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The Itchy-Footed Motorist...

With winter and the difficult driving season still in effect, automobile travel remains a difficult and dangerous chore, while glassy-slick road surfaces send the national accident rate soaring. The record shows that less than 16 percent of all automobile accidents are directly traceable to speed, but this record, like all good records, lies like crazy in the hands of a skilled statistician. When an itchy-footed, impatient, hell-bent-for-election driver finds himself stuck behind a motorized snail—when he, in a fit of fury, tries to pass to clear road ahead without adequate clearance in the opposite lane, the record won't say his accident was caused by speed. Still, it's nothing but another case of renaming the rose. Sure, some people are better drivers than others. But just how many can hold any automobile in complete control at 70 miles per hour under any conditions? And exactly how many mile-a-minute expressways or turnpikes are there in the entire country? Big rig jockeys—men who pilot those buses and dual and semi trucks that give the fast drivers so much trouble—seem to realize the limitations of pleasure cars, although most "civilian" drivers don't for the truck drivers push their lighter cars at a considerably reduced pace from that employed when they are at work. The snails are a source of irritation, and they do break the planner's stream of traffic flow. Nevertheless, either the snails or their rickety automobiles limit their suicidal automotive urges. It might be better to infest the roadways with rattletraps driven by old maids and run the overconfident boobs into the motorists' limbo. Before speed limits are banished entirely, it might be a good idea to run the rabid speeders into a vast enclosure where they could exterminate their own kind as rapidly or with as much caution as they desired. —Oregon State Barometer.

International Experiment...

Tickets for the International Friendship dinner are only a dollar a plate, but the menu has more in store than any amount of money could buy. The dinner offers experience in international good will and harmony. Ukrainian student cooks will give both American students and their classmates from other lands a taste of Ukraine cookery. The program will show the dinner-goers how students find entertainment in Norway, Persia, Latvia, Ukraine and South America. And, to button up the program, foreign costumes will be displayed in a style show. Along with this sample of foreign living will come the opportunity to get acquainted with the students who eat these foods, enjoy these forms of entertainment and wear these costumes. With the stress today on the international cooperation, our first step is to understand the people of the nations with which we are dealing. Nebraska's overseas students play an important part in making the University tick. They add authoritative and enlightening discussion to our classroom sessions. They are active in student government. Through their organizations such as Cosmopolitan club and through other groups, they attempt to do more than their share in University functions and to assist their fellow foreign students. The International Friendship dinner, sponsored by the Religious Welfare Council, Cosmopolitan club and NUCWA, is a chance to get to know these students who contribute so much to University life. But the experience means more than just getting to know them. It means understanding, friendship and active college cooperation.

Editorial Briefs

Evidently there are a few instructors on the campus considering the merits and demerits of a teacher-grading system. We talked to one of the younger instructors, in Teachers college, Tuesday, and he expressed considerable interest in such a system. He pointed out that there are, no doubt, shortcomings to teacher rating, but that it is certainly worth a try to see if such a system really could result in improved teaching. He also pointed out that he personally, as a younger instructor, is interested in what students think of his teaching methods and abilities to put his subject across. He expressed the opinion that most young instructors probably would be anxious to know what kind of a teaching job they are doing in the opinions of the students themselves.

Word has come to the Daily Nebraskan office that instructors in Sociology 54 courses will give more quizzes during the semester and de-emphasize their final examinations. They are to be congratulated for facing the examination issue squarely and for making an effort to help solve the problem. A few other instructors have expressed their willingness to give more exams and a final with less importance. But for the most part, instructors are still planning to carry through the semester with a final that will "make or break" the student's grade.

Last night U. of N. Builders found time to celebrate its eighth birthday. Taking a backward look, Builders had eight full years to scan since its founding. Born as a baby of the Student Council, the campus service organization has been on its own for the past five anniversaries. Since its founding as a student group designed to publicize the University, especially to state high school students, Builders has grown to a vigorous, worthwhile organization on the campus scene. To Builders we say most sincerely, "Many happy returns of the day."

