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DEAN SHERMAN ON HINDU EPIC

FIRST OF SERIES OF EPIC LECTURES AT CONVOCATION

Indian Form Is "Big" Rather Than Great—Is Marked, However, by Some Fine Passages

"The characteristic feature of Hindu epic poetry is its bigness, rather than its greatness," Dean L. A. Sherman of the graduate college, head of the department of English literature, said yesterday morning at Convocation in Memorial hall.

"The epics of the Sanskrit era are composed under two heads or titles, the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. The former is a miscellaneous collection of poems, legendary and didactic around a central heroic narration. It comprises some eighteen books with a supplement, amounting to eight times the proportion of the Iliad and the Odyssey combined. Its reputed author is Vyasa, but as this word means 'arranger,' it is probable that we have only the editor or compiler of the original parts," Dean Sherman said.

The Epic Defined

"An epic poem is designed to formulate the deeds of a hero," he explained. "The epic is not analytic, but celebrative. It is told with enthusiasm. It must have a select, veritable theme—it should be heroism of active as well as passive merit. Such a theme should be treated, not mockingly nor satirically, but with plain sincerity, and with personal, not merely literary enthusiasm. The treatment should have poetic form, it certainly cannot appear approvingly in the shape of prose, though the prose novel is its lineal descendant."

The Mahabharata does not measure up to these requirements, Dean Sherman stated. "It lacks the subject matter requirement, for neither of its two leading characters are exceptional men. They could be rivalled by princes from any neighboring kingdom, nor does the poet claim for either of them any such achievements."

"And so we have," he continued, "according to the features that we have recognized as vital, no true epics here. There is no theme to be celebrated, there is no moral heroic greatness, there are no feats. We find ourselves face to face with a poem of intrinsic pretensions not superior—indeed by no means equal—to the campaign of Addison, not equal to Addison's campaign in dignity or selections of theme, not equal in the exploits of heroic strength, not equal in respect to the poet's mind, how then worthy of the admiration of native 'prentiss,' or of occasional scholars? The answer is one hard for people of our culture to understand, much less appreciate, it is because of

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WILL SELECT AN HONOR ROLL

Coaches and Officials of Basketball Tournament to Make Out List of High School Stars

An honor roll of the 1917 state interscholastic basketball tournament, which will bear the names of the star players of the state is in the process of selection by the coaches, managers, and officials of the tournament. University men acting as officials are having an important part in the work.

When completed, the honor roll will be published in The Nebraskan and all of the daily papers of the state. The plan of choosing the list by the consensus of opinion of so large a group of men who have watched the individual work, is thought to be the most impartial and accurate method of giving fitting recognition to the high school men who performed with especial distinction last week.

FLUTE RECITAL TOMORROW AT CONVOCATION

Rex Elton Fair, instructor at the University school of music, will give a flute recital at Convocation tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, at the Temple theatre. Ernest Harrison will accompany him.

The program follows:
Am Waldesbach, Paul Wetzger.
Serenade Russe, W. Popp.
Orange Blossoms, concert valse, A. Brooke.
Concerto aperto.
Andante ma mon troppo.
Allegro.

SENIORS TO GIVE "WITCHING HOUR"

CLASS VOTES AGAINST PRELIMINARY TICKET ASSESSMENT

Meeting is Warm and Discussion Long—May 18 is the Date Set

After a long and warm discussion, members of the senior class, meeting in Law 101 at 11:30 yesterday morning voted against the proposed plan of assessing each member of the class before a production was attempted, and decided to put on the play, "The Witching Hour," on its "own hook," and to pay for whatever deficit there might be from it, and raise money for the class gift, by a subsequent assessment.

The final decision of the class came after a motion had earlier been made to abolish the senior play altogether. This movement met strenuous opposition and was defeated when it was pointed out that if the abolishment of the play should establish a precedent, it might not be on the whole a highly desirable one, and that there was danger of it being a matter of leaving the present senior class to go down in history without a play.

"The Witching Hour"

After the defeat of this motion, the class proceeded to defeat the plan for a preliminary assessment, after which the members got together and finally decided, with considerable enthusiasm, to put on the less expensive play, "The Witching Hour," and to make whatever assessment is necessary afterwards. The play committee did not feel able to attempt the costume play, "If I Were King," without a guarantee from the class in the form of an assessment before it was produced.

A good deal of satisfaction was expressed yesterday afternoon upon the final decision of the class in regard to the play, it being the prevailing opinion that the less pretentious production would allow a stronger cast and get a better reception than with the first proposed. "The Witching Hour" has enjoyed a remarkable run on the professional boards, and has been very popular as a college production where they have been fortunate enough to secure it.

The date for the play has been set for May 18, and it will be given in the Oliver theatre.

MARY EASTHAM IS SOPH. VICE PRESIDENT

Second Year Class Elects Minor Officers—Dobson, Bryans and Maloney Others Named.

Mary Eastham of Lincoln, was elected vice president of the sophomore class for the second semester at the meeting of the class in Law 101 at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Other officers selected were Paul Dobson, Ulysses, secretary; Wilson D. Bryans, Omaha, treasurer; James Maloney, Lexington, sergeant-at-arms. President Johnson presided and Chester Barnes acted as temporary secretary. A short business meeting followed.

