

Editorially Speaking

Club Formation Hits A Saturation Point

Our colleges, emerging from the medieval cloister, thru Oxford and Cambridge with a dash of Heidelberg, in architecture from Gothic thru early Georgian and middle American cheesebox back to Gothic again, have come a long and interesting way. Not least interesting is the fact that thru the whole history runs a conflict between the corporate body and the individual, between formality and informality, between the classroom and the extracurricular. And it is the attempt to hitch the latter conflicting elements into the same harness that has resulted in an oversupply of needless clubs on the university campus today.

In the hope that additional student interest may be aroused in a course, practically every department of the university organizes and maintains a departmental club to supplement its classroom work. What is tragic about this sort of situation is not the fact that the clubs are organized, but that the clubs in most cases are only half-heartedly supported. At the same time that one can picture a harassed and embarrassed teacher trying to glow with enthusiasm over theatricals, castles or culture, one can usually see a student group—coerced, bored and unresponsive. Thus, the formation of most of our campus clubs merely ends in the accomplishment of nothing and the waste of time which might have been utilized to better advantage.

Since the practice of forming a club for most every course is so prevalent on the cam-

pus, the result is usually a merry-go-round of club activity for the average student. And the net result of this merry-go-round is a lack of enthusiasm for any club activity. Thus, what might have been given advantageously to the student in classroom procedure merely ends in futility. One need not gainsay the part played by organizations—scholastic, fraternal and social—in enriching our colleges, and yet be convinced that, in the small school especially, a saturation point has been reached and a reaction may be salutary.

The question rises finally: If interests are not awakened in the class, what is the use of trying to make a club supplement classroom work? Students and faculty members interested in their subject—and by them is meant the small and valuable band of the truly interested—ought most easily to find their common interest in the atmosphere of study and (daring to use the word) labor. It seems to be forsaking the real interest of a subject far too often by trying to generate a false exuberance thru get togethers, picnics and steak fries.

An older generation seemed to find occupation for its leisure despite a comparative lack of campus diversion. The later educational school considers, on the contrary, that the greatest evil that can befall a student is to be let alone. It is the present belief, however, that our boundless faith in the education value of high power campus organization rests on a fallacious mistaking of youthful animal spirits for true enthusiasm. The latter is a quality altogether too rarely brought to our colleges and our life. The system of campus club establishment might prove safer if it were to take note of this fact.

Campus Candor

By Harold Niemann



BON VOYAGE, GUNNER BACK

Yes, Mr. Back, we know the trials and tribulations that you have gone thru while you were here. We have read about you, heard you, but, on the whole, think you're pretty swell. Of course we don't know whether it was your idea or the idea of this institution's higher officials with whom you commonly associate. We mean the idea of instituting a new course on this campus that was beginning to keep the university abreast with the times. We wouldn't have to take our hats off to you, like we would the higher university officials, but we're going to anyway.

We think, Mr. Back, or we would like to think, Mr. Back, that it was your efforts that instituted your semester-old course in radio continuity. And we know that you know that if this school is to be even a period in the "white spot of the nation" we must continue where you left off. Probably you wouldn't go so far as to say that the spark of advancement is gone, but that is just how we feel, and we can't help it, Mr. Back. We had some big ideas and we know that you did too.

Why, do you know that universities and colleges all over the country—even institutions not in the "white spot"—are emphasizing radio to a greater degree? Well, we know you do because we heard you say just that thing one time. In many places, courses in radio technique are being given for credit while in about 200 schools officials take charge of campus radio activity.

Tune in and Learn. But our big ideas, Mr. Back, were a lot bigger than just your radio continuity course. After all, even the student council was going to utilize that medium in order to give itself some free advertising. We think that we are capable of looking to the future—to the future when many university classes will be conducted by radio. You see, Mr. Back, then we wouldn't have to get up so early in the morning, we would have more time to eat, we wouldn't catch cold in wintry weather, and we could concentrate in the solitude of our homes. We could take a final examination to test whether or not we had tuned in regularly.

They Just Do. We have concluded, however, that Nebraska people aren't like that, Mr. Back. They like to get up with the chickens, swallow toast and coffee on the way to classes, and get out in the wide open spaces. They would probably come to class instead of tuning in because, you see, everyone feels that he must devote an hour to social sessions in the halls of Social Science.

