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Editorially Speaking

Tuesday calls for altruism in Promoting High Scholarship

... better yet is selfishness

The university will hold its annual Honors Day convocation Tuesday morning when 632 students will be recognized for achievement of high scholarship in their academic work. Guest speaker will be Judge Florence Allen, prominent woman barrister from Cleveland, who will discuss "The Constitution, an Instrument of Freedom."

Imperfect though it may be, high scholarship is still the best guide available to show which students are deriving the most benefit from their studies, and hence it is a mark of distinction which all may respect and strive to attain. Furthermore it would seem that high scholarship may become a factor of increasing importance in determining who shall have the privilege of pursuing higher learning if educational funds continue to decline in the face of growing numbers who seek admission to universities each year.

Excellence is to be sought in all worthwhile pursuits, and certainly scholarship cannot be held an exception. The Honors convocation is the university's annual expression of interest in and appreciation for students who maintain a superior scholastic standing. In an institution of this size, many students may grow to feel that no one really cares what sort of grades they get, outside of themselves, perhaps, and their parents. The most retiring of us like a little official recognition once in a while even for those pursuits which should be their own rewards. And so Tuesday will come that official recognition—a satisfactorily broad recognition which can include approximately 10 percent of the university enrollment. One way that students can show their interest and do their part in this promotion of better scholarship is to attend the convocation, for which all Tuesday morning classes after 10 o'clock will be dismissed. Another way, of course, is to try a little more selfish promoting of one's own personal and individual scholarship.

Honors—

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high praise from critics throughout the nation.

Prof. Linus Burr Smith, chairman of the department of architecture, who is in charge of the honors convocation, has arranged a faculty luncheon for Miss Allen to be held in the Union following the program.

Under the direction of William G. Tempel, the University Singers will sing, and Frank Cunkle will play several numbers on the organ. Invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. Thomas A. Barton, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church.

Engineers—

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affair are: Phil Eshelman, agricultural engineering; Sidney Campbell, architecture; Ralph Stalbaum, chemical engineering; Roger Evans and Glen Krueger, civil engineering; Henry Berry, electrical; and Truman Spencer, mechanical engineering.

Appoint 13 chairmen.

Thirteen special chairmen have also been appointed. Robert

Schluckebier is in charge of the ball; Francis Lotterle, banquet; Ivan Bauer, the campus structure which will be a large slide rule; Sterling Dobbs, engineers' week promotion contest; Earle Cox, convocation; Harold Sampson, field day; Joy Richardson, photography; Houston Jones, programs; Harry Kammerlohr, publicity; Frank Little, ribbons sales; David Roach, the "Sledge," publication; Anton Krejci, traffic; Paul Owen, window displays.

Boucher—

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in education generally, in music and the fine arts. There is as high a type of secondary schools as I have ever found." The state-wide interest in football he calls "a wholesome part of the spirit, not out of balance."

On the new Junior Division: "It will improve the situation from the student's standpoint, help him to get adjusted earlier. Too many students flounder for one or two years without finding themselves. Guidance and counsel will be the main objectives.

On higher tuitions: "It will not lower enrollment because the raise

Schmidt warns . . .

Farm Federation tax may cost 22 millions

If the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation successfully places on the ballot an amendment to the state constitution which proposes an over all limit on the rate of property tax which may be imposed for combined state and local purposes, and if Nebraska voters favor the measure, it will result in a loss in government revenue of approximately 22 million dollars, according to Edward B. Schmidt of the department of economics.

His estimate is approximately 50 percent of property taxes levied in the state last year for all purposes and suggests the importance of considering ways of meeting the cut or of revamping the program of government to meet the limits of its budget.

Schmidt points out that the total loss would be 28 millions, but 6 million dollars must be deducted as the amount of taxes levied annually for debt retirement. The proposed limitation does not apply to levies for debt retirement.

Interpreting the results of such an amendment is difficult, he declares, because of such variable influences as future ratio between assessed value and actual value, trend of future state and local expenditures, future policy in regard to other revenues, and trend of future prices and production.

"Since it is impossible to know what these trends will be, it is necessary to proceed on the basis of assumptions," he states. "In the first place, it seems logical to assume that enactment of the amendment will not cause change in present assessment practices. The purpose of the legislation would be defeated if assessors increased valuations enough to compensate for lower tax rates."

The economist also believed that the existing expenditures would be neither increased or decreased and that "existing taxes other than the property tax will be continued and their proceeds distributed as at present." He also declared that, "Another assumption is that prices and production will continue in such a way that existing property values will remain unaffected . . . No one can predict with certainty either the direction or the extent of the future change."

State and county governments will continue to use the property tax in their financing, he believes, and "this is equivalent to saying that all necessary adjustments arising from adoption of an over-all tax rate limitation amendment will be made in municipal and school finance." It is unimportant, he states, which governmental units shall actually utilize the property tax.

