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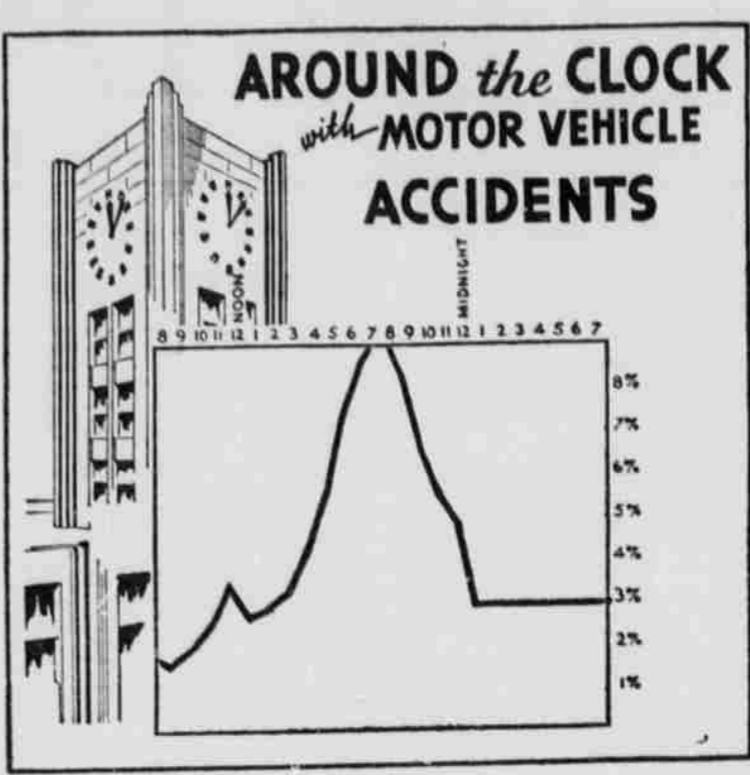
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AG COLLEGE TO HOLD FIRST 'CAMPUS SING' ON PAGEANT GROUNDS

Students, Faculty to Gather Friday for Inauguration Of Song-Fest.

Ag campus will pay homage to song, Friday evening, when students and faculty gather on the green of the pageant grounds at 7 o'clock to participate in the first ag campus sing, a long talked of project that has at last been realized thru the efforts of the Creative Activities board.

The song-fest, under the direction of Katherine Jones, Ogden Riddle and Mrs. Altina Fullis, will begin at sunset with rollicking parodies and semi-popular songs and will shade into folk-songs and quieter ballads as dusk falls and moonlight covers the amphitheater.

Hailed with great enthusiasm in cities as the "community sing," the campus sing has been given much attention in many colleges in late years. At Cornell the annual senior and alumni sings were received with so much popularity that they have become traditional. The Creative Activities board is expecting 500 ag campus people to attend Nebraska's first sing and they believe that it will be so successful that a college sing will become a tradition at iliac time.

Student Opinions...

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is to register contempt for an article published in May 13 issue of the Daily Nebraskan under the caption "Negro Frats Follow Names In Rivalry—Apes, Pelecats."

The article is ridiculous and grossly erroneous. If you were really interested in writing an intelligent, informative article on Negro fraternities, a good newspaperman would have approached some official of each fraternity for his source of information. But if you were not interested in doing this, we fail to see the necessity for your article, except to ridicule.

A thorough check on members of Beta Beta Chapter discloses that you did not obtain your data concerning Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity from anyone of them. Nor did you obtain the misleading fact that Omega Psi Phi is the most exclusive Negro fraternity because of expenses and high standards of scholarship from an Alpha man, as alleged by you in your article.

"Apes" may signify Anthropoidea to the zoologist and something far different to the average layman, but contrary to your article, it does not signify a Negro fraternity on the Nebraska campus or any other campus.