We know that you know that we're not building air castles, too, Mr. Back. Altho we have plenty of air out here in which to do our building, it's back east where we can already see the realization of our dreams. Even in Iowa several courses are taught by radio. As a method of weeding out those individuals who are at school merely because there is nothing else to do, instructors there claim this system is unbeatable. There is no compulsory attendance and no records are kept except the results of the final examinations which are not given by radio.

Now Back East. Those people back East always seem to grab on an idea before we out here in the "white spot" can. At Harvard, after years of experimentation with the broadcasting of college lectures and other features, the university has adopted the radio as a regular part of its educational machinery.

Yes, Mr. Back, we think you had something in your course that scratched the surface and would eventually grow into one of our big ideas. We hope that your efforts were only the beginning. Yes, we know that our big ideas were your hope. We also know, Mr. Back, that our hopes are that those higher officials with whom you associated think in the same channels as you.

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Student Pulse

In Defense of Recent Diplomatic Action

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Contemporary Comment of yesterday's paper appeared an article written by one Boyd Innes with regard to the "diapered diplomats" in the pay of the state department of the United States.

We feel that we should first point out that any individual has a right to his own opinion on any subject, with the reservation that some context of the truth must be found in the original premise upon which that opinion is postulated.

In said comment by Innes we find little of such context of the truth, and it is to a fallacious opinion based upon entirely an erroneous concept of the policies and duties of the members of the state department that we shall refer in the following lines.

Upon approaching members of the editorial staff of the student newspaper, we were informed that the Daily Nebraskan would be glad to print opinions on both sides of any question. In this instance, we again feel called upon to point out that in the case of action undertaken by the state department, there can be no dual interpretation.

International comity, those rules and usages which develop from past actions undertaken by states in the conduct of their international relations, must be differentiated from international law. There is only one interpretation of those rules under which representatives of the government abroad, may, and do act.

It must be understood before we enter upon any discussion of the particular case in question, that diplomatic representatives abroad are not in any way acting as individual citizens abroad, but are acting in the best interests of the commonwealth from which they receive their appointments. In the United States, these representatives are appointed by the president, by and with the

consent of the senate, and in that capacity they are acting as representatives of the president and the entire populace of the United States, and do undertake such actions as would be commendable in the president himself. In brief, individual and personal interests must be subjugated to the importance of national interests.

Innes, in his criticism of the assistant secretary of the Nanking legation, the post held by Mr. Allison, and the conduct of that official with regard to the "slapping" incident has based his comment upon one of two premises:

1. Either Allison should have viewed such affront to the American government as directed toward him, personally, and undertaken satisfactory personal reprisals, or

2. Allison should have immediately overlooked the entirety of the incident. It (the "slapping" episode) was not an affront directed at any 6 year old youth who consequently ran crying home to mother, but was an affront directed toward the government and the peoples represented in China by Mr. Allison. Such "slapping" administered by one in the uniform of the Japanese government can only be construed as an attempt, either undertaken of the soldier's volition or following upon governmental or official edict, to impugn the authority of the United States government and its rights in that region, which rights had been granted thru international law and comity.

The report of Allison to the state department was not that of a whimperer, but that of a man honestly attempting to convey such news as he saw fit regarding the tenuousness of the Sino-Japanese situation, to his duly authorized superiors, and in line with the duty of his post.

Such an interpretation, which we believe verified and strengthened by perusal of international relations and the conduct thereof, leaves no room for the type of criticism voiced by Boyd Innes. Respectfully submitted,

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PROM COMMITTEE ABOLISHES OLD DOORWAY VOTING

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25th. The committee will submit the candidates' pictures to various publications before the prom. Those in charge of the annual dance intimated that they had numerous plans for the elected girl that depend on her selection pre-

vious to March 4, the date of the party.

Built around the prom girl elected at the newly inaugurated election, the committee disclosed that it is laying plans for a more impressive presentation than employed in the immediate past. The plot will be coined from a student contest, the winner of which will receive a prize of \$10. All plans must have a maximum production

cost of \$25 and should be handed to the co-chairmen in the Daily Nebraskan office before February 18.