University officials will miss one of their best bets to publicize the University if members of the symphonic band are not allowed to make some personal appearances throughout the state this spring. One of the finest organizations of its kind in the United States, the band provides one of the best public relations mediums from the campus. The polished performers want very much to make at least a short tour—and they deserve the opportunity. We hope the University brass will find some way to let the Scarlet and Cream band do its part in selling our school.

news and views

BY GEORGE WILCOX International

LONDON.—It didn't take long for British courts to settle the status of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the Jekyll-Hyde master-mind of British atomic research, in sentencing the scientist 14 years in prison on his plea of guilty to betraying the topmost atom bomb secrets to communist Russia. The trial only lasted an hour and a half and only one witness was called—a British security officer who told the court how Fuchs confessed to giving top atomic secrets to Russian agents over a period of seven years. The owl, bespectacled scientific genius was given the maximum sentence for violation of Britain's official secrets act.

The lord chief justice, Baron Goddard told the defendant Fuchs that "you have imperiled the right of asylum which this country has hitherto extended to political refugees." Fuchs arrived in Britain in 1933, a refugee from Nazi persecution.

Lord Goddard also noted that the 38-year-old refugee had bitten the hand that fed him and had done "irreparable harm both to this land and the United States of America." LONDON.—Aftermath of the British general elections after all the seats have been accounted for places the British labor party only with 7 majority seats. Haverford, the Laborites had stated that they needed at least a 30 seat majority to carry on governmental functions. Despite the setback, Attlee has gone ahead and formed a British labor cabinet composed of seasoned fighters to mastermind the wobbly labor government's coming battle for life. Key advisors retained were Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary Bevin, Chancellor of the Exchequer Cripps, and Health Minister Bevan. New cabinet officials are Patrick C. Gordon-Walker, new secretary of state for commonwealth relations; Hector McNeil, secretary of state for the colonies; Emmanuel Shinwell to the defense post and James Griffiths, to secretary of state for colonies.

National WASHINGTON.—The United Mine Workers contempt trial reached its final stage with the arguments of the attorney's questioning: Can the union be held responsible for the coal miners' refusal to heed a court's back-to-work order? MANCHESTER, N. H.—The defense read into the records a statement by a fellow physician that Mrs. Abbie Borotto was dead before Hermann N. Sander reached her bedside. Sander is on trial for first degree murder in injecting air into the veins of Mrs. Borotto, cancer ridden patient of Dr. Sander.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—The big hunt came to an end for Oklahoma's now famed leopard as the leopard died in his cage 15 hours after he was captured in a concentrated hunt. Zoo officials were at a loss for cause of death. Only 20 minutes before the cat's death a veterinarian checked the big cat and found respiration good.

State and Local LINCOLN.—Oil fever hit the capital city as exploratory drilling has progressed on the west outskirts of Lincoln. A portable rig started drilling in a cornfield at 3rd and Adams—bordering West Lincoln and Belmont. The rig based in Crete by the Standard Oil and Gas Company is primarily testing upper structures for correlation—yet oil leasing activity increased all along regions where the rig was set up.

Utah Campus Has Parking Problem

Utah car owners who were on the campus 10 years ago, when cars were being double parked, police for being double parked, are well sympathize with students at the University of Utah. On the Utah campus the army recently threatened to haul away any student or faculty cars parked in such a way as to keep military personnel from using a certain driveway. A commanding officer at Fort Douglas army base pointed out the red marking on the curb near the driveway should be sufficient reminder that the area is "out of bounds." He served notice on all motorists parking in the Fort Douglas campus area that any infringement of parking laws that comes under supervision of the army will be answered by removal of vehicles by army personnel.

Student Radio Productions...

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Army Used the Union, Too; Invasion Brought Changes

BY KENT AXELL (Editor's note.—This is the eighth in a series of articles designed to acquaint students with their Student Union. Recently a student committee of 12 was organized to investigate possibilities of obtaining a Union addition included in the University's present building program. Student majority vote would make such an addition possible.)

Believe it or not. But did you know that the Student Union, for the students, of the students, and by the students, was once actually overrun by an army of 400 troopers?