However, there is a Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on the Nebraska campus—Beta Beta, a Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity consists of approximately nine thousand gentlemen, not "Apes," of the highest caliber. They have achieved national and international fame. They command the respect and admiration of the entire American public. Some outstanding members of this organization are W. E. B. Dubois, Nathaniel Deit, Clarence Cameron White, Attorneys Charles H. Huston and Raymond Pace Alexander, Eugene Kinckle Jones, James Weldon Johnson, and J. Rosamond Johnson, and hundreds of others whose achievements would fill volumes.

Inasmuch as we consider your article derogatory and defaming in spirit, erroneous in content, we request an apology.

HOWARD HATLER, President of Beta Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha.

(Editor's note: The Nebraskan regrets the misstatements referred to by Mr. Hatler and tenders an apology to members of the fraternities involved.)

The information—or misinformation—was taken from a national fraternity publication. Alpha Phi Alpha, which Mr. Hatler represents, is the oldest Negro fraternity in existence, founded at Cornell in 1906. The local chapter, Beta Beta, was established in 1927, and now has fourteen active members. Its annual campaign, an event of great activity for southern and eastern chapters, is known as the "Education for Citizenship" campaign, rather than that which was printed.

Two other national Negro fraternities, rather than one are not represented on the Nebraska campus—Omega Psi Phi, with about 85 chapters, and Phi Beta Sigma, the newest. There was no foundation for the periodical's assertion that certain standards made Omega Psi Phi more exclusive.)

College Commentary...

From the New York World Telegram and other Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

Legal efforts to protect religious objectors from compulsory military training in state colleges receiving federal grants have been blocked by the U. S. supreme court. The court has now upheld the University of California's suspension of students for refusal to take compulsory military courses. This was in line with the recent supreme court dismissal of the appeal of a University of Maryland student in a similar case.

Since Justices Cardozo, Brandeis and Stone concurred in the unanimous decision, in a supplemental opinion written by Justice Cardozo, there is little hope that the so-called liberal justices will later reverse the decision.

But that does not answer the larger question involved.

The militarizing of land-grant colleges may be within the letter of the U. S. constitution and of the law. Still, as admitted by the Cardozo-Brandeis-Stone opinion, such regulations "may be condemned by some as unwise or liberal or unfair when there is violence to conscientious scruples, either religious or merely ethical."

We condemn, and an increasing body of American citizens condemn, compulsory military training as unwise, liberal and unfair. Moreover, we condemn it as inefficient and wasteful of the taxpayers' money.

It is unwise because it breeds disloyalty to the government by large numbers of the highest types of citizens who, though themselves not conscientious objectors, cannot respect an authority which violates the religious scruples of others.

It is illiberal because it distorts the spirit of free inquiry into goose-step education.

It is unfair because it denies higher education to religious objectors who cannot afford to attend more expensive private colleges, as is the case of these University of California students.

It is inefficient and wasteful because many of the students who are compelled to take military training in their first years at college drop out in the later years and do not become suitable material for reserve officers, either in training or morale.

The battle against compulsory militarizing of the students of state universities should go on. But the fight will have to be made in congress, which controls appropriations for the army and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, on which the state compulsory military education system rests in practice. And the fight also will have to be continued in the states. Just as Wisconsin and Minnesota recently changed from compulsory to elective military courses, so other states can be persuaded by proper methods.

FORTNIGHT of tarpon fishing in Gulf of Mexico waters was not devoted to fishing alone by President Roosevelt. Quite evidently he spent considerable time thinking over the federal government's two major issues: relief and court reform. Regarding the former he told house leaders on his return to Washington, that the government must have \$1,500,000,000 for relief expenditures during the next fiscal year. In regard to the court reform he banned the proposed compromise of his court reorganization bill after he heard Senator Robinson, majority leader, report that the measure had a "fair chance" of passage.

H. R. H. designation may be affixed to the name of Mrs. Wallis Simpson when she becomes the bride of Edward, duke of Windsor, but she will rank as the eighth lady of the realm below the duchesses of Gloucester and Kent and the five queens and princesses. Edward's insistence of the "Mrs. Royal Highness" title for Mrs. Simpson may seem a mere triviality, but according to sources close to the royal family, titular ranking comes first in social circles, which comprise the life blood of English nobility.

