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## We Want In Later . . .

In regard to the editorial "We Want In," which appeared in the Oct. 25 issue, an interview with Chancellor Boucher has revealed the university's stand toward the Nebraskan's suggestion to use the Don L. Love library as a library instead of as an army barracks. The university last summer gave serious consideration to the possibility of using the library as such sometime this year, and at one time had thought it might be possible to move during Christmas vacation. Finally, however, the committee was forced to the conclusion that, due to purely physical difficulties, it would not be possible this year.

In the first place, painters, movers, and redecorators are next to impossible to find. Even if it were possible for the library staff to engineer a move with perhaps the help of the student body, the university feels it would be foolish to move in without giving the new building a thorough redecorating job, as would have to be done sooner or later.

Furthermore, even if painters and redecorators could be found, a release on construction materials is not available at the present time under the priority system. There is not enough shelving to set up the new library, and although most of the furniture is stored away on the campus, a few pieces still remain to be obtained.

The third difficulty is in the staffing. To run the entire building as a library would require a staff from 10-20 percent larger than the present staff of the old library. Library staff is just as difficult an item to obtain in these times as is shelving or painters!

In answer to the objection that the Nebraskan's suggestion of moving the army units from the new library to the Field House would cause the university to lose a huge sum of money, Operating Superintendent Seaton says emphatically that it is not a question of money. Income from the two buildings would be almost identical, now that the army is not using the third floor of the library, and moreover, none of this money is pure profit for the university. The money is put right back into the upkeep of the instructional program or of the classrooms and buildings in use by the army.

In answer to the objection that the Athletic Association would be unwilling to give up the Field House if it were possible in this way to use the new library for that purpose, a spokesman for that organization has said that the board would do "whatever fits best in the over-all picture." However, there are approximately 20 too many men in the army units to be moved into the Field House, which has a capacity of 267, according to army regulations.

Throughout the heated controversy aroused on the campus by the publication of the original editorial, the actual issue, that of using the library as a library as soon as possible, has been almost completely overshadowed by an interpretation which was not expressed in the editorial but was erroneously "read into" the editorial. "We Want In" gave no basis for either the army to infer that the students wished to turn them out in the cold now that their numbers were so small, nor for the student body to decide that the army was not properly appreciative for the students' efforts in their behalf. Unthinking accusations and blind condemnations have been hurled by both sides without justification on either the army's part or the students' part. As was stated above and as has been stated before, to foster such a senseless feud was not the purpose of nor the background for "We Want In." The editorial merely wished to acquaint the university with the student desire to use the excellent facilities offered by the new library as soon as possible.

Tentative plans have been made by the university to redecorate and move into the new library next summer between summer and fall sessions. At that time, it is expected, the army program at UN will have been very nearly completed. So the Nebraskan postpones its campaign to get into Love library until the end of this school year, when the torch will be relighted.

## Vocational Orientation . . .

In answer to demand by students taking the regular freshman orientation course last year, the Junior Division has set up a series of voluntary vocational and professional orientation conferences this year to supplement the regular six-week orientation program. While the regular course covers the general adjustment of a new student to the university, and helps him appreciate the traditions of UN, the required program gives him no definite vocational assistance.

To fill this need, this new series was designed by the Junior Division, and is open not only to freshmen but to all students in the university. Each conference is in charge of a leader in a particular field, who speaks about 20 minutes on job opportunities and qualifications. The brief speech is followed by a short question period.

This new series is experimental this semester, and its popularity among the students will determine whether or not it will be continued in the future. The series is practical and informative and should prove a permanent vocational aid to university students.

## Les Said The Better

By Les Gloffelty

We are going to "present" somebody or other every week, but seems that we got sidetracked by other things that kept happening. Anyhow here we go again and maybe this time we can keep digging up interesting people.

The lady of this week is little MARY EDITH PUMPHREY, who goes by just "Edith." We have already mentioned her in connection with a little freshman coed hazing at Ag. Edith is a junior at the ag campus and she only migrates down this far for Student Council meetings on Wednesday. Her major is dietetics which indicates she might make some man a good wife someday. Meanwhile, she is busy making a whee of a name for herself at ag. Besides being on Student Council, she is a member of Ag Exec. Board, Home Ec club,



Edith Pumphrey.

member of Ag Exec Board, Home Ec club, Student Faculty Council of Ag, and Ag YWCA Cabinet. She lives in Loomis, and the way Loomis coeds stick together, that's good.

This five-foot-and-not-much-more fem is strictly misleading in appearance. For some reason small women are supposed to be helpless, and Edith is anything but helpless. Ag campus is loaded with good hard-working activity women this year, and it takes a lot to stay as near the top of the heap as Edith has. Heretofore completely innocent about that stuff called "politics," we hear that she has been getting enlightenment from some of the more experienced people. But not too much enlightenment we hope, because the less an activity woman knows about politics, the better off she is.

Ag women are, unfortunately, practically unknown down on city campus, which is too bad because there are so many good girls out there—to stray from the subject and to mention just a few—Lou Huston, Julia Crom, Monica Alberty, Lois Opper, and lots of others. Anyhow, we are hoping through this column to present to city campus students lots of them who, like Edith Pumphrey, are strictly good girls.

## Anthropologist Hear Lecture By E. Alpenfels

Speaking on the "Influence of Cultural Patterns on Human Behaviour," Miss Ethel Alpenfels, lecturer in anthropology, yesterday pointed out the importance of a knowledge of anthropology for the social worker as a help in understanding the people he has to deal with. Miss Alpenfels addressed the State Teachers' Convention and also the faculty members and students of the Graduate School of Social Work in the frosh auditorium.

## Theatre . . .

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actresses to come to the University theater. Her acting in the first half of the third act wrung tears from the audience. Her performance was characterized by its sincerity. As the Malayan princess, the sympathy of the audience was with Gloria from the first. Her ability as an actress made the role alive, and her deep, husky voice added much to the already beautiful lines.

Gloria was ably supported by Gerry McKinsey as Mrs. McQuestion. Gerry gave a fine sustained, character performance in a role that demanded the best in acting ability. The role of hard, unloving Mrs. McQuestion is definitely not a sympathetic one. Gerry was capable of handling such a role and was never out of character. Her presence on the stage seemed to lend reassurance to the other actors.

Representing the male part of

the cast is Harold Marer who was more than convincing in the role of Nathaniel, the husband of Oparre. Harold's characterization was better than average and the University theater audience will no doubt see more of him.

The whole cast, particularly those who played the main parts,

are to be congratulated. The smaller parts were well handled. The characters realized that unless the supporting parts of the play are well done the play will fail, regardless of the superior acting of its leads. Barbara Jenkins as Durian and Margaret Hunter as Venture were especially good.



## NEW RADIO RELAY LINK FOR TELEPHONE AND TELEVISION

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