

# Editorially Speaking

## To the Ladies, Bless 'Em

The Nebraska coeds who are socially inclined have been racking their brains—with a fiendish glee akin to the medieval alchemists—in happy anticipation of having the say-so at tonight's traditional Mortar Board party. They will enjoy to the utmost subjecting their escorts to all the humiliation and discomfiture their feminine thinking apparatuses can devise. There will be the guiding voice to-night as usual, but minus the subtle camouflage of coed indifference.

The men enjoy a lot of satisfaction tonight also. For all the inconveniences they must endure in dating, the coeds will be repaid in an exaggerated manner. The men will get quite a self-satisfying chuckle out of making the coeds check their coats, tie their shoe-laces, carry unnecessary belongings, provide the smokes, and, in short, foot the bill. The coeds may moan in dismay when they call for their dates, wait an hour while the men poke along in getting dressed and go through with humiliating acts, but they love it!

This vice versa dating once a year is a good thing for any campus. It breaks the monotony of the socially prescribed boy-takes-girl scheme of things. It takes some of the stuffiness out of the stuffed-shirt season. It debunks, to just the right extent, the formality of the formal season.

## The Annual 'Messiah'

There is nearly as much tradition wrapped up in the University School of Music's annual "Messiah" performance as there is in the university football team. Football draws larger Saturday crowds, but the "Messiah" does right well for itself in "pickin' 'em in" for Handel's famous oratorio.

Sunday's presentation of the "Messiah" will be the 43rd consecutive Christmas oratorio. Forty times, the "Messiah" has been produced. Twice, during the two score and odd years the "Elijah" has been presented.

The personnel of Sunday's inspiring oratorio includes nearly 250 university students. A Metropolitan opera singer leads the east as guest artist to add a touch of greatness to a student activity that the years have failed to mar. Being an annual affair has furthered the "Messiah" into the state's biggest musical

treat which attracts music lovers from far and wide.

Students and university patrons can thank the late Carrie Belle Raymond for inaugurating the Christmas oratorio as a beautiful outlet for spiritual devotion. Since the founding, the oratorio has grown to impressive splendor in a mass choir, stage scenes and special lighting effects, all based on the Christmas theme.

William G. Tempel, choral director of the school of music, will wield the director's baton for the second year this Sunday. Last year, nearly 7 thousand music lovers jammed the coliseum, a record attendance that is likely to be eclipsed this week. Mr. Tempel has taken over the work handled so capably for years by Howard Kirkpatrick, director of the school of music.

Student interest, in recent years, has failed to amount to much, largely because of the false assumption that the "Messiah" is a school of music function alone that does not concern the rest of the university. The "Messiah" is the university's greatest musical production and most certainly worthy of student attendance. The appreciation is bound to follow.

## 'Hooping' It Up

The curtain raises tomorrow night on Nebraska's 1938-39 basketball season with South Dakota as the first opponent the Brownies will play host to on the Husker court. Before the Christmas recess, Bradley Tech, Minnesota and Wyoming will come to Lincoln for hoop contests. The eagles will spend their holiday vacation in California, meeting such bang-up teams as California U, UCLA and Stanford. The second half of the court season will be devoted to Big Six conference games.

Nebraska lost a nip-and-tuck finale game to Kansas last spring, the win necessary for Kansas to retain the Big Six court championship. Four of the last year regulars are gone, but the replacement problem appears to be fairly well in hand, thanks to sophomores who were real prep hoop artists. Their collegiate ability remains to be tested.

Emphasizing brains over brawn, basketball at Nebraska is fast becoming the most popular winter diversion. Record attendances attest to the local interest in agility, split-second thinking, speed and daring. Football can look to its laurels. Basketball is the up and coming sport.

## Fraternities Versus Dorms

Fraternities in colleges and universities have come in for a lot of criticism in the past. While some of this invective bears a marked resemblance to "sour grapes," there is a great deal of justice behind it.

An organization is supposed to be a help to the student. If not, there is little justification for the existence of that organization. Most fraternities point with pride to the achievements of some talented member of the lodge and says, "That's what Tappa Nu Keg does for a man."

But we wonder sometimes, if these champions of the advantages of college social organization would swell up with pride if we continued the analysis through the entire roster. True a fraternity, like any association of human beings, must have some "dead-ends," but on the whole should not be members of these organizations make superior records.