EMPLOYEES of the huge Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation who returned to their positions Friday to end the greatest walkout in the past 18 years of steel history will hold an election soon to decide the union's claim to exclusive collective bargaining rights. John L. Lewis' C. I. O. began the steel organization drive last June and a victory with the Jones & Laughlin corporation would set up the steel industry as far as the committee for industrial organization is concerned. Nucleus of the steel campaign has been the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers who severed relationship with the American Federation of Labor.

Around Washington

By Marvin Cox. The epidemic of strikes now sweeping industrial areas will be extended to college campuses this month when an estimated 1,000,000 students will go on strike. April 22 is the scheduled date for the annual Peace Strike of the students. Among the member organizations of the National United Student Peace Committee are the American Youth Congress, American Students Union, Joint Committee on United Christian Youth Movement, National Council of Methodist Youth, and others.

Whether or not the Student Peace Strike will be a sitdown, standup or walkout strike is not certain. In view of the fact that the students sit in classes, it hardly seems likely that they can make any effective demonstration by the sitdown technique. A walkout or a standup strike seems necessary if the students are to make an effective demonstration. The George Washington University branch of the Peace Committee will be addressed on the day of the strike by Senator Lundeen, left winger from Minnesota, and Paul Ward, a well known newspaper correspondent and magazine contributor.

The questionnaire sent out by the Peace Committee indicated that American college students are overwhelmingly against war; and, also, that the majority are in sympathy with the Spanish Loyalist cause. Young men will reap the benefits of the community built for the ill starved Passamaquoddy tide harnessing project on the Maine coast. Quoddy village has been largely deserted since congress killed the project by its failure to appropriate funds for its continuance. The National Youth Administration, beginning within the next 30 or 60 days, will utilize the buildings and shops there for a resident work and training project for young people.

And speaking of private employment among recent students and other young people, more than 4,000 jobs were found for them during the month of February. The number of positions was obtained thru the junior employment service operated by the national youth administration. Political note: James Roosevelt, Harvard student, will have a brilliant political future. His speech at Athens, Georgia, on March 19 convinced many wise Washington observers that he is a chip off of the old block. Not so much what he said, but how he said it—the sincerity and charm in his voice—leads some pretty good guessers to predict that young Roosevelt will be able to win almost any office he aspires to.

Slowly the driver's eyes began to close and even though he expended every available effort he could not rouse himself. Fifteen minutes later, passing motorists extricated the driver's mangled body from the wreckage. Another fatigued driver had met an almost certain fate.

Exhaustive research of National Safety council engineers has indicated that driver fatigue is likely to appear to a dangerous degree after about eight hours of fairly steady driving or after between 250 and 300 miles have been traversed. Therefore, careful drivers will impose definite limits upon themselves.

Fatigue accidents are nearly all preventable. No other type of automobile accident gives such unmistakable and insistent warning of impending danger.

Inquiring Reporter

"If wishes were horses—" So went an old couplet which used to be an oft-quoted one telling good little children that they would be better off if they failed to get everything they wished for. Now, however, the children have grown up, and the things they wish for concern the improvement of our nation, its people, and the world in general.

"If you could make one change in the world, or in some system existing on it today, what would you do?" Jim Ivins, Arts and Sciences junior:

"I would make a change in the standards by which people live, in such doctrines as standards of power, economics, legality, and political science.

"Our conceptions of economics and power lay too much stress on those qualities of mind which are generally accepted as being faulty, such as inordinate ambition and avarice.

"Men bind themselves by law and custom to standards which are after all but the invention of fallible minds. As to our political system, I agree with John Stewart Mill, when he states that a government should only protect men, and that freedom of action should be accorded to an individual up to the point where it interferes with the rights of another." Lucy Jane Williams, Arts and Sciences sophomore:

"I should change our educational system. We should not have a grading system—students should be allowed to work for their own personal gain, with the understanding that the amount that they get out of a course varies with the amount of work which they put into it.

