



DAILY staff photo.

by Bob Aldrich.

High priests of education—that's what Dr. Earl H. Bell, assistant professor of anthropology, calls teachers who place themselves upon pedestals and dispense knowledge with a know-it-all attitude.

Better relationships between teachers and students movement has its strongest faculty booster in Dr. Bell. He speaks enthusiastically of the possibilities in education when teacher and student work side by side, instead of pulling in opposite directions.

He also speaks with stinging sarcasm of the teachers who "deify themselves." There's only one thing that arouses his ire more—a docile student.

**Docility prevents thinking.**

"That's the thing I hate most—these students who sit back and listen to the drippings from the tongue of the master. That doesn't develop thinking. That's the philosophy of Nazi leadership."

"My philosophy of education is two men sitting on a log trying to solve a problem. There ought to be more democracy in education. My door is always unlocked. I've never told a student I was too busy to see him and hope I never will."

**Works with students.**

Before having his picture taken, Bell insisted upon including George Bartos, young assistant and head of the W. P. A. archaeology lab, in the photo. "He and I work together," Bell said.

"Teachers ought to find out the interests of their students," he continued. "For example, I've got a fellow here taking a minor in anthropology. He's interested in army work. So we're getting together on a study of the military tactics used by Cortez in Mexico and Pizarro in Peru. The teacher ought to puzzle out problems along with his students—not hand it down with the dignity of a high priest."

"There are three kinds of education—learning, believing and thinking. Almost any animal except a moth can learn. And education was set up to make us believe—not think. That's what it's doing now."

**Conventions necessary.**

It is up to intellectuals to try to change the status quo as slowly and painlessly as possible, Bell says.

"Oh, we have to have conventions. But it's a bad thing when they center around an older civilization that has gone overboard. Then they are out of harmony. We have changed our material culture tremendously in the last 100—even 50—years but our idea of social values has not kept pace."

Born on a farm near Shellrock, Ia., Bell was graduated from high school there in 1921, attended college for six weeks one summer, returned to become principal of a ten grade school for one year. Attending Iowa State Teachers college at Cedar Falls, he worked in a laundry and in the library there.

**Came here in 1931.**

From 1925 to 1927 he was superintendent of another Iowa school. He began his doctor's study at Wisconsin in 1927, was assistant there in anthropology and social psychology. Coming to Nebraska in '31, he got his Ph. D. from Wisconsin in '32.

He lives two lives—one with his work as a teacher, another with his research. He is director of the WPA archaeology project in the basement of social science—but that's a story in itself.

During the past year he has been collaborating with the U. S. department of agriculture. M. L. Wilson of the ag department discovered his doctor's thesis, a study of a small midwestern community, and got him working on a revision which he's finishing now.

**'Co-author' with students.**

He has a book on Nebraska archaeology. "The students and I wrote it together," he explains. He has written numerous articles. Last year, at a meeting of the American Archaeological association, five papers were read by Nebraskans—two by Bell, three by students.

Well built, dark featured with black, curly hair and a bat-wing moustache, Bell is lively, talkative, friendly, not at all the austere pedagogue. He would rather have a bull session with a student than deliver a formal lecture. He hates with all the fervor of a born radical the state scenery and trappings that obscure education from its real purpose.

Most people connect anthropology with stories of digging into long hidden ruins. That's part of the work—every summer Bell leads expeditions on digging trips into Nebraska, scooping dirt eight hours a day and writing half the night. But he sees anthropology as a live, vital study—man's struggle to adjust himself to a changing world.

His liberal ideas are based on a strong belief in the democratic scheme. "I have more faith in the judgement of the masses—farm-

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## Feb. 7 opens debate season

### Team meets Creighton, Marquette on isolation

Nebraska debaters will begin their regular session Feb. 7 and 8 with debates against Creighton and Marquette university, both in Lincoln, on the question of United States isolation.

Members of this year's team are Otto Woerner, Howard Bessire, Harold Turkel and John Stewart. Debates with Iowa State college, Drake and Grinnell are scheduled for Feb. 21, 22 and 23.

The University of Missouri is arranging a series of debates with Nebraska to be held at Columbia during the third or fourth week in March. Probable question of debate will be the national war referendum. Other arrangements call for a series of debates next month between Nebraska and Kansas State college.

Lack of expense money has made it necessary to reject several offers to debate in distant communities, said Dr. H. A. White, of the department of English, debate coach. Several dates are being saved, however, for visiting teams who will be in this territory during the next few weeks.

## The weather

The weatherman is beginning to contradict himself—for Nebraska it's fair all day today—and continued COLD.

## Brownell to speak Charter Day

### Feb. 15 marks 71st birthday of university

Chicago, coast alumni to celebrate; speaker once edited Nebraskan

Marking the 71st anniversary of the university, Charter Day will be celebrated Feb. 15 on the campus when Herbert Brownell, '24, of New York City, former editor of the NEBRASKAN, delivers the annual address for which a distinguished alumnus is always chosen.

Brownell is a member of the law firm, Lord, Day and Lord, and was head of the legal department for the New York World's Fair. When attending the university he was made a member of the Innocents society and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Chicago alumni will meet two days earlier for a reception and dinner in the Furniture Mart. San Francisco alumni are also planning a dinner. Other clubs are expected to continue meetings similar to those of preceding years.

Last year at the annual Charter Day celebration on the campus, Miss Edith Abbott, dean of social service administration at Chicago university, spoke at the convocation in the coliseum on "Frontiers in Social Welfare."