An official bulletin of the San Jose State college ranks love as one of the ten commonest causes for students flunking out in their examinations. Time is given as the only cure. "Petting" is classed as another common cause.

Daily Nebraskan

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice in Lincoln, Nebraska, under act of congress, March 3, 1879, and at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, act of October 3, 1917, authorized January 29, 1922.

Last Ponca Chief Brings Tribal History to Dr. Bell

(Continued from Page 1.) 30 years younger than his chief-tain, and who is a member of the Ponca tribe, attends the old man with the same watchful and impassive care that a well trained prime minister might give his lord and monarch. Birdhead, in turn, in spite of his shabby working men's clothes and moccasins, treats LeClair with with gracious condescension of a European ruler. According to LeClair, who is himself three-quarters French, Birdhead is the only full blooded Ponca in the tribe of 300 or 400 Indians in the Niobrara region.

Bell Gathers Material. Through his daily visits with Birdhead and LeClair, Dr. Bell expects to gather the information to write another book in the series of "Chapters in Nebraska Archaeology," and later the archaeologist may write Birdhead's biography. Dr. Bell also plans to have Birdhead's hands holding the peace pipe and the chief's head modeled in clay and later in wax to be presented to the university museum.

When the pipestone quarries were first discovered by the Poncas shortly after their migration into the Niobrara territory, more than ten generations ago, the tribe fashioned a peace pipe in which to smoke the peace offering after skirmishes with other Indians. The pipe has been handed down from chief to succeeding chief ever since. Soon after Birdhead and Dr. Bell worked together this summer, the chief-tain gave the pipe to the archaeologist. No white man and few Poncas have ever seen the pipe unwrapped. Dr. Bell has offered the pipe to the museum to be kept for future Ponca Indians.

Pipe Similar to Bible. "The pipe is more sacred to the Poncas than our holy Bible is to us," Dr. Bell declared. "The way of the pipe is the good life, their symbol for right living. The chief-tain has a name that means 'He who holds the pipe.'"

Besides acting as interpreter and minister to Birdhead, Pete LeClair adds a few reminiscences of his own to the picture of Indian civilization which Dr. Bell is trying to piece together. The children of white pioneers may have been frightened into behaving themselves by threats that the Indians would scalp them, but LeClair gives a different slant to the matter. "My grandfather used to scare me by saying the white men would kidnap me," LeClair remembered.

CHERRINGTON SPEAKS ON TUESDAY EVENING ABOUT U. S. DEFENSE

(Continued from Page 1.) of the Geneva School of International Studies. While a student at Nebraska, Dr. Cherrington was unusually active in athletics as well as academic organizations. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Eto, and Kappa Delta Pi. Following his graduation from here, he went to the University of California as general secretary to the Y. M. C. A. For several years he was assistant football coach and coach of the University of California basketball team. Dr. Cherrington has spoken before the principal education groups in the United States and has presided over several notable round tables. His frequent trips abroad and his prominent position in international academic circles well qualify him to speak on the subject which he will bring to the open meeting on Tuesday night.

CHIPS (Continued from Page 1.) Mazine: Yes, and am I ever hungry!

Then, after the date, the question undoubtedly arises as to whether Joe should be put on the blacklist and his photo in the Rogue's Gallery, or whether his name should be written in the Blue Book.

The easiest way to avoid red tape, of course, is to date a co-ed.

REGENTS STAGE NINTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Board to Hold State-Wide Scholastic Compet April 11-12.

April 11 and 12 have been set as the dates for the University of Nebraska's ninth annual regents scholarship contest in the high schools of the state. A total of 250 scholarships, valued at about \$70 each for the freshman year, will be available for 1938, says Dr. A. A. Reed, director of the university extension division.

Last year 1880 students in 428 high schools participated in the competition and more than 200 of these students are in school at the present time. More than 1,000 students from over the state have been awarded these scholarships since they were made available nine years ago. Following the custom of other years, awards will be made on the basis of scores made in several tests, including an English classification test, two psychological examinations, an English composition test and another test of reading ability. An equally large number of contestants are expected to take part in the competition this spring, as each fully accredited and each minor accredited school is eligible to enter those students who are in the upper fourth of their graduating class.