"Something should be done about tests, too. It should be arranged so that they do not count so much on your final grade. The way things are now, you can either ruin a whole semester's work or make up for a semester of idleness in the three hours in which you take an exam. I believe that tests should be given, but they should not count so much on the final grade.

"The Chicago plan, that of allowing each student to proceed at his own speed, would be excellent if carried on in other schools as well." George Rosen, Arts and Sciences sophomore:

"I would fix it so that every nation in the world spoke the English language. Such a change would do a lot toward the building up of a better feeling among all the nations of the world. It would aid in unifying all of the countries. One cannot say that it would assure world peace, but it would go a long way toward it.

"If our language were standardized, our system of weights and measures would also become world wide. While ours are undoubtedly not the best, the one system would then be uniform the world over." Martha Beightol, Arts and Sciences freshman:

"I would abolish all dishonesty. It seems to be the major fault of humanity. Then, too, you could put your money in a sock, and it would be there when you came to get it." Bob Flory, Bizad freshman:

"I'd change the grading system in education, so that it would indicate "Failure," or "Passing Average," or "Passing Above Average." There are so many factors that enter into the actual making up of a grade that I believe that it is impossible for an instructor to accurately rank a student within a single point of his actual ability. "I feel that a person cannot be

Bulletin

Student Council. Old members of the student council will not meet with the new council Wednesday at 5 o'clock in room 106 of University hall. All new members are requested to be present.

Interfraternity Council. Interfraternity council will meet tonight at 7:30 in room 110 of Morrill hall to elect officers for next year.

Tassels. Tassels will hold their final meeting of the year tonight at 7:00 in 105 Social Science.

24 ADDED TO REPORT OF TEACHING PLACEMENTS

Educational Service Issues Names of Students Securing Posts.

The following teaching placements were reported to the department of educational service:

- Carl Heine, Avoca; W. E. Thompson, Lyons; Elsie Ruxman, Holdrege; Verdon Lakeshore, Nebraska City; Frank Sampson, Geneva; Lois Pierson, Tecumseh; Helen Hayes, Lyons; Miles Kovarik, Milligan; N. F. Thorpe, Silver Creek; David Winslow, Harvard; Ruth Meredith, Barneston; Ralph Kiser, St. Joseph City; Florence Peterson, Oakland; Florence Farwell, Pilger; Mary Rasse, Grafton; Marjorie Heising, Millard; Nina Peterson, Dunning; Thomas Prosser, Holmsville; Elmer Helm, Napier; Edwin Moon, Lewis; Marvin S. Paul, Holdrege; H. Landon Evans, Hayes Center; Berdine Hansen, Murdoch; Mona F. Heine, Oshkosh.

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Browsing Among the Books

Stravinsky Speaks Of Music and Art.

By Bernice Kauffman.

It greatly amused Igor Stravinsky when Richard Strauss came on the stage after a performance of Stravinsky's "L'Oiseau de Feu" and said: "You make a mistake in beginning your piece plianissimo; the public will not listen. You should astonish them by a sudden crash at the very start. After that they will follow you and you can do whatever you like." Stravinsky would have done well if he had heeded Strauss' advice in his autobiography, "Stravinsky." The first two chapters form a beginning so soft that it is positively dull.

Mr. Stravinsky is not a literary artist. His expression is somewhat loose and extravagant; he is given to superlatives and exclamations; and because of digressions his organization is at times incoherent. The slow beginning plus his deficiencies in style have a tendency to discourage the reader, but after Mr. Stravinsky begins he really has something to say and his deficiencies become less distressing.

Explanation of Opinions.