"Whether or not schools and municipalities would be able to continue to utilize the property tax . . . depends upon the margin between combined state and county tax rates and the maximum over all limit contained in the proposed amendment. This is not entirely true, Schmidt says, "for the amendment provides that communities may exceed the constitutional limit upon approval of 60 percent of the electors. Resort to this expedient, however, would defeat one of the purposes of the maximum tax rate limitation "for it is hoped . . . that adoption of the amendment would result in reducing the burden on property."

In 1939 the state and county levies in 63 of the 93 counties exceeded the seven mill maximum provided for rural communities, showing that rural school districts in these counties would have no margin for property taxation at all. In 23 of the remaining counties, school districts would have been able to impose a property tax rate of less than one mill."

"It is apparent . . . that adoption of the proposed over all tax rate limitation amendment would result in a loss of revenue equal at least to the amount which the property tax now provides for the public schools."

is only in the lower brackets and not general. Tuition is still below the median of eighteen comparable schools in this area."

On future enrollment: "Nobody knows. It depends on the development of junior colleges, the most significant development of recent years. There are more and more junior colleges in many parts of the country, many of them offering vocational courses."

In the main he thinks students are "capable of doing more work than they are asked to do"—not just at Nebraska but everywhere. "Several institutions during the past 10 years have shown that students are capable of doing more difficult work than we generally give them credit for, if we arouse their interest and challenge them. This was true when I went to school and it has been demonstrated recently."

He calls housing the biggest need of the university at present with a number of departments "disgracefully housed." More maintenance money is needed. "Our appropriation at present would probably adequately run a school of 5,000 students instead of 7,000."

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students and faculty members. Notices for the bulletin must be sent or brought to the DAILY office by 5 p. m. every day for insertion in the paper the following morning. Notices must be typed or legibly written and signed by some one with the authority to have the notice published. The bulletin will appear, daily except Monday and Saturday, on page two of the NEBRASKAN.

MONDAY

TOWNE CLUB.

Members of Towne club will meet in parlor A of the Union at 6 p. m.

FACULTY MEN'S CLUB.

Faculty Men's club will meet in parlor C of the Union at 6:15 p. m.

REQUEST PROGRAM.

There will be a program of request music played on the Carnegie music set at 4 p. m. in the faculty lounge of the Union.

TASSELS.

Members of Tassels will meet at 5

p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA.

Sigma Alpha Iota pledges will meet in room 316 of the Union at 4 p. m.

PERSHING RIFLES.

All Pershing Riflemen should check out white caps and belts from the storeroom before Tuesday's parade. All members of the group should report to the east end of the tennis court at 4:50 p. m. Tuesday with caps and belts.

TUESDAY

SIGMA TAU.

Sigma Tau will meet at 8 p. m. in parlors ABC and XY of the Union at 6 p. m.

HONORS CONVO LUNCHEON.

Honors convocation luncheon will be held in parlor Z of the Union at noon.

HARMONY HOUR.

Regular weekly Sinfonia Harmony Hour will be held in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

PHALANX.

Members of Phalanx will meet in room 315 of the Union at 7:50 p. m.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS.

Regular monthly meeting of the "Young Advocates" will be held at 7 p. m. in room 201 Social Sciences. Assistant Attorney General Rush Clark will deliver an address on the subject, "The Prosecuting Attorney." All pre-law students are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS WELFARE COUNCIL. Members of the Religious Welfare Council will meet in the recreation room of the Presbyterian Student center at 4 p. m.

10 women attend AWS convention

Ten girls are leaving Lincoln today for the regional AWS convention to be held at Iowa City Monday through Thursday.

Girls who will attend the convention are: Jean Simmons and Virginia Clemans, president and past president of AWS respectively; Marian Bradstreet, Pat Sternberg, Marion Stone, Ann Husted, Ben Alice Day, board members; Mary Bullock, Coed Counselors president; Elizabeth Waugh and Janet Lau, former AWS board members.

Under discussion at the convention will be questions relating to student government and to campus problems, such as the relationship between town, dormitory and sorority girls.

Twenty music students appear today in Temple

Twenty high school students who are taking music at the university will appear in a public program at 3 this afternoon in the Temple. The concert is being presented by the school of fine arts. Students are from the studios of Miss Alma Wagner and William G. Tempel, voice; Emanuel Wishnow, violin; Miss Marguerite Klinker, Ernest Harrison, and Herbert Schmidt, piano; Miss Marian Wolfe, cello; and Ward Moore, brass instruments.

Faculty—

(Continued from page 1.) make her dramatic debut at the university next Tuesday.

On stage again.

For Dean Hosp, this is nothing to be excited about, for she has been on the Chicago stage in light opera. Mrs. J. O. Hertzler and Miss Claudine Burt of Lincoln will also appear in the comedy of intellects. Mrs. Thomas D. Griffin and Miss Fern Hubbard of Lincoln are play and stage directors respectively.

Tickets can be secured from any faculty member of the AAUW or from Ben Simon & Sons, Miller and Paine's or Walt's Music Store. The proceeds from the drama are to be used to supplement the association's scholarship and fellowship fund.

The weather

Partly cloudy to cloudy today. Showers are expected up north.

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