Dr. Reed announces that in addition to the 250 scholarships, number of honorable mention certificates will be given, recipients of these being in a position to use any of the unclaimed scholarships after next Sept. 1. All entries in the contest must be in the office of the university extension division by Monday, March 14.

Teachers Really Normal College Survey Shows

(Continued from Page 1.) probably an expression of normalcy that the women are primarily interested in homemaking. Furthermore, the ratings indicate that the majority of women have average feminine interests and that they are quite homogeneous in the interests which they exhibit.

A high degree of correlation was found between the interests of people in the occupational groups of general office worker, stenographer and housewife, but this sameness of interests does not necessarily mean the same abilities to carry on any one of the three types of work. The scores revealed that 78 of the women tested wanted to be married, 35 didn't know and 6 answered in the negative. Only 11 said they wanted to follow a career after marriage, while 71 did not.

While 66 of the women tested had a stated interest in teaching at the present time, only 14 listed teaching as a chief interest 10 years hence as compared to 12 men who listed teaching as an objective at the present time and 7 of them who listed it as their chief interest 10 years from now. In order to devise tests that measure the student's interests in various occupations, interest patterns of individuals now employed in the various occupations are recorded and compared with the interests shown by the students. Such examinations, says Dr. Stult, are important because they help the student to not only know his interests but to more accurately analyze them.

"Men appear to be more varied in their interests, although they do seem to be more definitely interested in education as a life work," says Dr. Stult. "While the inventory test does not give conclusive evidence concerning a student's vocational interests, it does throw considerable light upon vocational problems."

Marian Cushing Fills Vacancy in Executive Council at Ag Campus

Marian Grace Cushing was elected to fill the vacancy on the Ag executive board at the board's meeting Thursday evening. The vacancy was created through the resignation of Naomi Domingo. Plans are under way for the spring party, which the Ag executive board promises to be the biggest ever staged. According to word received from the board, an orchestra shell will be purchased for the stage out of the board's permanent fund.

BURNETT TO ADDRESS INSTALLATION DINNER

Rev. R. A. McConnel to Assume First Plymouth Post Friday Night.

Chancellor E. A. Burnett will speak before a dinner to be held at 6:30 o'clock, Friday, Feb. 11, at First Plymouth church in honor of the installation of Reverend Raymond A. McConnel as pastor of the church.

The dinner will be one of the three meetings scheduled for the installation day. In the afternoon, ministers and delegates to the installation, will review proceedings and will hear a paper by the new pastor setting forth his experience and beliefs.

At 8:00 Friday evening, the formal installation service will take place, with Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter of Hartford, Conn., officiating.

All university students and other persons interested are invited to any of the three meetings.

PROF. WINNACKER TO ADDRESS P. B. K. TUESDAY EVENING

(Continued from Page 1.) courts in the Dreyfus case, and will show that all information concerning the case tends to prove Dreyfus' innocence.

With the knowledge that many Frenchmen still believe Dreyfus was guilty, Professor Winnacker will discuss some of the mysteries remaining in the episode. He will also tell of the influence that the case has had in French political affairs.

Another highlight of the session will be two vocal solos by Mrs. James Wadsworth, accompanied by Professor Wadsworth. Mrs. Wadsworth will sing "Carmen" by H. Loin Wilson, and "J'ai pleure en revu" by Hue.

JOURNALISM SOCIETY PLEDGES 13 SATURDAY

(Continued from Page 1.) Miss Marnie Meredith, and Mrs. Charles H. De Ford, Jr. The tea table was set in the colors of the group, green and purple.

Guests at the service were R. P. Crawford, Lawrence Pike, and Gayle C. Walker, the group adviser.

Nationally known women from the Nebraska chapter of Theta Sigma Phi include Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Ruth Bryan Owen, Mari Sandoz, and Bess Streeter Aldrich. Marjorie Heller, author of "Live Alone and Like It," and Zona Gale also belong to the organization.

Dr. Jay Jones, instructor in English at the University of Texas, got even with some "bright boys" in his class. Before Dr. Jones came to class, one of the students wrote on the board, "Dr. Jones will not have classes Wednesday." By the time he arrived, another student had applied the eraser to leave, "Dr. Jones will not meet his classes Wednesday." Not to be outdone, Dr. Jones erased one more letter.

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