: 'Hell, no! and I'm damn glad of it.'" Barbs should be proud of the very fact that they ARE INDEPENDENTS.

Even more indicting was the opinion of a metaphorically minded sorority friend: "Every Barb longs in his secret heart to join a fraternity or sorority and in most cases would sell his birthright in order to do it. He never seems to take cognizance of the fact that he might be getting the proverbial mess of pottage in return, but considers it an affront to his pride and dignity that he

CONTRALTO TO SING AT MUSICAL CONVOCATION

Mary Polk Shockey Offers 9 Selections at Temple on Wednesday.

Mary Polk Shockey, prominent Lincoln contralto, will present this week's musical convocation at the Temple Theater, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Assisting Mrs. Shockey will be a string trio composed of Valerita Callen Larimer, violin, Catherine Cox, cello, and Frances Morley, piano.

Mrs. Shockey will follow her first presentation, "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Bach, with three compositions of Beethoven, "Ich Liebe Dich," "Resignation," and "An Die Hoffnung." Offering two movements of "Trio in B Flat" by Dvorak, the instrumental musicians will appear on the second part of the recital.

The four concluding selections sung by Mrs. Shockey will be "Oh That I Were So" and "When You Are Old" by the composer Bridge, "Wings of Night" by Watts, and "When Celia Sings" by Moir. Accompanying the vocalist on the piano will be Ernest Harrison, professor of piano at the school of music.

is unable to pledge a Greek organization."

Then we talked to a Barb: "As a freshman and during part of my sophomore year had a very painful inferiority complex about sorority girls. I know that it was silly, but in my mind, at least, they seemed to be up on a pedestal wearing a sign: 'All Barb Hands Off. Luckily I've gotten over that feeling, but it was sure real while it lasted.'"

No mystery is the present deplorable condition of Barb politics and activities on the campus if these opinions can be considered as truly representative of Barb psychology as a whole. If Barbs maintain an attitude of aloof indifference to all campus activities and worse still harbor a complex of social inferiority, they never can become a dominant factor on the campus. We are optimistic enough to believe that the Barbs can take over the reins of student government, but it is certain that it will never happen until Barbs become proud of the fact that they are Barbs.

This too, is an editorial. Subject of the discussion is the Barb Interclub Council and the object, Barbs in campus offices. The foregoing paragraphs have been merely introductory remarks; the following is the real McCoy.

C'mon Council, get wise. Quit hashing around with the fraternities, and come out as the representative of an INDEPENDENT BARB organization. The moment you cut all Greek alliances you will have a tremendous psychological advantage; for you will have given a concrete indication of unity in the Barb cause, have attracted the interest of many Barbs to the Barb cause, made the first step in developing a philosophy which will permit unaffiliates to say: "Yes, I'm a Barb, and damn glad of it." Whether you elect a sizable bloc can't date in the spring election is of secondary importance of the building of psychology which in the end will permit you to dictate campus policies.

We conclude with the tritest figure of speech that has yet found its way into this column: "After all, Rome wasn't built in a day."

PANHELLENIC NAMES 2 FOR REGIONAL MEETING

Miss Klinker, Muriel White Will Attend Kansas City Convention.

Miss Marguerite Klinker and Muriel White will attend the regional conference of the Panhellenic council in Kansas City, Mo., April 10 and 11. Representatives from each college in the district, which includes Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, will meet.

Nominations have been made for the advisory board. Miss Marguerite Klinker, Miss Gertrude Beers, and Miss Hortense Allen have been nominated as faculty members; Mrs. Earl Kline and Mrs. McGeachin, as alumnae members. Muriel White and Jane Sawyer as student members were nominated.

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The Press

By Morris Lipp

OFFERING a substitute directed specifically at sitdowns, Senator Byrnes of South Carolina withdrew his controversial anti-sitdown strike amendment to the Guffey-Vinson coal bill. The substitute is broader in scope than the initial amendment and adds, according to Senator Byrnes, that "it is the sense of congress that the so-called sitdown strike is illegal and contrary to public opinion."

It is believed that President Roosevelt shares the same opinion on the matter of the sitdowns and senate leaders predict a sharp denunciation of the strike technique. There is little doubt but that public opinion is definitely against the sitdown, but F. D. R. is hardly in the position to make any official statement regarding the strike methods. He is on the record, however, as being in favor of making labor unions responsible for the actions of their membership—a policy which would discourage the so-called "unauthorized strike."

LABOR conditions appeared much brighter at the start of this week now that automobile workers have returned to their positions at Kansas City's Ford and Flint's Chevrolet plants. Governor Murphy, Michigan's peacemaker, is extremely optimistic over the inevitable settlement of the Chrysler strike. But while John L. Lewis, C. I. O. chieftain, and Walter P. Chrysler sit at a conference desk in Lansing, a good majority of congress and public minded people are getting so that they can't stomach much more sitdown. Something big is due to pop soon in these strikes and when it pops, look out!

All schools attending the convention will visit the Kansas City Light & Power company, but the rest of the tour will be taken only by Nebraska students. A visit to the new Kansas City auditorium to inspect the air conditioning system in that building may be included also.

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EIGHTEEN ENGINEERS INSPECT K. C. PLANTS

Delegations Will Attend A.S.M.E. Convention at Same Time.

Eighteen juniors and seniors in mechanical engineering will leave today for Kansas City where they will remain until Sunday to make an inspection tour of various plants in that city and to attend the American Society of Mechanical Engineering convention there. One of the chief features of the convention will be the presentation of technical papers by representatives from nine schools in competition for prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 for the three best. Nebraska will be represented by Roger Wallace expounding the "Brit Methods of Making Carbonated Drinks in the Home," and Paul Gamlin discussing "Air Springs for Cars." Papers will be 15 minutes in length.

Stay Four Days. Today and Thursday will be spent in inspecting Kansas City plants, while Friday and Saturday are convention days. Among the plants to be visited on the tour are the Sheffield Steel company, Kansas City Structural Steel company, Griffin Wheel company, Proctor & Gamble Soap company, Ford and Chevrolet company's assembly plants, Kansas City Light & Power company, where a high pressure turbine will be inspected, and American Can company.

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