

# Daily Nebraskan

Official Newspaper of More Than 6,000 Students

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Offices ..... Union Building  
Day—B7181. Night—B7193. Journal—B3333

Member Associated Collegiate Press, 1938-39  
Member Nebraska Press Association, 1938-39

Represented for National Advertising by  
NATIONAL ADVERTISING SERVICE, INC.  
420 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y.  
Chicago Boston Los Angeles San Francisco

Published Daily during the school year except Mondays and Saturdays, vacations, and examination periods by students of the University of Nebraska, under supervision of the Publications Board.

Subscription Rates are \$1.00 Per Semester or \$1.50 for the College Year, \$2.50 Mailed. Single copy, 5 Cents. 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 20, 1922.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.....HOWARD KAPLAN  
BUSINESS MANAGER.....RICHARD M'GINNIS

### EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Managing Editors ..... Merrill Englund,  
Harold Niemann.

News Editors.....June Bierbower, Richard DeBrown,  
Norman Harris, Ellsworth Steele, Fern Steuteville, Ed Wistenberg.

Society Editor.....Margaret Krause  
Reporters—Marian Bremers, Stanley Breuer, Jean Carnahan,  
James Carroll, Janice Felthausen, Pat Greene, Frances Keefe,  
Betty Kilngel, Evelyn Leavitt, Hollis Limprecht, Clyde Matz,  
Donald Moore, Hubert Ogden, Clark O'Hannon, Chris Peterson,  
Paul Svoboda, Lucile Thomas, David Thompson, Ava Wharton.

### BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Assistant Business Managers.....Arthur Hill, Robert Seidel,  
Helen Severa.

Solicitors.....Roger Anawalt, Ed Calhoun, Ed Segrist,  
Ben Novicoff, Burton Thiel.

Circulation Manager.....Stanley Michael

## THAT OLD RUT

Many of the people of Nebraska are proud. They are proud of a state in which there is no sales tax and no great indebtedness. They are proud of a state which ranks 39th in education and whose average teacher receives a smaller salary than a skilled WPA laborer. These are certainly conditions which should instill a great feeling of pride.

Two years ago the legislature killed a

2 mill levy proposal for a long run university building campaign. Today \$800,000 is so great a sum that its expenditure for a new library is hardly considered. This does not hide the fact that the present library has been outmoded and incompetent for fifty years. Yesterday the state legislature refused to consider a bill which might offer a meagre assistance to those teachers who after a life time of service to the people of the state are deserving of a few years ease. Perhaps the people of Nebraska are proud of this too.

Today at noon students at the University of Minnesota will close their opening campaign to raise funds for aid in payment of their new union building—a union building which will cost two million dollars. At Minnesota they are willing to spend two and one-half times what we want for a dire necessity, to construct a building simply to replace one which they deem no longer offers the facilities they desired.

How can they do it? Certainly it isn't the fact that they have twelve thousand students instead of only our six that enables them to expand their campus with sums fabulous when compared to the expenditures of this state.

Perhaps it is something Nebraskans never think of that is the answer to the question. Perhaps it is something deeper than just a consideration of how much we are compelled to spend for state administration and how much taxes we feel that we can afford to pay. The people of Minnesota seem to realize the value of their educational system, not simply for the practical and tangible worth which may or may not be evident, but for the future citizens and the potential value of those citizens.

We must not be content to live for the moment and believe it so important that it will last forever. It is a crime against posterity to deprive them of the progressive ideals of education simply because we refuse to provide the material with which to house the promulgation of those ideals.

It is time the people of Nebraska stopped to think. Where are we journeying on this highway of "pay as we go?"

# Inquiring Reporter

Shorter skirts for what and why

Chris Peterson

A recent issue of Life carried a rather detailed picture essay concerning the new fashion craze of the current year; specifically, that of shortening skirts. In fact, the article might suggest to the average reader that there is an obvious threat that the fashionable lassie of '39 will be displaying 18 inches or more of uncovered appendages. A skirt is defined as that garment which covers the body from the waistline down. However, if the present trend continues to

exist, this definition may have to be altered to read: that garment which covers the waistline!

Skirts in the past have proved to be excellent prophets of business trends. In '29, with business at the top, so were skirts. Came the crash which plunged us into the depression and skirts beat stocks to the bottom. In '35, both skirts and stocks began to climb --and the skirts are still climbing. This all adds up to one thing; if skirts foretell business trends, '39 should be an 'ell of a good year.