## Few students fail to register by deadline

Late comers will submit schedules Feb. 2; fees payable Jan. 26-Feb. 1

All but an approximate dozen resident students completed their second semester registration before the deadline Saturday noon, according to Dr. A. R. Congdon, chairman of the assignment committee.

Students registered for the first semester who have not completed second semester registration will be allowed to register Friday, Feb. 2, upon payment of a late registration fee.

No actual count has been taken to determine the exact number of students registered but it is felt that second semester registration will approximate that of the preceding semester.

### Pay fees Jan. 26-Feb. 1.

Fees are payable in Memorial hall Jan. 26 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., Jan. 27 from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Second semester classes begin on Monday, Feb. 5. No changes in registration will be considered until then.

## A. A. Reed directs educators session

Dr. A. A. Reed, director of the extension division, presided at a luncheon for local educators interested in problems of adult education in the Union Saturday noon.

Herbert C. Hunsaker and James Creese of New York City, field representatives for the American Association for Adult Education in Nebraska to take part in the first annual conference of the Nebraska section of the association Friday at Kearney, were present for the meeting.

Dr. Reed was chairman of the Friday evening dinner meeting on co-operation for community education, and Dr. O. H. Werner of the department of education was chairman of the noon luncheon meeting.

Inquiring reporter . . .

## Finds more things happen to people than anyone else

by Paul Svoboda.

Life would be a very drab affair if it ran in consistent cycles where one could depend upon the future as being very similar to the past. However to the youth in his late teens and early twenties certain events occur that disrupt, either temporarily or permanently, the life of an individual.

These events may or may not be important in the minds of others because of their seeming insignificance, but to the individual who experiences the event it may be of utmost importance.

Over a period of time certain things stand out and this is what your reporter attempted to discover in today's interviews.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME THIS LAST SEMESTER WAS:

**Don Young, arts and sciences freshman.**

...That I experienced a change from being a somebody to a nobody. In high school I was some-

what of a big shot; here I am one of the ducks in a very large pond. Equally significant was my entrance into a fraternity which certainly has changed my outlook on college.

**Shirley Phelps, bizad freshman.**

...I shot a rabbit during Christmas vacation and killed him dead. Somehow it gave me a sense of superiority or power.

**Adrian Foe, arts and sciences freshman.**

...School and joining a fraternity. (See REPORTER, page 3)

## Choral group makes first appearance

Madrigal Singers, octet, uni singers, glee club, to give winter festival

The newly formed Madrigal Singers, joining with three other choral groups, will present a winter choral festival in the coliseum today at 3 p. m. Tomorrow's program will be the first public appearance for the Madrigal group.



Louise Stapleton, Journal and Star.

The concert, is open to the public and will be directed by W. G. Tempel, assistant professor of voice and choral music.

Highlight of the program will be one of the nation's favorite Negro spirituals "Shadrach." Members of the men's octet will be costumed during this number.

The Glee club and the university singers will be appearing for the

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## Jane Shaw new 'Y' prexy

Simmons, Carnahan McMahon also elected

Approximately 350 university women braved the subzero weather to vote in Friday's Y. W. C. A. election and to name Jane Shaw, Pi Beta Phi, their 1940 president.

Miss Shaw was chairman of the personnel staff and had served on the finance committee. She aided in the finance drive for two years and was assistant chairman this fall.

Patricia McMahon was named president of the ag college Y. W. unit and Winifred White was named representative to the ag social council.

Other candidates chosen for offices in the city campus election were Jean Simmons, Delta Delta Delta, vice president; Jean Carnahan, Chi Omega, secretary; and Ann Husted, Kappa Kappa Gamma, who went uncontested in the election of treasurer.

Priscilla Wicks, Delta Delta Delta, is the retiring president of the organization. New officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the second semester.

## Countryman staff headed by Thacker

Faculty committee appoints Cooksley new managing editor

Wendell Thacker, ag junior, will head the staff of the Cornhusker Countryman as editor-in-chief for the next two semesters, Dr. L. F. Garey, chairman of the ag faculty publications committee, announced today. New staff members were also named to other positions.

The Countryman, ag's student monthly with a circulation of more than 1,200, will be edited and published by a staff of 35 students who were selected by the committee at the regular mid-year election. The magazine has been published on ag campus for 16 years in its present form.

Leo Cooksley, junior, will fill the newly created position of managing editor and will handle the business staff of the magazine. He has been circulation manager for the past year. Sylvia Zocholl, junior, was re-elected home economics editor. Norma Jean Campbell, sophomore, and Edith Sic, junior, were named as-

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## Civil service picks new group Feb. 5

Announcement of civil service examinations opening to college students junior professional assistant posts in 27 fields was made yesterday. The closing date for filing is Feb. 5. High rating candidates will draw \$2,000 per year as: administrative technician, agronomist, archaeologist, biologist (wildlife), engineer, information assistant, librarian, meteorologist, plant breeder, public welfare assistant, rural sociologist, soil scientist, textile technologist, agricultural economist, animal breeder, archivist, chemist, entomologist, geographer, legal assistant, metallurgist, chirocultivist, poultry husbandmen, range examiner, social anthropologist, statistician, veterinarian.

A four year college course leading to a bachelor's degree with major study in the field of optional subjects chosen is required. Applications will be accepted from senior students, or in the case of the legal assistant option, from law students, now in attendance at the university.