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Bright Future . . .

A year's search for a man to head the school of journalism was brought to a close Sunday with the announcement of the appointment of Professor William F. Swindler, chairman of the department of journalism at the University of Idaho. The appointment of a full time head of the department and the acquisition of adequate quarters in the new building point the way for rapid development of the journalism school during the next few years.

Inadequate appropriations, staff and equipment have put the school a long way below maximum efficiency in recent years. Last year's enrollment of 76 students was the lowest of 20 years. This year's of 148 is almost a 100% increase. The largest enrollment was 254 in 1937 and 38. Since 1924, 20.1% of the people who have entered the school have graduated and 8% have received journalism certificates. Obviously there is great room for improvement.

Professor Swindler's experience speaks well for his ability to undertake the enlargement of the journalism department. He has a varied background of training, including four college degrees, actual newspaper reporting, publicity writing, editorial writing, free lance writing, extensive teaching, and a great deal of research in his specialty, law of the press.

He has had close contact with the state newspapers in Idaho and inaugurated the publication of a series of service bulletins for newspapers. According to reports he is a popular instructor with students and knows the practical problems of journalism.

The appointment of a new director will bring to an end the excellent job of pinch-hitting Professor F. C. Blood has done as acting director during the last two years. While he has been in the department Mr. Blood has laid a firm groundwork for expansion. For the first time he has made journalism courses available to freshmen students. He has revamped courses making them to give students really practical training. He has made valuable contacts for the school with the high school journalism classes.

The three campus publication staffs have a great deal for which to thank Mr. Blood as a result of his work as chairman of the publications board. He has maintained an intelligent, sympathetic interest in their problems and been consistently ready with constructive suggestions. The students have enjoyed working with him, partly because they have felt that he enjoyed working with them.

We're Off at Last . . .

We're off tomorrow, suitcases in hand and books in suitcases, for the first spring vacation since 1941. After four long, vacationless war years we are once more headed for that revitalizing week's break in the second semester grind. We're off to enjoy home cooked meals, picnics and sleep, to read those back history assignments and work on at least one term paper. We're getting away to have time to find out once again that we are really individuals after all and not just machines that turn in papers, scan books and attend meetings under the constant pressure of college life.

We are coming back from that short week of vacation with our work all made up (it says here), ready for the last six weeks and three days of school. Ready for the junior-senior prom, the Kosmet Klub show, honors convocation (hurray, classes are even dismissed for that one), Engineer's Week, Ivy Day, the Union birthday party, the last play of the year, finals, baccalaureate and graduation.

Have fun this week, kids, there are big things ahead!

Delegates . . .

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Dunkin, John Ellis, J. P. Street, and Lloyd Jones participated in this group.

Leaders

Presiding at the conference were co-chairmen Tom Sorenson, university Y.M.C.A., and Marie Knapp, Midland college. Discussion leaders were Gordon Lippitt; Bill Miller, Y.M.C.A. president; Rev. Sam Maier, Presbyterian student pastor, and Mildred Taylor, Y.W.C.A. secretary. The two-day conference closed after accepting the invitation of Doane to hold the fall meeting there.

Delegates from the university were: Gretchen Burnham, Martha Clark, Bob Dickenman, Jim Donnelly, Mary Esther Dunkin, Mary Dye, John Ellis, Ruth Ann

Finkle, Shirley Hinds, Betty Lou Horton, Don Jester, Lloyd Jones, Ed Jordan, Marian McElhaney, Marilyn Markussen, Bill Miller, Pat Neely, Harriet Quinn, Bill Roberts, Shirley Schmittker, Tom Sorenson, John Street, Beverly Swartwood, Phyllis Teagarden, Phyllis Warren, Sam Warren, Jackie Wightman, Betty French, Ed Klanecky, Lillian Lock, DeLores Nielson, Beth Noerenberg, Merwyn Row, and Frances Wagner.

Masquers . . .

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Theater, has announced casts for the two prize-winning one-act plays from the contest sponsored by the Nebraska Masquers.

Characters in "New Tomorrow," a drama concerned with post-war

Off the Record

By Jerry Cohn and Aaron Schmidt

Latest Decca kick seems to be coupling different vocalists singing novelty tunes with Guy Lombardo's Ork. The Andrews Sisters first recorded **Money Is the Root of All Evil** and **Johnny Fedora**. Now, Hildegard is waxing a disc called **One-zy Two-zy** and accompanied by Guy Lombardo! Woody Herman again makes the spotlight with his concert to be presented at Carnegie Hall on Monday night. Igor Stravinsky wrote "Ebony Concerto" especially for the Herman Herd. Stravinsky based his idea for this concerto on a special arrangement of Bijou, written by Ralph Burns. Its first radio airing will be heard on Herman's Friday night program at 7 o'clock over ABC.

Dunham.

Sonny Dunham is broadcasting over CBS from the Hippodrome way down in Tennessee. You will have an opportunity to see him in person at the Junior-Senior Prom on April 5. Tickets are being sold at the N Club for \$3 a couple, so get yours now!

It seems as though a musician can't make a decent living nowadays. Les Brown and His Band of Renown take \$4,000 per night, plus a 30 percent cut of the gross gate. Then there is Louis Prima, currently playing a four week stand at the New York Strand theater. For this engagement, he will take out \$12,500 per week. This makes a new record for the Strand.

Can anyone loan us five until Friday?

Swindler . . .

