

Editorially Speaking

To Think Or Not to Think

The past week marked the observance of National Defense Week. Pertinent to the observance of this week is the embarking of the nation's of the world on the greatest naval race ever seen. At the same time comes the Germany's colonies lost in the World war even announcement of Hitler's intention to regain if it must be at the expense of loss of life and bloodshed. Paralleling war activities in Spain, the conflict between China and Japan continues to rage. Resignation of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in England and the resulting turmoil in Great Britain adds to the upset picture. Rearmaments in France and the spread of war propaganda in Italy mark additional warlike measures being taken in European countries.

The above situation does not provide us with an inviting picture, but it does call forth the need for some calm and collected reflection on our part. Present trends in Europe point rather convincingly toward war. Thus, appears the need for thoughtful moves on the part of diplomats involved and the developing of a sane attitude on the part of the people whom those diplomats represent and who might ultimately be affected by an European conflict.

To boycott or not to boycott: isolation or collective security as the best means of settling world problems: support or abandonment of the Oxford oath; for or against the present neutrality act: these are the questions that are engaging much student thought at the present time.

Reports on ways and means of achieving peace and a thoughtful student attitude have already been brought back to many student bodies by representatives present at four undergraduate conventions held recently. Student representatives took part in the panels and discussions of current national problems such as the Ludlow amendment, the Panay incident, the Nye-Kvale bill and the Shephard-Hill bill.

The National Intercollegiate Christian Council and the Medical Students association voted at their conventions the withdrawal of the present Neutrality Act and urged quarantine of aggressor nations. They also favored the prohibition of shipments of munitions and other war materials to all aggressor nations, and advocated collective action on the part of all democratic countries as the best means of settling world problems and for the security of world peace.

Such contemplation of the factors which will affect the peace stability of the world marks the only rational method to follow, if hasty action, propaganda, and war fever is not to govern the decisions concerning war. Only if diplomats are backed by a thinking, reasoning populace can they be expected to view the situation thoughtfully and sanely

themselves. It is conceded that the opinions of university students will not sway the opinion of a nation's population, but effort directed toward educating and informing the people about the existing situation is that much achieved.

Lack of thoughtful consideration of the situation has been shown in the ranks of the present-day student bodies, and thus it appears necessary to emphasize this need. Silk stocking bans on a number of camps in order to boycott Japan seems foolish and a bit facetious. Propaganda did its work in those colleges and coeds and college men seized upon the opportunity to do something different, not so much in indignation over the Japan-China conflict as in elation over the chance to create a stir. The motive back of the move may have been justified, but it is probable that the majority of those who participated in the move had little knowledge of the reasons for their actions.

The need for student interest and thought was again demonstrated when the conventions reversed the sentiment of the preceding year and banned the Oxford oath. Students are apt to sign a pledge without thought of what that pledge will mean, and consequently, vacillate in their opinions about their promise from one moment to the next. Serious thought as to just what the oath "Never to support the United States in any war it may undertake" may mean would alter this fluctuation of opinion and result in a firm stand on either side of the fence.

The whole question seems ultimately to boil down to this: One doesn't have to sign a petition or see his congressman in order to become a valuable part of a peace movement. Serious thought and conscientious effort to view the situation as nearly as it exists will aid materially in the fight for peace. Individual contemplation, rather than simply following the spirit of the mob would be the most constructive rule to observe.

U Hall Experiences A Gentle Downpour

The melting snow got the best of University hall's none too adequate roof yesterday and as a result three rooms in the building were scenes of a gentle downpour. Consequently, already badly marred walls and floors received an additional number of non-erasable smears.

For the past 67 years, University hall has served as part of the classroom space on the campus and today, it is the headquarters of two university departments. For several decades the building has been used despite the condemning which has been chalked up to its record by competent architects and carpenters.

Yesterday's sun and the melting snow again proved the inadequacy of the ancient structure. No casualties resulted from the leakage, other than the distraction of student attention and the smeared interior. But the leakage did demonstrate again the old, but true plea that "we need more and better buildings!"

Campus Candor

by Harold Niemann

HERE'S TO OUR AGGRESSIVE AMAZONS

Women get what they want by being feminine and appealing. And they make use of these two devices to be aggressive. The woman on this campus is particularly able in the social graces—in fact, so much so that the average can eat better than she can cook, can dress better than she can plan or organize a sophisticated get-together. She intends to charm, but not to subdue into the background whenever a hot argument is going on.