Illya Tolstoi Drinks Tea And Discusses Life With Reporter

Says America Growing Money-Mad—Women Have Too Much Power—American Newspaper Men Generally Foolish

A few minutes after his arrival in Lincoln Tuesday evening, Count Illya Tolstoi genially received a reporter for The Daily Nebraskan as he made tea on a burner in his room at the Lindell hotel, smoked the mellow cigarettes of his native land, and obtained his first impressions of Lincoln.

"Sit down, I am very glad to see you indeed," said Count Tolstoi in almost perfect English.

"I am here because it is my duty to speak of the life and teachings of my father. I believe that the greatest monument which can be erected to his memory is an institute to care for thinkers and writers of all the nations. Not only Russia but the world needed my father. He found the answers to all his questions in the teachings of Christ. He came to know the God of the peasantry."

Reclining comfortably in his rocking chair, at times growing emphatic, then relaxing and laughing, Tolstoi expressed the following opinions:

America Money Mad?

America is growing money mad; it is a young nation which later will come to think more of the greater things.

Women have too much power in America; not enough in Russia. But their gaining of power will abolish war and that fact will compensate for any harm they may do.

SPOKE ON TOLERATION AT VESPERS YESTERDAY

Prof. Laura Pfeiffer Traced History of Religious Enlightenment—The Modern Conception

"Life is at the bottom and essentially a spiritual thing," Prof. Laura Pfeiffer of the department of European history, declared in her talk on the "Historical Development of Religious Toleration" at Vespers yesterday. Rose Anderson, '17, presided at the meeting and Marguerite Munson, '20, sang.

History shows that religions are a good deal a matter of race. In the time of the reformation it was mostly the Northerners who became Protestants. The Italians remained Catholic, as they were a people who wanted an authority such as the Pope. The Protestants substituted the Bible for the Pope. Religion is one's relation to God, while the creeds are only the medium.

It is sometimes good to make a change. We are growing to value life more and must constantly develop the spiritual side. The twentieth century conception is service to our fellow men.

Jean Snowden of Omaha and Charles Gillilan, of Hardy, were guests at the Delta Tau Delta house Sunday.

Junior Play Committee Refuses "Comps" for "Green Stockings"

The junior play committee, meeting yesterday, decided that it would not accept complimentary tickets for "Green Stockings." Not that the committee doesn't want to see the play—rather that it thinks the production in the Temple on the evening of March 23 is going to be so good that the committee is perfectly willing to pay its way in, like the ordinary mortals.

The committee decided that the juniors, in voting to give their play at the Temple, had started something worth while, and that the play should be distinctive because of that. So the committee intends to devote whatever

Russian wage earners make ten times as much money as before the war.

Before the war the nations of Europe were decaying in morals, literature, music and art. This, in part, caused the war.

Rabindranath Tagore is wonderful, the most interesting man in the world today. (Count Tolstoi translated Tagore's poems from the English into Russian.)

American newspaper men generally are foolish. They ask a newcomer what he thinks about America, the war and the city he is in; even if he has not had time to form opinions.

America says Russia is narrow in her treatment of classes; America treats negroes as bad as Russians treat dogs; will not admit Chinese, but Russia has many Chinese subjects.

Tolstoi said that the reporter for The Nebraskan seemed to ask serious questions, in contrast to the general custom of American reporters. He paid tribute to the Russian writer, Turgenev, declaring that Leo Tolstoi said of Turgenev: "If I could write as he can of love, I should know no equal."

"I'm very glad you came to see me. I shall hope to visit the University of Nebraska tomorrow," said Tolstoi as midnight neared, referring to the tea to be given by the Dramatic club in his honor this afternoon. He bowed out the reporter in the best of spirits. He is about fifty years old; he never attended a university, but speaks French, Russian, German and English with fluency.

HUGO FLYNN HURT IN CHEM. EXPLOSION

Eye Dangerously Injured by Flying Fragment of Flask in Laboratory Yesterday

Explosion of a hydrogen generator in chemistry laboratory Tuesday dangerously injured one of the eyes of Hugo Flynn, '19, a member of the Cornhusker basketball squad. Following the explosion, he was placed in charge of Dr. W. L. Dayton.

The chemistry department issued the following statement regarding the accident:

"Hugo Flynn, a student in freshman chemistry, met with an accident Tuesday morning that may result in the loss of sight of one eye. Mr. Flynn was making a well established test for arsenic known as the Marsh test when the accident occurred. The compound containing hydrogen gas is explosive if ignited when contaminated with air. Students are therefore warned by both verbal and printed instructions to observe the proper precautions in carrying out the experiment. There is no danger if the precautions are properly observed. The glass flask with which Mr. Flynn was working was shattered by the explosion, one piece striking him in the eye. Dr. Dayton could not state after an operation Tuesday morning whether the eye could be saved or not."

LAW'S APPOINT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR BARBECUE

A general barbecue committee has been appointed by the various class presidents of the college of law. The members of the committee are: Ralph Lahr, '17, Lincoln; Harold Pressly, '17, College Springs, Ia.; Everett Carr, '17, Beaver City; August Krebs, '18, Friend; Robert Holland, '19, University Place.

The committee will meet this week to arrange for the music, baseball game, a kettle in which to boil the fattened ox, and the other festivities of the day.

ROTARIANS WOULD CALL MONEY BACK

Club Decides to Ask Senate to Re-instate Cut in University Appropriations

Members of the Lincoln Rotary club passed a resolution Tuesday condemning the action of the state legislature in cutting the University appropriations and it was decided to call upon the state senate to re-instate the appropriations which have been cut out. The motion was made by Frank Ringer, after it had been declared that inasmuch as \$80,000 has been appropriated for a hog barn at the state fair grounds and that money expended on the University brings as much "permanent improvement" as hog barns.

"Schools of Commerce" was the topic discussed by the Rotarians. Dr. J. E. LeRossignol, head of the school of commerce, told the clubmen that men in all lines of business need to familiarize themselves with business principles and methods.

WILL GIVE ONE ACT PLAY IN THE TEMPLE TONIGHT

The German Dramatic club will give the one-act comedy "Der Schimmel" at its regular monthly meeting in Faculty hall Temple at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Following is the cast of characters:

Lehfeldt, Amtsrath
..... William Urbach, '18
Margot, seine Tochter
..... Elizabeth Boehr, '17
Klara Randall, deren Gesellschafterin Lorenson, '20
Edmund von Schimmer
..... L. W. Kline, '19
Gustav Rohr, Gutsbesitzer
..... G. J. Naber, '17
Anton, diener Benjamin Kies, '20

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION TO 1917 CORNHUSKER

Ruth M. Zittle, of Chicago, Writes for a Copy—Regular Sales Campaign to Be Announced Soon

Although the sales campaign for the 1917 Cornhusker has not been announced yet, the first subscription was received yesterday. A letter from Ruth M. Zittle, of Chicago, was received by De Witt Foster, business manager, asking if she could buy one of the annuals, explaining that she wanted to see pictures of senior friends she knew the book would contain. Foster wrote Miss Zittle assuring her that she would be able to get a copy.

Details of the regular subscription campaign will be announced soon. All that the management has to say now is that it will probably be more thorough and far-reaching than previous campaigns, and that it will set for its mark the sale of 2,000 Cornhuskers, four hundred more than were sold last year.

Elizabeth Gould, '20, drove to Omaha Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Gould, who had been visiting in Lincoln.

SUFFRAGE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO OFFER THREE-DAY INSTRUCTION

Co-eds and Lincoln Women Will Learn How to Help Cause—Special Convocation Tuesday

University co-eds will go to school next week in search of other than academic knowledge—the National American woman suffrage association will hold a suffrage school in Lincoln, March 19, 20, and 21, for the purpose of training women to conduct suffrage campaigns to the best possible advantage to the cause.

In the past, campaigns for suffrage have been marked at points by some lack of knowledge, infelicity of argument and awkwardness of expression which the association hopes to eliminate from the next campaign. The course of the school will include instruction in press and publicity, suffrage history, organization, public speaking, argument, and money raising.

The school will be in charge of three women sent out by the national association, Mrs. Cotnam, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Shuler, who have all been nationally active in the suffrage cause.

Special Convocation

The University branch of the national association for the promotion of suffrage, meeting yesterday afternoon, voted to hold a special Convocation in connection with the school next Tuesday morning in the Armory at 11:30. The cadet band has been asked to play at the occasion, and a special invitation has been extended to University men to attend. The speaker has not been announced yet, but it will be one of the nationally-known women who will be in Lincoln to conduct the school.

Following is a schedule of the three-day session:

10-10:30, press and publicity, Mrs. Cotnam; 10:30-11:15, suffrage history, Mrs. Wilson; 11:15-12, organization, Mrs. Shuler; 2-2:30, public speaking, Mrs. Cotnam; 2:30-3:15, argument, Mrs. Wilson; 3:15-4:00, money raising, Mrs. Shuler.

ADD EXTRA HOUR FOR DAILY DRILL

Cadets May Take Military Training at 4 as Well as 5 O'clock

Military training classes will be held at 4 o'clock as well as 5 o'clock beginning March 15, according to the statement issued by Commandant S. M. Parker yesterday. This option in the hour for drill is granted because it is believed that there are a number of students who will find it easier to take the work at this time instead of at the usual hour of 5 o'clock. The plan of having two different hours for the drill will also allow the men to be ranked more according to the training which they have had and in this way enable better work to be done in the individual companies.

The outdoor work which is starting this week is dealing with the first instructions to officers and privates in the essentials of field work. As soon as the weather permits the men will begin the drilling outside and this will continue until spring vacation. After vacation the companies will put in all of their efforts in preparing for the annual inspections and reviews and in the meantime each company will be making plans for winning the annual competitive drill company prize.

John Rippey, former assistant superintendent of construction of the University, now with an engineering firm in Kansas City is in Lincoln looking after some construction work for his firm.