In fact in May of 1942, the doors of the Union were closed for the duration to University students. At the that time 400 U. S. servicemen "took over" the students' building.

After that the Union underwent a complete metamorphosis. Soldiers attended classes, slept and ate there.

The only part of the structure which was left to the students was the east side of the basement which was headquarters for student publications, the Cornhusker, Daily Nebraskan and Agwan, campus humor magazine. The two former publications still have their offices there. However, the latter office expanded to twice its size and later issued a successor to Agwan, Corn Snacks.

Old Mess Halls

Nearly everything from top to bottom of the three-story structure was transformed. On the first floor, the grill and dining room, known then as the Pan American room (at present, the Campuline) were used by the soldiers as mess halls.

The entire second floor suddenly became a thriving barracks and in the ballroom where students now dance to sweet music, the only "music" was the bugle which sounded taps. This was the soldiers' bedroom.

On the third floor, the soldiers attended classes on various types of mechanics.

Organization Rooms

Since then, the Union has fallen back into the hands of the students—coke customers, re-laxers and activity boys and girls. On the second floor is located the music room, faculty lounge and Alumni office. Their office numbers are 209, 212 and 208 respectively.

Eleven organizations now found on third floor draw hundreds of workers through Union portals daily. Located in room 305 are the headquarters for the Student Council, Internaternity Council, Red Cross and NUCWA. Engineering students find their haven in 306 where the office for their publication, Nebraska Blue Print, and the Engineers Exer Board is situated.

Plans for pep are formulated next door in room 307, where is situated the Corn Cob and Tassel office. Kosmet Klub also has its meetings there. N. U. Builders make their initial plans in room 308, and room 309 quarters the Barb offices and AUF offices.

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UNION INVADED—U. S. servicemen "took over" the Student Union completely in 1942 and remained until the war was over in 1945. Doors were then closed to University students in order to meet the emergency. The entire building and surrounding grounds were utilized by the Army for both recreational and educational purposes.

Campus Style News Dominated by Males

When clothing styles are mentioned, it's usually the coeds who are in the spotlight. This time the college men have caught the news.

Few styles just "happen." There's generally a story behind them. For example, the current version of the moccasin is by far the most popular shoe on campus now. A visitor to Norway in that country and interested in an American manufacturer in their good looks and practicality.

Realizing that the university men—especially at Yale and Princeton—were responsible for starting many widely popular fashions, the manufacturer persuaded campus shoe shops to display them. In a short time the new style swept the country.

Because the college men have always been considered style leaders, many other innovations in men's apparel styles can be traced to a collegiate setting.

Black-Gray Flannel

Many of the popular collegiate men's fashions now are seen on this University campus, but there are some that have not yet landed here. Black-gray flannel is not only popular for slacks for men, but for suits also. An increasing number of men are wearing such suits with the flapped ticket pocket. Still cheap in shirt collars is the button-down with side



by Pat Wiedman

Big tale of the week comes from behind stage at Coed Follies. Undoubtedly the best view of any performance is from the wings, and a certain young man of University theater fame was in a very advantageous position for surveying the preparations for the show. The question is: Who were the scheming crew which swung from the rafters along with the conspirator? Gals, this time.

Also in the Follies line Don Fleisher got a good preview of the Townie Club skit when he blundered into the BABW office during the makeup time. Claims he still doesn't have his jacket.

Sigma Phi Epsilon gives their formal Friday night at the Cornhusker. Dancing to the music of Mat Benton will be Mary Franklin and Clo Ann Kaul, Don Darr and Nancy Miller, Dave Myers and Nancy Dixon, Ray Biemond and Adele Coryell.

And in the party line Saturday night are the ZBT's with a sweater party following the basketball game. Gives a chance for those football players to show off their spring training muscles. Combo music will furnish the atmosphere as Justin Horwick and Dixie Pettijohn, Don Rice and Evvie Osoff, Ajon Farber and Mary Pittner, Chuck Levinger and Renee Michlin join in the fun.

Sigma Delta Tau have been in hysterics over the antics of Evie Even. What in the world have you been carrying over to the SDT house? Congratulations to the queen of them all, TNC Janet Carr; And to Theta Xi sweetheart Jo Elder.

Steady Deal: Hab Albers and Jackie Jensen. Engaged: Lois Bryson and Paul Griffith, Shirley Hann and Dan Jones, Don Furke and Marilyn Nuss. Planned: Cherie Ann Bengtson and Bill Koehn.

Friday, Sigma Phi Epsilon formal, Student Union Square Dance, Saturday, ZBT House party.

NU Bulletin Board. Thursday Aquaquettes meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Coliseum. All members must be present. Alpha Zeta meets Thursday at 7 p. m. in the Ag Union. Gamma Alpha Chi meets Thursday at 8:30 p. m. in the Journalism reading room. Kappa Phi pledges meet Thursday at Student house at 5 p. m. N-club meets Thursday at 12 noon in Parlors Y and Z of the Union. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship meets Thursday at 7:40 a. m. for Ag college morning worship service in the Home Ec parlors. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship meets Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Room 315 of the Union. Final tennis organization shots for student cinder the University second semester will be given at Student Health Thursday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Gamma Alpha Chi meeting Thursday in 306 Burnett, 7:30 p. m. Friday Ag College Country Dancers—business meeting from 7-9 p. m. Will discuss plans for spring festival.

worth reading

BY ELIZABETH RUBENDALL

Two books which have recently been added to the collection in the Science and Technology Reading Room, Love Memorial Library, are concerned with the conflict in Russia between the exponents of two views of heredity.

The one view, that acquired characteristics can be inherited or that the factors of inheritance are carried by all the cells of the body and changes in heredity can be controlled by external manipulations, is now officially adopted in Russia as the "true" interpretation of heredity. This is the belief of Trofim Denisovich Lysenko, now President of the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Laboratory of Genetics of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

The other view, that heredity consists of transmission from parent to offspring of essentially unchanged living units (genes) or that germ-plasm is self-reproducing and not affected by changes in the body cells, is held by reputable scientists the world over. This view, based on the well-known Mendelian data, is supported by scientific data and experiments so simple and certain that they can be and have been executed by students in high school laboratories.

"The Death of a Science in Russia," (575.1/26d) edited by Conway Zirkle, Professor of Botany at the University of Pennsylvania, is a presentation of the documentary evidence of the genetics controversy.

In July and August, 1946, a "scientific debate" was staged at the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences ostensibly to offer to the scientists in Russia whose work showed that they believed in the neo-Mendelian viewpoint the opportunity to present their arguments and to offer a similar opportunity to Michurinists. (Lysenko was a pupil of the late Ivan Michurin, a Russian horticulturalist who postulated the "true" theories of inheritance.)

The speeches were published in Pravda and English translations of these form the body of the book. The editorial comments of Dr. Zirkle are sarcastic, but tend to point up the unfounded claims and inconsistent statements. These documents make clear the tragic position of certain Russian scientists. The twisted interpretations of their statements and the fanatical declarations of Lysenko and his supporters make clear the lack of appreciation of scientific methods of thought.

"Heredity, East and West," (575.1/898L) by Julian Huxley is a careful account of the controversy and related events in Russia. Dr. Huxley has presented the ideological issues as well as the scientific issues. The claims of Lysenko or proof that they are not new ideas are presented. In one chapter the neo-Mendelian basis of heredity is explained in as simple a manner as possible in order to give the reader a sound basis for judgment.

Dr. Huxley points out that some branches of science do not seem to have been affected by ideological control. Chemistry, geology, ecology and plant physiology seem not to have raised controversial issues, although astronomy and physics have recently been attacked.

In 1947 all Russian journals ceased printing abstracts of articles in foreign languages, making it, of course, more difficult for scientists not reading Russian to utilize results of scientific experimentation and data.

It becomes apparent upon reading these two books that the issue is more far-reaching than the field of genetics. More fundamental is the effect on scientific methods. Control of thought by the State, by the few in power, is revealed by the open publication of a staged debate which resulted in the demoralization of a field of science.

In these two books we have the presentation of the documentary facts and interpretations of their implications so that we may better understand this triumph of ideological control.

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