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FLASKS FOR STUDENTS.

"In an advertisement addressed to University students, a Lincoln firm mentions 'hand-made wallets, flasks and cigaret cases' as suggestions for the student 'when he dresses up.' It is a fitting climax, perhaps, to a series of rather stinging comments on the University made in the past few weeks.

"Fritz Leiber was quoted as saying that this 'may be a big university but it is not a great university.' He deplored lack of interest in performances of the classics on the part of University men and women.

"The student body is evidently viewed with such suspicion in one newspaper office, at least, that a non-partisan statement of facts concerning compulsory military training was construed as being the 'annual drill protest' of 'pacifists' at the University.

"Charges of a serious nature have been made against the football team and against the fraternity system. Coaches have been openly criticised in the public press. The newspapers have contained articles questioning the ability of the chancellor.

"And now the advertising of a Lincoln firm implies that students are actually law-breakers. Not only are the Cornhusker men and women a group of uncultured, unappreciative young people, inclined toward pacifism, and crooked in politics, but they are, so the advertisement would make one think, disrespectful of the constitution of the United States. This last is more serious than any of the other many charges.

"Why should flasks be mentioned among suggestions for young men? Flasks might conceivably be used to carry tea for meetings of the Monocle club, or hair tonic for the sleek-haired dancers at a party, or water for washing the odor of cigarets from a co-ed's fingers, or even coffee to keep the student awake during lectures. But we shall risk the assertion that the advertiser had no such uses in mind when he included flasks in the list.

"And why should they be particularly appropriate 'when he dresses up?' Does etiquette require that a man wear a tuxedo when he intends to get drunk? It is quite possible that the most successful law-breakers are those who wear evening clothes, but that does not prove that a drinking spree is appropriate on formal occasions—that flasks are needed when the young man dresses up.

"Perhaps, the insult to the University student body was unintentional. Perhaps the student actually does need a flask when he 'dresses up.' In any case, that advertisement is a challenge to the student body. It is a challenge to every man and woman in the University. That student who has the best interest of his school at heart will always—when he dresses up or when he does anything else—prove by his speech and actions that he has no use for a flask."

The foregoing criticism of an advertisement that appeared in The Daily Nebraskan Sunday is the sincere opinion of a thinking student; it is worth reading. There is but one slight defect in it—it does not go far enough. Not only have University students actually been insulted, but this matter reveals a widespread flippant disregard of law and order. This is not the only case of its kind; for example, there are on sale in Lincoln swigger sticks that conceal bottles evidently intended to hold alcoholic liquor.

Students should recognize the fact that all this is essentially "propagan-

da" looking toward repeal of the prohibition laws through making them ridiculous. More than others, perhaps, students should be able to get beyond such superficialities, and realize that those who favor prohibition are not "blue-nosed reformers" but intelligent, thinking persons of the breed that in 1860 saw the moral wrong of slavery and worked for emancipation.

When the public at large, as well as students, does attach the proper significance to the question of prohibition, "outraged public opinion" will forbid such potential violations of the law as open sale of flasks as the "adjunct of the well-dressed man."

Student Opinion

(Only signed letters will be published in this column. Contributions are not edited.)

DEFENDS UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor:
Fritz Leiber, who recently appeared at a local theater in a presentation of Hamlet, makes a charge against the University students of indifference toward the drama. Like most criticisms of this nature, the charge cannot be supported by actual facts. On the contrary, the facts of the case are strongly in favor of the University.

In the first place the University is criticized for giving a "play of their own on the very night" of Mr. Leiber's performance. It was very unfortunate that he should have a conflict of dates with the University Players, but it should be understood that it was not, as is the case with most universities, a single performance for which any other date would have done as well.

The University Players play a regular schedule of seven plays during the school year. They are not supported by the regular University appropriation but pay their expenses from the receipts of season tickets which are sold by guaranteeing certain plays on definite dates. After the purchasers of season tickets have reserved these dates for the winter, it would be a very exceptional circumstance that would justify the changing of dates.

When the announcement was made that Hamlet was to be played at the Orpheum, an attempt was made to change our play, "Loyalties," to the following week end. This was found to be impossible because Friday and Saturday evenings of that week were occupied with the Cornhusker Banquet, the Girls' Costume Party, and the All University Christmas Party. All three of these events hold an important place in the traditions of the University and no organization cares to do anything that would mar the success of such traditional functions.

Furthermore, to have postponed the play two weeks would have necessitated many students remaining in the city from one to two days longer than necessary before returning home for Christmas vacation. While vacation does not begin until Saturday noon, the majority of the students have no classes on Saturday and wish to leave immediately after their Friday classes.

For these reasons and the inconvenience it would have caused the season ticket holders it was impossible to postpone "Loyalties." But for those of our patrons who wished to attend the Leiber productions on Thursday and Friday evenings we gladly arranged seats for the Saturday performances at the Temple.

In the second place the student body is charged with having "no interest in the drama." It is true that the students and faculty did not and could not afford to pay the high prices asked for the lower floor seats. But of those who filled the balcony seats for Mr. Leiber's very excellent interpretation of "Hamlet" on Thursday night, but few faces were seen that are not familiar on the University campus.

Also, Mr. Leiber has not had a national reputation as a great actor, whereas, Mr. Galsworthy, the author of "Loyalties," is an English dramatist whose authorship indicates a powerful and interesting program wherever his plays are produced. Therefore, it is not surprising that the students should choose to attend their own theater to see a play written by Mr. Galsworthy rather than take a chance on seeing a Shakespearean play presented by an actor of whom they know very little.

The students of the University do have an interest in the drama and the cultural value of classical plays. This is evidenced by the fact that Nebraska is one of the few state universities that offer a regular schedule of both classic and modern plays throughout the year. However, it has not been the policy of those in charge of dramatics to concentrate all the student's attention on Shakespeare. Shakespeare must necessarily occupy a large portion of such studies, but such writers as Moliere, Ibsen, Hauptmann, O'Neill, Shaw, Galsworthy and others are allotted their place in the curriculum and the students become not only admirers of Shakespeare, but what is more desirable, they become admirers of the entire field of the drama.

Yours very truly,
A. L. ERICKSON,
Business Manager, The University Players.

Notices

Square and Compass.
The Square and Compass club will meet in Faculty Hall, Temple, Tuesday at 7 o'clock.

Engineering Inspection Trip.
All eligible junior and senior Engineering students having an inspection trip requirement to remove should meet Wednesday at 5 o'clock at M. E. 206. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange the itinerary of the trip.

Home Economics Students.
A Christmas tea will be given in the Home Economics parlors Tuesday from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Lutherans.
The Lutheran Bible League will meet for Bible study at 7 o'clock in the Faculty Hall.

Tassels.
Tassels will meet tonight at 7:15 in Ellen Smith Hall.

Green Goblins.
Meeting of the Green Goblins tonight at 7:15 at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Agricultural College Y. W. C. A.
Meeting of the Agricultural College Y. W. C. A. Tuesday at 12:20 in the Home Economics Parlors.

Philosophy 100.
The annual Christmas party of the Philosophy 100 class will be held Wednesday evening. All members who have taken this course or advanced courses in Psychology who intend to come leave their names at the office by Wednesday noon.

Women's Athletic Association.
Special meeting of the Women's Athletic Association, Wednesday at 7 o'clock in the Social Science Auditorium.

N Club.
N Club meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 o'clock Tuesday. Every football man to be initiated must bring five paddles.

Iota Sigma Pi.
Iota Sigma Pi meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday in Chemistry Hall.

Students will save themselves a great deal of time and inconvenience by purchasing their railroad tickets now at the Burlington City Office.—Adv.

Twenty Years Ago

A proposition to flood the athletic field and use it for a skating rink was raised. Chancellor Andrews was in favor of the plan and could see no objections to the idea. No grading was to be done to hold the water while it froze and "for night skating three or four electric lights would be sufficient." The matter was to be brought to the attention of the Athletic Board and it was expected that the plan would be passed.

The sophomores were foiled in their attempt to kidnap the chairman and other members of the freshman dance committee. In every case the sophomores were defeated and in the last trial they tried to get the one remaining member before he left his home, knowing that they had a bodyguard at the hotel, but again they were beaten, for a "gentleman in blue" took the freshman in charge and he arrived safely. This was the first time in several years that the freshman, to a man, had succeeded in getting to their dance.

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—Postponement of the Purple Masque play until January was necessary when the male lead broke a bone in his ankle during a road trip. The accident occurred during the scuffle that ended the first act.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.—Parlor golf has made its appearance as an indoor sport. A rug serves as the green, while a candy box with a hole in one end serves as putting cup.

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