FOREWARD HUSKER WOMEN

In the past 30 years, the movement toward woman's suffrage has gained great momentum. Whether or not women feel that they have a New Deal in relation to society, they are, if we judge by this younger generation of forward Husker women, more independent than in the days past. A comparison with the present crop of Nebraska men could not be hazarded because the women have merely lived, inbred, and learned from association.

Specifically, we can talk about women's politics on this campus. Few women will admit that politics in women's activities are apparent. There is no real reason why they should feel convinced of this point. Whether they are or not, they are wrong. In politics—alho we do not outwardly say that men's politics of this campus have contributed to the uncleanness of women's activities—the women have copied and moulded after the men.

A POINT BETTER

"Women are to rule the nation 1,000 years from now. The next hundred years will see the beginning of an American matriarchy—a nation of amazons in the psychological rather than physical sense. In 500 years, there will be a serious sex battle. In 1,000 years, women will definitely rule this country."

This is the prediction of Dr. William M. Marston, a psychologist formerly of Harvard university. Alho we have no sympathies with psychology—especially with it in its present status of an art or a science—we admire Dr. Marston's prediction. And this Harvard man is not the only one who feels the coming aggressiveness of the women. Our philosopher of the New School, Will Durant, makes somewhat the same prediction in his "The Mansions of Philosophy."

JUST A FAULT FINDER.

Since we are accused of being petty, glamorous, and pseudo-sensational, since we are accused of being at fault with the Old System because it is old, and since we subscribe to the new because of its newness, we can be even more petty. Let us, then, take the women of this campus and see what makes her the aggressive amazon that she is.

But the women, we think have gone one point farther. They can be the most poker faced of all politicians on the campus. Watch a woman and learn how to learn without yielding any pertinent information. No psychologist, even if he were a good one, could determine the presence of a political minded woman unless he tapped the wires to a sorority house phone.

The women, too, as we have said before can get things done by being feminine and appealing. Outwardly they appear just that, but on the inside there is politics enough to scare any unsuspecting freshman away from this institution of higher learning. Seven females have applied for the honor of being Prom girl. Watch our words, politics will play an important part.

The girls of this campus, then, are aggressive amazons. So well trained are they in politics that they have adopted the back yard policy. But unless the psychologist hides behind the sorority house couch, he will not be able to detect it.

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MOSEMAN ASKS FURTHER FACTS ABOUT BOOKSTORE

Prom Committee Presents Publicity Plan Outline To Student Council.

That the one chance of changing the bookstore policies was to present proof of inefficiency or unreasonable prices to the bookstore manager was the opinion voiced to members of the Student Council by President Al Moseman at a short business meeting last night.

Moseman urged council members to place any complaints or information about the bookstore that they might possess at the disposal of Richard McGinnis, co-chairman of the bookstore committee.

A report of the progress of plans for the Junior-Senior prom was presented by Edmund Steeves, co-chairman of the prom committee, who outlined a proposed publicity campaign and related the arrangements that had been made to promote ticket sales.

Barbara Rosewater presented a report for the publicity committee and Eva Jane Sinclair told of changes in plans for a council-sponsored radio program over station KFOR.

Prof. H. R. Davis Shows Lantern Slides Today At First Ag Assembly

Agriculture college students and faculty will meet today in the first convocation of the new semester at 4 o'clock in Ag hall.

Prof. H. R. Davis will show slides of European countries and explain them with his first hand information of this past summer's experience in Europe.

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thus indirectly, that of the crowd.

But if a group of interested and interesting co-eds could be organized to lead cheers, the coliseum would be much noisier. We might even make up a mathematical law on that principle; thus: The volume of cheers is in direct ratio to the squad of the number of pulchritudinous cheer leaders.

We have only one objection. Sixteen is too many. They couldn't keep together when leading cheers. Two on each side would be plenty. (We admit, however, that there should be some reserves handy in case the N club starts to indulge in bits of badinage and way repartee.) Sixteen would be a good number to have for a drill formation to put on a floor show in between halves but eight on a side would be far too many. Every time they wanted to lead a cheer, they would have to get out on the floor (which takes time for eight girls), scatter and announce the type of cheer to be yelled, try to synchronize their movements, and by that time, the time-out would be over and the floor full of cheerleaders, officials, and players would look like the check-room on the night of the Military ball.