Stravinsky's autobiography is not merely recollections connected with various periods of his life. It is, in the main, an explanation of his opinions, his tastes, and his preferences in music and in art in general. As most of Stravinsky's compositions have been written for the ballet, his interest in classical dancing is second only to that of music. He finds the difference between Dionysian and Apollonian principles clearer cut in the classical ballet than in any other means of expression, because it above all demands the full consciousness of the artist and does not permit that type of expression which leads to the artist losing

himself in a trance of ecstasy. This insistence on the full consciousness of the artist is responsible, in part, for Stravinsky's theory on the purpose of music.

"Music," he says, "is the sole domain in which man realizes the present. By the imperfection of his nature, man is doomed to submit to the passage of time—to its categories of past and future—without ever being able to give substance, and therefore stability to the category of the present. The phenomenon of music is given to us with the sole purpose of establishing an order in things, including, and particularly, the co-ordination between man and time." This is particularly interesting in its contradiction of Proust's theory in "Remembrance of Things Past," that the Vinteuil sonata made it impossible for him to experience the present, but always cast him into the past, because of the associations it possessed.

On the Radio.

Stravinsky seriously doubts whether the positive advantages of the radio and the phonograph outweigh the negative ones. He feels that the continuous hearing of music without any active effort on the part of the listener cannot but overstimulate him with sounds, and that this overstimulation will produce a kind of torpor which will deprive the listener of the delicate power of discrimination. In other words, the consumer of canned music partakes of more food than he can assimilate, and the result will be an inability to understand and to appreciate.

No small part of the enjoyment of Simon and Schuster's edition of this autobiography is derived from the photographs and portraits of Igor Stravinsky, including one by the author himself, three by Picasso, and one by Jean Cocteau.

"Teaching is not a one club game. The teacher who uses only a single technique is no further along than is the golfer who plays the entire course with a single club." Prof. Guy M. Wilson of Boston University's school of education recommends diversity of technique minus the clubs.

French Circle to Hold Last Meeting of Year At 8 O'clock Tonight

Members of Le Cercle Francais are urged to attend the club's final meeting of the year this evening in the Ambassador apartment party room 1310 J street at 8 p. m.

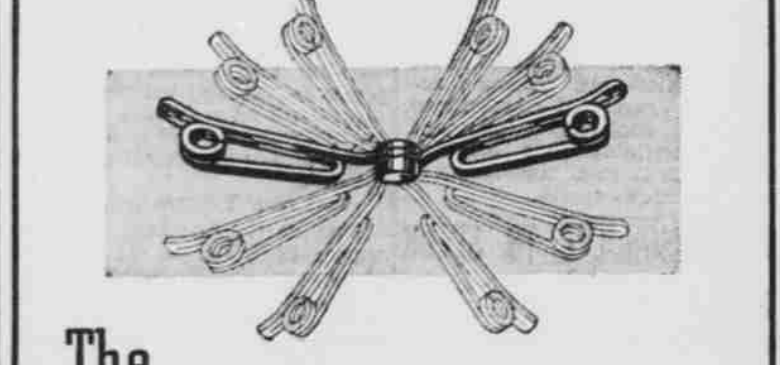
Election of next year's officers will be conducted by Lenore Teale, retiring president. Dr. Harry Kurz will present awards to the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Romance Language department. Entries were received on the topic, "Why I Want to go to Paris this Summer."

Dr. Harold Ennis of the business administration college spoke before the college class of Westminster Presbyterian church last Sunday on "The Economic Interpretation of History."

Students to Apply Now For Publication Jobs

Applications for appointment for the following positions on the student publications will be received by the student publication board until 12 noon, Thursday, May 20. THE DAILY NEBRASKAN. Editor-in-chief. Two managing editors. Six news editors. Business manager. Three assistant business managers. THE CORNHUSKER. Editor. Two managing editors. Business manager. Two assistant business managers. THE AWGAWAN. Editor. Business manager. Application blanks may be obtained at the office of the School of Journalism, University hall 104. Material already on file need not be duplicated. John K. Selleck, Secretary Student Publication Board.

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