**Scholastic Comparisons.** Last year under the delusion that our organized men are the intellectual superiors on the campus, we quote from the official averages of the grades for the second semester of the 1937-38 school year. The all-university average was 1.497; that of the unorganized men, 1.4513, and the fraternity average skidded down to 1.3906. Scholastically, at least, the organizations would appear to be considerably below the average for all students.

If and when an adequate dormitory system is provided here at Indiana university, fraternities will have to offer something more than a boarding house or a perpetual house party. With comfortable living quarters, adequate counseling by trained advisers and a well planned social program offered by the dormitories at a much more reasonable rate, what has the fraternity left to entice new students to join the brotherhood?

Those organizations which take a long range view of the situation will start "cleaning house" now. These content with "just getting by" will find the going very tough when the competition become stiffer.—Indiana Daily Student.

## Union Decks Its Halls With Holly, Trees, Mistletoe

Christmas has come to the Student Union! On each side of the fireplace a ten foot tree decorated in the good old fashioned way, complete to the candy canes, has sprung. Holly wreaths surround the windows and wood paneling of the doors.

The grill comes in for its share of Christmas spirit with a large silver tree adorned in blue lights. A double octet will sing carols from 1 to 2 o'clock in the lounge beginning next Tuesday and continuing for the remainder of the week.

Mistletoe has been ordered for the more romantically inclined and will be spread around immediately upon its arrival.

## Band Honorary Holds Smoker

Dwight Bonham, Bill Lyman Talk to Group

Gamma Lambda, honorary band fraternity, held an all band smoker Wednesday evening in the Union. Bill Lyman, president of the organization, and Dwight Bonham spoke to the group.

The program for the evening included a flute duet by Don Lentz, band director, and Don Hartman, and the showing of colored motion pictures of the band in action this fall.

## W.A.A. Holds Bowling Practice Saturday

W. A. A. bowling party, which is open to any university coed, will be held this Saturday at the Lincoln Bowling Alley. Twelve alleys will be at the disposal of the girls for one hour and six for the next.

Pauline Bowen is in charge of this Women's Athletic association play party.

Those girls who arrive at 1 o'clock will be allowed to bowl for one whole hour. After that first one first served. This afternoon's fun is free to every girl on the university campus.

## SARG'S PUPPETS

(Continued from Page 1.) interested in these lands? Is it only the glory of the old Roman ruins a school of puppeteering there?

Miss Shanafelt who is widely known for her own puppeteering ability calls puppeteering "a delightful form of expression through which I can do things I couldn't otherwise." Although for many people it is a profession, for her it is a hobby.

Television Boosts Puppets. She is looking forward to nationwide television when, she believes, puppets will come into their own. In explanation, she pointed out that companies can easily present television plays with the tiny figures which take up so little space with all their equipment in contrast to flesh and blood actors.

Defining some of the terms of her fascinating hobby, she said that any figure manipulated in any way is a puppet. Marionettes are puppets operated by strings, the type which Tony Sarg uses. There are shadow puppets, rod puppets, hand puppets and innumerable others.

When Sarg first appeared in Lincoln, Miss Shanafelt had only one puppet. She really started five or six years after that and at the present has about 65 figures. "Now I'm forever tangled in their strings," she smilingly said.

The University of California's atom smashing cyclotron weighs 83 tons.

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## Ag Complimented At Union Dance

Johnny Cox to Play On Saturday Night

The orchestra of Johnny Cox has been engaged to preside over the special guest night of the Union when all college students will be guests. Saturday night has been set aside for the party and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock.

The ag dance scheduled to take place in the ag activities building Saturday evening has been cancelled so that all ag students may attend the Union dance. Tickets to the dance will be distributed by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

City campus students and town people will be charged 25 cents to attend the dance. Johnny Cox and his band are popular in Lincoln, having played here often.

## Treating Him Right . . .

are 24 Phi Mus who are showing their Mortar Board dates how it's done when they take a man out for the evening . . . by reserving a private dining room in the Hotel Capital for dining and dancing at 12 . . . with decorations, favors, food, and all the fixin's, it promises to be "quite the stuff" . . . and what's more, the boys will be right on hand to have their pictures taken when the Cornhusker photographer comes around . . . we can't tell you every body who will be there but here's a "part list" . . . Lillian Williamson and Don Olson, Chi Phi; Gladys Trunk and Bill Kortlang, Kappa Sig; Dotty McCartney and Rodge Yifouan, Sigma Nu; "Woody" Campbell and Orval Hager, Beta; Delores Logue and Bill Horn, ATO; Marian Olson and Dean Kadavy, Chi Phi; "Jody" Marshall and Pat McFadden; Mary Jane Haney and Howard Weibel; Kay Lindblad and George Meier, Aeacia; Dorothy Jean Evans and Bud Rapp, PIKA; Lois Crawford and Leonard Peltier, Sigma Chi; Kay Donovan and Ray Carlson, Phi Sig . . . Don't miss being there . . . there'll be lots to see, what with photographers and original corsages . . . SEE YOU AT THE CAPITAL TONITE!