Political Plums for Peaches. One of the best ways to arouse interest in such posts, would be to make them of political importance. This would eliminate senior girls, who probably would regard cheerleading as frivolous, anyway.

When it comes to football games, a full crew of eight girls to a side would be quite effective. For head cheerleader, however, the best bet would be an acrobat who could really acrobat hither and yon. The two opposing captains of the football teams could also use him to flip for choice of goals instead of a two-bit piece. If he lit heads up, Nebraska would win, if he lit—well, you see what we mean.

A Drum Major? And while we're on the subject, how about a stream-lined female drum-major? Other universities have them, why not us? If the answer is a definite "no," then we say that would be carrying Nebraska's "white spot of the nation" advertising program a step too far.

WILLIAMS' BAND RATES CONCERTED STUDENT ACCLAIM

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over night. These records can be verified by Dorothy Ann Campbell, Kappa, who spent two years on the west coast. Miss Campbell was particularly enthusiastic about the chief vocalist, Buddy Moreno.

In addition to possessing an unusually fine tenor voice, Moreno is a great deal of arranging and plays a very hot trumpet," Dorothy says. Griff Williams had the best-liked orchestra on the west coast.

Williams has everything in his favor to succeed in the world of dance orchestras. Besides his hot trumpet, he has Leo Kronmer, who has become the ace arranger of the band since he left the NBC studios in Hollywood. One of the best all-round musicians with Williams, Kronmer is the orchestra's concert master, plays lead saxophone, and takes all of the best clarinet solos. Dave Wyckoff, violinist, who doubles on trumpet, has a phenomenal memory. When he has played a number thru once or twice, it is unnecessary for him to consult the score again, and hence he has memorized the complete library.

Williams became so absorbed in the field of music and all that it had to offer, that even though he finished his pre-medical course and was graduated from Stanford, where he was affiliated with Sigma Nu, he immediately joined Anson Weeks' orchestra as pianist.

Word has come from Victoria

Chemical Engineers Plan Affiliation With A.S.C.E.

Chemical Engineers will hold a special session this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Avery laboratory, room 102, for the purpose of discussing affiliation with the American Society of Chemical Engineers. All chemical engineers are urged to attend this special meeting.

Seymour, former Delta Gamma from Nebraska. Miss Seymour is now residing in San Francisco. When she heard that the Junior-Senior Prom committee had the opportunity of securing Williams, she wrote that she had listened to the band several times a week and thought it was "topper" as far as bands, music and entertainment.

Students Dal Tassie, Jane Walcott, and Martha Montgomery heard Griff Williams at Elitch's Gardens last summer and agreed that he was one of the most danceable orchestras they had every heard.

Williams' music is new and different. Never losing sight of the fact that dancers want to hear the melody and rhythm that is easily recognizable, this band is at the top when it comes to all events. Patrons of the famous Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms in Chicago, liked Williams so much that increasingly large crowds resulted in a four months' engagement.

Thursday night, Feb. 24, Griff Williams is closing his contract at the Baker hotel, Dallas, Texas. A special broadcast will be held in his honor from 10:45 to 11:00 thru WFAA. This station can be located over the wave length of KPAB.

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DEGER, GUND TAKE TWO LEADING ROLES IN 'HADES' LADIES'

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Adna Dobson as Jonathon O'Hara Appletree, another harassed husband, John Howell as Old Scratch, a bailiff of Hades, and Bob Leadley as Fatience Darling, a sweet young thing.

Phelps, Deger, Howell Repeat.

Phelps, Deger, and Howell all carried speaking roles in last year's production of "Bar-O-Ranch," while Dobson and Leadley were members of last spring's pony chorus. Phelps, Howell, and Dobson are all three Cornhusker varsity footballers.

Several speaking parts remain to be filled from among a group of men under consideration. Try-outs will be conducted this evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock in room 101 of social sciences hall to select the remaining members of the cast. Cast members already announced should report at this time as well as persons notified by the Klub as being under consideration for the unfilled parts.

Try-outs for places in the dancing pony chorus and the singing chorus will be announced in the near future, according to Winfield Elias, president of the Klub. Each chorus will probably carry about twelve men.

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