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is expected to improve laboratory work. A newspaper reading room four times the present size is planned. All classrooms and all but two of the offices will be on the third floor. More than half of the basement, and nearly half of the third floor will be devoted to journalism. Indefinite plans call for removal to the new building in January, 1947, or in the fall of 1948, depending upon the speed of construction.

An improved and diversified curriculum is expected under the new reorganization plan, which will be worked out under the direction of Dr. Swindler. It is not now possible to take graduate work in journalism here, as the school is empowered to grant only bachelor's degrees and certificates.

September 1.

When Swindler's appointment becomes effective September 1, Professor F. C. Blood, who has served as acting director of the school since 1944, will resume his position as professor of advertising and sales management. Last chairman of the school was Harold Hamil, who in 1944 joined the editorial staff of the St. Louis Star-Times.

The journalism faculty will be further augmented this fall by the return of Professor R. P. Crawford, who has been on detached service with the GI university in Florence, Italy, and is now in Washington, D. C.

Other members of the school's staff are James E. Lawrence, professor; Raymond A. McConnell, jr., R. F. Morgan, William Hice and Harold Andersen, instructors.

Dr. Swindler did extensive advanced research in law of the press for his MA and PhD degrees. He reported and did editorial writing for the St. Louis Star-Times, correspondence for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and publicity writing for the Washington university news bureau, as well as free-lance writing.

problems of a young returned veteran, are: Reporter, Bill Lucas; Marc, Gaylord Marr; Kitty, Ann Proper; Murphy, Rex Cosler; Chaplain, Robert Wheeler; Katharine, Lois Jarman, and Mary, Arlene Marylander. Student director will be Blanche Duckworth.

Students taking part in "The Wrong Answer," the story of a man who hurt himself by telling the fortune of others, are Jean Simpson, Phyllis Snyder; Mr. Harvey Jackson, Dean Wells; Joe Bates, Jim Zoubek; Don Collins, Herbert Spence; Mrs. Jackson, D. Ann Richardson; Arzelda Stansberry, Barbara Berggren, and Bob Lloyd, Dede Meyer. Student director will be Peggy Kirschman.

The Ash Can

by Marthella Holcomb

Shades of Dogpatch, and Available Jones' cluttery office! No wonder smiles broadened Thursday when Raymond A. McConnell, jr., announced to his class that he was "available" after 2 p. m. each week-day. Ummm . . . and to think we're tied up at the office until 5.

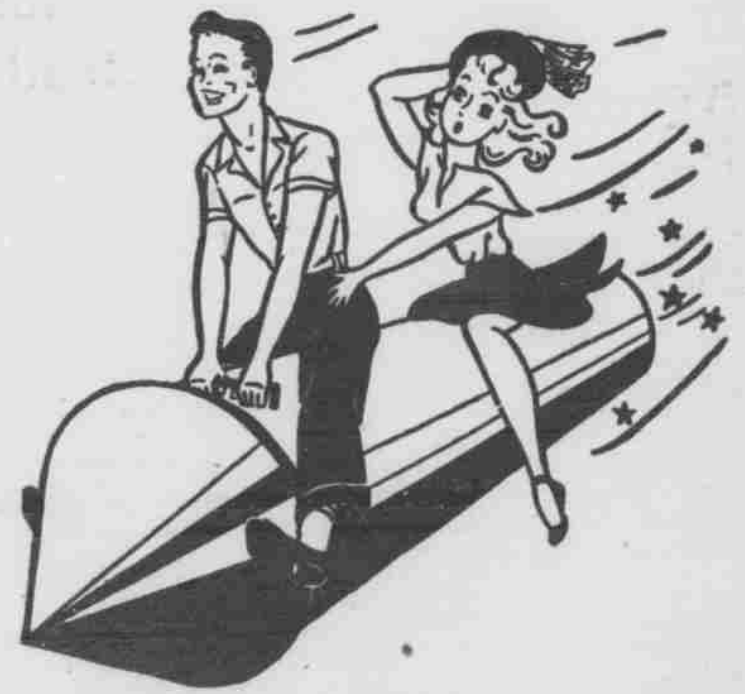
Feel just like a real backwoodsman, since we heard the wild ducks going north one warm night last week. A lamp on the study table the only illumination, soft breezes puffing starched curtains, their muffled chatter-chatter as they winged over on their yearly pilgrimage made us think, for the first time in months, of the beloved and ill-fated wanderer, Richard Halliburton.

All the intelligentsia spread in thick layers over the Union Thursday night for the PBK-Sigma Xi banquet made those of us hoping to win the prized keys on a 72 average feel about as sharp as a week-old single-edged blade. Our single claim to fame is that we're the only non-athlete on campus who ever received more than a smile from Thin Man Stroud. He even took the trouble to tell us that the rumor about him being married wasn't so. So there . . . is where the line begins. Oral, that is.

Not only can you tell the newly initiated pledges because they're the only girls with lonesome little sorority pins, but you can tell the fellows who have lately fallen in love. Minus their frat emblems, they wander around disconsolately rubbing their sprained wrists and ankles. The space between the hanging and the cigars is an evil period of full-dress showers and such other perverted entertainment, or so they say.

Then there's our friend the literary gentleman, who the other evening was reading "The Black Rose," which skips a few years or a decade even, every second chapter. Finally gave up in disgust, and slammed the offending book against the bulk-head, screaming, "I want to read a novel, not a mystery."

And when you leave on vacation don't smirk and say you're going to have a wilder, woolier time than anyone else away from campus. Because you're wrong, we are.



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EVERYTHING MOVES QUICKLY
DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!

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before vacation starts.

JR.-SR. PROM APRIL 5

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