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## St. Paul Groups Schedule Party

Student Classes Hold Yuletide Fete Friday

The university Sunday school class and Epworth League of St. Paul Methodist church will hold a Christmas party Friday evening at the church. Helen Eichmy, Delbert Christenson and Ellis Dann are in charge of the program. The party begins at 8 o'clock and all university Methodists are welcome.

## Spanish Club Prepares Play

Students, Faculty Give 'El Bigote Rubio'

"El Bigote Rubio" or "The Blonde Mustache," a drama showing the comical trials and tribulations of a Spanish married couple, will be presented by students and faculty of the Spanish department at the meeting of El Club Espagnole to be held next Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Morrill 219.

The heroine who, jealous of her husband, meddles in everyone's affairs, will be portrayed by Katherine Piazza, Louise Wilke and Jon Aston also. Have important parts in the cast of six characters. Further entertainment for the evening will consist of group singing of Spanish Christmas carols, under the direction of Harry Tourlet.

## MAESTRO HAMP

(Continued from Page 1.) tops on a certain instrument. He says that you can always find at least half a dozen musicians who are tops in their special field.

The time that is requested more than any other by Hamp's dance followers is "My Reverie." Other songs come and go but "My Reverie" has held the front position for the last two months.

With a few informal remarks, the interview ended with Hamp ready to spend the evening at the theater and your reporter bothered with vivid picture of Britishers "truckin'" on down with the rest of the "cats" and the "alligators." "awfer ha spot o' tea."

## TUNISIA SITUATION

(Continued from Page 1.) empire which now troubles the ghost of Caesar? Tunisia, often called merely Tunis after its capital city with a quarter of a million inhabitants, is the land of ancient Carthage and its heroic Hannibal, once the scourge of Rome. Nice, and its companion province, Savoy, is the original home of the House of Savoy from which comes the king of Italy. Corsica is the home of Napoleon Bonaparte and a former possession of Genoa's.

## Control of Mediterranean.

"Very important is the bearing of Tunisia on the control of the Mediterranean," declared Professor Hill. "Being opposite the Italian peninsula its possession by Italy would give her much greater strength in the Mediterranean, which as Mussolini has said, is vital to Italy. This would be a challenge to Great Britain whose strength in the Mediterranean is great on account of her holding of Gibraltar, Aden, Malta, as well as her influence in Egypt."

"If we are right in assuming

## Tassels Check in Party Tickets at Union Today

Tassels will meet this noon at the Union to check in tickets and money for the Mortar Board party. Virginia Nolte states that it is imperative that every member report. Roll will be taken.

that the demonstrations in Italy were planned, what was the motive?" asked Professor Hill. "To me it seems likely that the tagging of the display was simply a diplomatic 'feeler'—an effort to sound out the situation and find the reaction in France, England and perhaps Germany. Doubtless it was suggested in part by the internal disorders of France, and the present willingness of the British government to compromise. It is not unlikely that Italy is anxious to make an issue while Chamberlain is still in power, for there have been rumors recently of a general election in England."

## Bargaining Power.

The international relations expert explained that a second motive might be present in recasting these visions of the old Roman empire. The modern Caesar may be seeking greater bargaining power in the Franco-Italian negotiations. "Personally I do not lean to this interpretation. In a dictatorship it is not good politics to arouse popular ambitions and emotions unless the government can find some way to satisfy them. A dictator cannot appear weak to his people—he must do things that are daring and spectacular. He can't afford to retreat on an issue. This was what made it necessary for Chamberlain at Munich to do nearly all of the conceding. It is this fact, that a dictator cannot back down, that looks most disturbing in the Italian Tunisian affair."

"An encouraging sign can be found in the fact that Europe is displaying considerable genius for settling crises. Modern diplomacy is resourceful. While the condition is disturbing I believe that some sort of diplomatic formula will be found to avoid an open rupture."

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