With this question "What do you think of the new fashion tendency to shorten skirts?" we set out to gather opinions concerning this up-turn in feminine garb.

**BRUS KAMUL—AFFILIATED**  
"It will be one of these pleasant detriments to safety and health. Reason No. 1--It will increase curb tripping and sidewalk stumbling among our male population. Reason No. 2--It will be exceedingly hard on the average male's neck."  
**TWYLA MALLORY—UNAFFILIATED**

"I think that such a trend has a place in our fashions. Whether I like the idea or not, I would wear the shortened skirt because I believe in following the styles. After all, if one doesn't, they are considered unorthodox. I also think that short skirts will be in style for three or four years."

**CLARK C. JONSON—AFFILIATED**

"I feel like the befuddled lassie who has just had the proposal popped to her, but candidly and offhand, I should say that I believe that skirts will hit a new high this year."

**BOB ROSSER—AFFILIATED**  
"I don't believe that we can make any criticism of short skirts for women when we have men in the work, such as the Scotchman who wears his skirts or kilt a foot above the knees. Only when women surpass this extreme should we criticize, and then something other than criticism should be done!"

**ANN BEARD—AFFILIATED**  
"I think that it is awfully nice but of course, it depends upon the individual and her legs. It presents quite a problem for those who are knock-kneed or bow-legged. All in all, even though it is and will be the style, the girl should wear a skirt which best fits her purpose."

**ROLAND SHIRLEY—AFFILIATED**  
"I think women would be much better off if they didn't wear skirts so short. Of course it is perfectly all right for women who are physically fitted for such a revelation. I think that the short skirt is just a passing tendency and that they will never be as short as they were in '29."

**OTIS GLEBE—UNAFFILIATED**  
"I'm indifferent. It doesn't make any difference to me. Of course, if my decision upon the matter was of life and death importance, I would rather see them long, but not too long."  
**MARGARET KRAUSE—AFFILIATED**

"Well, I've had a year of physics and I know that whatever goes up must come down. Law of gravity, ya know. What happened after '29 proves this point. But confidentially, I think short skirts are terrible. Too revealing and all."



### TRUE STORY.

In days  
Of old,  
When knights  
Were  
What they were,  
Romance flowered.  
It was the  
Custom for a  
Stalwart warrior  
To  
Ride away  
To battle—  
Or just  
A joust—  
With the emblem  
Of his  
Lady fair  
Flowering from  
His helmet:  
An embroidered sleeve.

This  
Romantic soul  
Likes to think  
That the  
Age of chivalry  
Is not dead.  
And  
It isn't.  
I have proof:

Only  
The other day  
(And this  
Is sworn to  
By three  
Eye-witnesses—  
Who,  
Drove around the block again  
Just to make sure  
Said eyes were not  
Deceiving them)  
A happy charmer  
Strode merrily  
Up R street  
To school  
With the emblem  
Of his  
Lady fair—  
Just as in the  
Days of old—  
Flowing from  
His cap:  
Pink panties.

It's  
God's own truth!  
I'm telling you.

When a young lady gives you a line, don't swallow it but take it light-heartedly and then hand it back to her with two layers of trimming.

And so, fellows, catch your breath and respond to this. Nebraska co-eds can take it.

## Student Pulse

### Not satisfied

Dear Editor:

Let's have a little more truth! The answer to "A Plea" can't stand on its own legs; it is no defence for the present NEBRASKAN. The plea was written in the hope that some member of the staff with "inside" information would do away with vague statements and get down to brass tacks.

First: Why, with a whole school devoted to the professional training of Journalists, if that may be classed as a profession, does the DAILY NEBRASKAN have insufficient and incompetent reporters? It is little wonder that the cream of the crop get into some other activity because the DAILY NEBRASKAN has little to offer them. There used to be apparently good reporters on the staff. Why not now? Because there are not enough definite assignments with assurance that the story will be printed. Nine out every ten hit the waste basket because there is not enough room at the time the story was hot news. Reporters do not have to ferret out news; enough leads and requests for reporters are turned into the office to keep them all busy. I may be wrong but isn't it the news editor's job to edit, improve or rewrite stories or is he confined to headlines?

