

## Ragged Edges

Our one aim in college life to be a big boy (We mean that literally) on the campus, and write this favorite column. We even threatened Pat Toof with blackmail if she didn't say yes. (You see we know her innermost secrets). For a small fee see us. Reasonable rates.

The Alpha Phi formal last weekend was a huge success with "Buckeye" Buxton greeting all the guests and oozing with hospitality. Incidentally, for those of you who wondered, he was the date of Pat Gilligan. We're still not sure whether King Cole was tripped, or whether he wanted to start a game of checkers, nevertheless he looked foolish sitting in the middle of the floor at the Sig Ep Blue party Friday night. Saw Gus Eager S. A. E., at the Alpha Phi formal with Mary Louise Weidman and Saturday night with Laddonna Sgan—seems as though Gus has a preference for the Alpha Chi's.

Then spring vacation coming nearer and nearer—Wayne Denning is eagerly awaiting it, so it seems. Marv Athey is honoring him by letting him accompany him to Waunita (that's Nebr.). Careful, Denning, hard work and little boys just don't mix. In the same town Marv and his fiancee Vesta Shklefort are being married June 1, with all the D.U.'s Waunita bound. George Hansen, S.A.E., now in Leavenworth will be stopping in Sterling to see "his steady" Donna Eilers, after all it's been a whole week since she's seen him. And something we'd like explained are these tragic tonsillitis cases of Jim Taylor and Marion Eloe. Is that catching, too???

Understand Gene Weiler gave up dating for Lent, but that didn't stop him from meeting old friends in Omaha last Saturday night. Heard (rumor) that Joanie Bauer got that big D. U. pin from Ware Christianson after working on it for two years. Congrats.

The TAU's needn't worry over Gracie Smith's welfare now—she'll be well taken care of by high school SENIOR Bob McCune from Fremont. And he's coming down to see her every weekend.

Saw two friendly enemies the other day in the Union, namely Sid Wells and Don Spomer. Wonder what they have in common besides 2-3587.

Over Delta Gamma way Nancy Garey and Rusty Gates are now going steady. J. B. Anderson tried on Tweeter Johnson's pin for size, at least that's what they said. Maybe spring vacation will cinch this deal.

Then there's always Convertible Girl Lykke. Best she be dusting off that little Tau pin for future use.

Now we've had our little fling, and really it's been fun.

Signed—The Spider and the Body.

## Research Project Determines Need For Machine Skill

N. H. Barnard, associate professor of engineering, and E. J. Busch, jr., engineering graduate student, are conducting an industrial research project designed to determine the need for great skill in judging the efficiency of men who run machines.

According to Busch, this research is being accomplished by submitting 100 students to 3,600 different tests during a 12 week period. Each student is asked to judge speed of an ordinary metronome at six different rates of speed, the first of which is the only one known to him. Colds, illness, the amount of sleep the night preceding a test are factors considered in each test.

Results of the test show that some men consistently judge speeds too high, too low or in varying cycles.

"The men who determine the efficiency of workers and who determine the speed at which they should operate a machine or complete an operation seldom are trained or pre-tested for the job," reported Busch. He explained that this current research is concerned with discovering a competent system of evaluating the efficiency of the workman.

## Fuel Reservoirs Plentiful Reports Prof. Schramm

Known fuel reserves will supply the country for at least 45 or 50 years, reported Prof. E. F. Schramm, chairman of the university geology department, Tuesday.

He estimated that 140 trillions of cubic feet of natural gas were available last Jan. 1. Schramm noted that gross production from oil and gas fields in 1942, a peak year, was 5,453,900,000,000 cubic feet.

"For the past 30 years," he said, "geologists and petroleum engineers have been extremely inaccurate and have underestimated the fuel supply."

According to Prof. Schramm, present estimates also may prove to be inaccurate after new methods of exploration, deeper drilling and conversion of some coal deposits to gas are completed.

## Towns Request School Survey Work Service

A record number of requests from Nebraska communities have come to the university's school survey service this year, it was reported Friday by Dean Henzlik of teachers college.

The extension division and teachers college offer the service at no cost to communities contemplating building programs, revision of curriculums, or economies in teaching staffs and faculties.

About eight surveys are usually made annually by the university but this year the number of requests has more than doubled, Dean Henzlik stated.

### Gather Data.

"The surveys not only gather data on the school system's physical plant and teaching personnel, but are a systematic, careful examination of the social and economic life of the community," he explained. None of the surveys made so far has been rejected by local school boards.

This survey work, described as saving Nebraska communities many thousands of dollars and contributing to greater efficiency of public schools, began in 1924 with a survey of the Ravenna school system.

### Recommendations.

The largest recommendation was a \$160,000 building program advised at Scottsbluff in 1938. Other major surveys of the 35 completed since the service started were at York, West Point, Lexington, Wayne, Thomas county high school and Thedford elementary school. Slated for surveys this year are the public school systems of Grand Island, Falls City, Fairbury, Oakland, St. Paul and Schuyler.

## Indian Medical Student Finds 'Heaven on Earth' in Nebraska

BY MARILYN MEYER.

Rambarin Ramdin, of India and Trinidad, now calls Nebraska home. The middlewestern life with no hustle appealed to Ramdin so he enrolled in the university school of medicine.

Born in Hoshiapur, Punjab, in India, Ramdin received his primary education in his native land. Most of his life has been spent in Trinidad, off the coast of Venezuela.

Medicine appeals to him because the natives of Trinidad "need someone to think of them." He originally intended to go back to India to practice psychiatry, but now his intentions concern Trinidad.

### Independence.

After living in a part of the British colonial empire, Ramdin has definite ideas on India's independent status. In his opinion, the Indians "will be free definitely, but they can't be free by force." The natives have the feeling of "being kept down," but they remember that "he who profits by force shall die by force" and they prefer to gain their freedom by peaceful means.

"Once we have revolutions, we will always have revolutions," Ramdin said.

He believes India can be self-supporting when they are independent. Ramdin said the caste system is breaking slowly, which indicates progress.

"In the British colonial possessions," Ramdin said, "the term American is used disparagingly. One will hear 'Stop chewing your cud like a Yankee' and 'None of your cheap American slang.'"

### Realization.

"When I arrived at Nebraska my half-doubts became stark realities. I was convinced the colonial lords were right when I

## Sinfonia Sponsors 'Humor in Music' At Harmony Hour

"Humor in music" will be the theme of the Harmony Hour today presented by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, musical fraternity, in the music room of the Union at 4:00 p. m.

The program is complete as follows:  
Invitation to the Dance Weber Peter and the Wolf Prokofieff  
Polka (From the Golden Age Ballet) Shostakovitch  
The Flea Song Moussorgsky  
Carnival of the Animals Saint-Saens

### BABW Pins

All women who have been working for BABW pins should turn their points in at the BABW office by 5:00 Wednesday afternoon to be eligible for their pins, Helen Wulf announced.

pus. Their vigorous laughter, burr-om health and rosy hue tells me that youth must have its day."

Now Ramdin says he had found the "Heaven on earth" in Nebraska.

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