Second: It is not putting the cart before the horse to say that an enlarged paper is needed to attract advertising. I have personally sold enough advertising to know that the first question an advertiser asks is, "What is your circulation?" It must satisfy before he will spend a great deal for ads in that publication. You must prove wide circulation to sell your ad, and to get circulation you must have something to read.

Third: National ads, if I am not mistaken, are contracted for in advance and the present NEBRASKAN is resting on the glories of former records. How about the future? Present organizations in close contact with the campus know the present circulation and character of the NEBRASKAN and have sought other means of contact with the student body. The Lincoln cathedral choir, the Student union and the Intermural Department of Athletics have specifically felt a need of wider contact along with local businessmen

who are ceasing to advertise extensively.

The writer of this little epistle will gladly confer with the NEBRASKAN staff concerning ideas of the newspaper but first he would like to know why there are not enough reporters to fill the requirements of the NEBRASKAN. The office always seems to be well stocked but few are seen anywhere else on the campus.

Yours truly,  
The Still Disgusted Reader  
ERLE M. CONSTABLE

## Ak-Sar-Ben--

(Continued from Page 1)

fessors, and a bidding contest. Bidding contest open to public.

The bidding contest will be open to the public. Several animals will be evaluated by the faculty before the show and will then be shown in the arena. Members of the audience will then be free to bid on the animals in mock sale form. A cash award will be given to the person who gauges the value of the animal most nearly.

The committee in charge of the show is made up of Paul Fidler, senior manager, Ed Zahn, assistant manager, and Lawrence Buller who is in charge of the ball.

## Rules--

(Continued from Page 1)

deadline. A girl feels insulted if the phone rings a night before the Prom and a casual masculine voice inquires, "Whatcha doin' tomorrow night?" Usually a girl would like to reply, "It's really none of your business." For if she hasn't already made a date she certainly doesn't want to broadcast her bad luck, and would feel much happier if the voice had said, "Jean and Bill have just decided to have a small dinner party tomorrow before the Prom and I think it would be swell if you could go with me."

Leave gal breathless. Leave the gal breathless. Make phone calls exciting. And when she can't accept the first date that you want, make another attempt, for she may be very anxious to have a date with you. Sometimes several fellows may ask her for the same night and leave another date open.

Before the public your girl wants you to shine. You may be a whiz on a dance floor, president of all extra-curricular activities, and an all-American too, but if you barge through a door before her, swooze on the last drop

of a coke, and flirt with the other fellows girl, you are heading for a long time sentence in her doghouse. Stay on the curb side of her at all times, and don't make it necessary for her to make a leap in front of you in order to keep on the correct side.

Then back to the ballroom. At those Wednesday tea dances if you get stuck with a girl, don't stand around with a martyred look and then dance her practically over the toes of the stag-line. She probably has mental thoughts of much greater woe than you can begin to imagine, and it would be a great relief for her if you could be clever enough to suggest whipping into the grill for a coke.

To park or not—mmm!

After a formal, the old question may arise for some of the fellows, "To park or not to park." The answer depends on just how many dates you have had with her. Double-dating with a couple who are too, too much in love may make a few complications, especially if that fellow is driving the car. Conversation becomes embarrassing when the couple in the front seat are practicing the finer techniques of a Robert Taylor-Hedy Lamarr.

You will be far safer on a first date to just take her home and with a "Gee, but your wonderful" look in your eyes thank her for a grand evening and then leave. When a girl kisses you on the first date, don't immediately decide that she is promiscuous with her favors. You may have made a real hit with her. That is a possibility many fellows (modest creatures) overlook.

What's in a line?

Handing out a line has been discussed for a long time.

For some occasions it is fun and keeps the ball rolling over what might have been a rather dull evening. But lines can hang you. Know when to stop. Girls exchange views on fellows and when one discovers that you have told a rival of hers that her dancing is the smoothest, too, trouble begins. "You're silly, or you have more pep than ten others added together" will make her much more flattered than a trite remark such as, "You look so beautiful tonight."

## TYPEWRITERS

for Sale and Rent  
NEBRASKA  
TYPEWRITER CO.

130 No. 12th St.  
LINCOLN, NEBR. 68517

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Announces a

FREE LECTURE

ON

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

BY

Dr. Hendrik J. de Lange, C. S. B.

OF NEW YORK CITY

Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church  
The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts

AT FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
TWELFTH AND L STREETS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1939

AT 8:00 P. M.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY AND THEIR FRIENDS  
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND