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TWO BITS

Klup, klup, klup—a telephone busy signal in crude written form—is the answer got in the majority of cases when telephone calls are made in the evening to sorority or fraternity houses.

The reason for it is quite simple. The telephone facilities are inadequate, and the persons lucky enough finally to get a call through talk to their heart's content before relinquishing the line to some one else.

That people will want to talk a long time when they finally get their call through is a natural enough reaction. No fault can be found with them except possibly in the extreme cases where conversations are carried along for thirty or forty minutes or more.

The real reason for the inadequacy of the telephone service is the fact that the houses are not equipped with enough telephones.

One telephone in a house may be sufficient for one family or even two families, but when one telephone is asked to serve from twenty-five to forty or more people it is asking too much.

There are only a few organizations on the campus which are considerate enough for their members and their friends to have two telephones installed. Most of the others drag along on one telephone with all the accompanying inconvenience.

The reason offered, of course, for having only one telephone in the house, is that telephone service costs too much.

As a matter of fact a telephone costs only seven or eight dollars a month or about two bits a month per member for the average house.

The dividends in minutes and hours saved for study which otherwise are spent trying to get a number, and the dividends in the satisfaction of not having to try all evening before finally succeeding, would be well worth 25 cents per member even for those rare fraternity and sorority people who only seldom call or only seldom are called.

One of the first signs of real spring appeared yesterday when gardeners began raking off the many lawns and flower beds on the campus.

THEY'LL BE AVERAGING THE GRADES SOON

The fact that Phi Beta Kappa men are found in great numbers in Who's Who and among the great men of the nation in science, art, literature, the bar, politics, and affairs should not discourage unduly those who fail in college to win this coveted honor.

The successes of these men it will be noticed are in the main in those very fields where they displayed superiority in their college days—literature, science, art, etc. The duller buddies who did not shine so brightly in class but were probably more active in lively student affairs, although no definite records of their accomplishments are kept as in the case of the Phi Beta Kappa men, have probably distinguished themselves just as well in the fields for which they are peculiarly fitted.

In all this discussion about the after successes of Phi Beta Kappa men and women, there is all too often a tendency to forget that the men and women were chosen to Phi Beta Kappa membership because they displayed unusual ability, in particular lines, and that they are not successes because they were Phi Beta Kappa, but Phi Beta Kappas because they displayed early success.

If Phi Beta Kappa honors are won without excessive effort simply as a natural result of inherent ability, the chances are that they are worthwhile. However, if they are won by conscious hard work with that as the only objective, and with everything else subordinated, the coveted honor is likely to be only an empty one in the end, because there is not enough in reserve to back up and replenish the initial start.

While some universities in the East and in the Middle-west are prohibiting student automobiles, the Southern California Daily Trojan recently put out a special automobile edition. By the number of accessory and garage advertisements appearing in the edition, the automobile business seems to be booming at that school.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

For teaching foreign language—a native teacher who has acquired knowledge of the foreign tongue, or a foreigner who has acquired some knowledge of our tongue? That's a question sometimes confronting foreign language departments of schools and colleges.

There are advantages and disadvantages to either way.

If a native teacher is employed, he can more easily converse with the students in their own mother tongue. He can explain details better. He has a better feeling for the mother tongue, and appreciates more the difficulties of learning a foreign language. He is likely to be more patient when students fail to grasp the spirit of the foreign language which he is teaching. This is outweighed by the fact that he can never equal a foreigner in his own understanding of the language.

If a foreigner is employed, he brings with him, of course, a better knowledge of the language he is to teach. The disadvantage is that he has difficulty in teaching because he is unable in many cases to speak our language as well as one of our own instructors. He is also likely to be less patient when students fail to master details and otherwise grasp the spirit of the language being taught.

That native instructors are probably better, or else easier to secure, is shown by the fact that most schools and colleges employ a majority of them. In many departments, however, there are some foreign teachers. A few of them are probably needed in a well-balanced department in order to keep the native instructors from becoming stale, and to give them contact with some one who is a native of the country whose language they are teaching.

In Other Columns

Measure Up to Your Citizenship

One criticism of college students as a whole which, on the surface, seems to be well founded, is their indifference toward affairs which arise daily of state, national, and international importance. The student interest seems to be confined within the campus boundaries.

How many students are familiar with the principles and conditions involved in the United States' recent international arguments? How many could explain the purpose of the McNary-Haugen bill? How many know what precipitated the action of the house of representatives in impeaching Judge C. W. Dearth.

If such indifference to comparatively important affairs follows students after their graduation, stagnation of thought threatens the nation. A country's educated citizens are its leaders, and the leaders must be alive to the country's problems.

But as college students grow into college life from high school limitations, so will the majority of them grow to meet conditions they will face after graduation.

Campus Activities

Various organizations on the campus are at the present time receiving their annual wholesale bolstering as the result of the influx of freshman tryouts. During the next few months it will be a matter of the survival of the fittest, and so on throughout the next three years in almost every competition. No more healthy tests of tenacity can be found in college life.

That the benefits derived from campus activities at Michigan almost invariably outweigh the time and effort expended, is at least without hesitancy by those undergraduates who have been so engaged, or by alumni of the University who were active on the campus during their academic days. It is not only the definite training and experience which many of the activities afford that is often advantageous in later life, but the numerous acquaintanceships and potential friendships which result can be established in no other way.

Whatever type of work is followed, the tryout will receive, in return, fully as much as he gives. In many cases even greater rewards, generally concrete, sometimes intangible, will be his.

A Popular Proposal

Falling in line with British and European universities, whose annual period of teaching and examination is from two or three months shorter than here, Harvard University has decided to cut substantially the length of time now required of students in class room. The twofold purpose of this arrangement is to partially free the students from minute and continuous supervision of their studies, and to relieve the teachers of their excessive burden of teaching.

Shortening the amount of class room work wouldn't be very objectionable to the students, but we don't think it would effect much of an improvement. Less class work and more research work may prove a good formula for the European students, but from present evidences it would prove disastrous for the American collegian. It is a well known fact that students at European universities are, on the average, older and more serious than their American brothers, and therefore can be safely given a freer rein. The American collegian on the other hand, who has just emerged from the close supervision of high school and who is a few very important years younger than the European students, is not prepared for the freedom that Harvard would grant. The proof of the matter is that even now, with supervision comparatively close, the average collegian tries to see just how much he can get away with, and still graduate.

A system whereby students might be given more freedom or allowed more "cuts" as they advanced from freshman to senior and as long as they maintain a certain average in marks, might be effective in American colleges. But granting a free rein under present conditions will tend only to aggravate present evils.

Verdict Is "Gentlemen Do Not Prefer Blondes"

Battle of Complexions in Creighton Debate Brings Out Names from Cleopatra to Mae Murray

The bars are down now. It is gentlemanly to prefer either a blonde, brunet or both.

The burning question, "Do Gentlemen Prefer Blondes?" was decided Friday for students of Creighton university. The negative won, thereby establishing that gentlemen have no marked preferences, that personality is the deciding factor in men's choice.

Both sides were on the defensive, the brunets being championed by brunets and blondes by blondes. Charles Moorhead and Catherine Southard were the brunet debaters, Robert J. Clarey and Miss Gene Vana, the blondes. Miss Southard was voted the best debater.

A few facts in the dispute revealed that 78 per cent of the movie stars are brunets, and 85 per cent of them blondes. It was admitted that the figures are constantly changing, depending on the prevailing color in vogue.

Red Heads Don't Count

Clara Bow, star of "It", was declared at different stages of the debate to be both blonde and brunet. It was decided then to eliminate her as a "red head," whom the debate did not concern.

Valentino preferred brunets three times, and Mae Murray, cited by the affirmative as the "favorite of the tired business man," had four divorces, thus showing, the negative pointed out, that her popularity was not lasting.

The debaters went back into history, disputing the complexion of Cleopatra, assailing Tex Guinan, New York cabaret proprietress, as a blonde, pointing out Madame Recamier, Madame de Staël and Empress Josephine as some of the world's greatest brunets, and throwing a storm about the head of Queen Marie of Rumania.

Madame Du Barry drew the remark "that dizzy blonde" from the negative. It was pointed out that all blondes are, "insincere, elusive, fickle, sensational and flighty, and perfidious. Look at the high class brunets on the legitimate stage compared to the frivolous, empty-headed blondes in the Follies, if you don't believe it, the negative thrust further.

Ooo—She Dared Him!

Miss Gene Vana, the blonde debater, offered to enlighten Charles Moorhead, her opponent, by practical demonstration with herself as the subject to prove that blondes really are nice, if you know them.

All of the fuming and arguing had a beneficial effect, Professor Charles C. Charvat, English teacher for whose benefit, outside of the 150 students present, the contest was held.

"The debaters had been lured by the subject into doing research work in literature, art, history and sociology as they hardly would be by any other subject. Furthermore they learned that concern with a topic which is uppermost in the minds of people is more worth while as far as popular success is concerned than a substantial one about which people do not concern themselves," he said.

Notices

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

P. E. O. Luncheon on Tuesday March 15, at Mrs. Dickey's, 224 N. 11 St. Home Ec Club

The Home Ec club will give a tea for all new students, faculty members and Home Ec club members, Tuesday, from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Home Economics parlors. Everyone is urged to come and get acquainted.

Theta Sigma Phi will meet Tuesday March 15, at 9 o'clock in SS 218.

Green Goblines Green Gobline meeting at the Lambda Chi house at 7 o'clock Tuesday March 15.

Corn Cobs There will be a meeting of Corn Cobs in the Temple at 7 p. m. promptly Tuesday night. It is very important that every member be there on time, as the time will be given over to the report for parts in the skit. There will be meetings Wednesday and Thursday at the same time and place.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 Girl's Commercial Club business meeting Wednesday 5 o'clock at Edith Smith Hall. Student Council

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Student Council, Wednesday, at 5 o'clock, in Temple 204.

Ag Club will meet Tuesday Hall Auditorium at 7:15 Wednesday. A consideration of the plan for incorporating the department clubs will be the main business of the evening. Every Ag out.

Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday March 16 at 7 o'clock in Chemistry Hall.

Lutherans meet for Bible study Wednesday at 7 p. m. in Temple 202.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Meeting of Math Club on Thursday, March 10, in room 304 Mechanics Arts at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a number of short talks.

STORRS SPEAKS TO ENGINEERS

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fields of the Rocky Mountain region, he returned to the University, and in 1904 took his Masters degree, majoring in geology.

In regard to popular questions of the transportation companies, Mr. Storrs sees a great future for such companies, since they no longer merely run street cars, but have changed to general transportation agencies giving rides on both street cars and buses at the present time.

Mr. Storrs asserts that there are about forty-three million people riding electric cars every day, and that these can never be done away with in an economical fashion and still provide adequate service to the people. No other vehicle can take the major part in the transportation of the public that the electric car has done.

In regard to the possibilities of people using private vehicles for transportation, Mr. Storrs says that even if everyone could afford this means of travel it would be impossible because if even half of the population were to resort to this method, the streets would soon become impassable, and parking of cars would be out of the question.

Buses, according to Mr. Storrs, could never carry the crowds and do good work without the aid of the electric cars which take the greatest amount of passengers and provide the safest, and speediest transportation known today.

Talks of eating at the



Dinner—Where Do You Eat?

Lincoln is bountifully supplied with places to eat. Hardly anywhere in the business section are you out of sight of a hotel, a restaurant, a cafe, a coffee shop, or a lunch room, to say nothing of the drug stores where fountain lunches are served, the big stores with their cafeterias and dining rooms, and the Chamber of Commerce and certain Clubs.

Competition, therefore, is keen; but, conducted in a spirit of fairness, of "live and let live", there is good business for all. And the continued growth and success of the Central Cafe is the best evidence that Manager Harris knows the secret of catering to the Lincoln public.

The Central is conducted as a place where busy business and professional men, college students, and others who have no time to waste in loitering and gossiping over their meals, can secure prompt and efficient service and the best and cleanest of foods, admirably cooked and served at reasonable prices.

This is not to say that the Central Cafe promotes bolting of food, hasty eating, or gulping down of coffee or milk, thereby inviting indigestion. But there is the least possible delay in securing and delivering your order, and the ever-coming crowds are a hint to any but the most obtuse that when your meal is properly finished, your seat at the table or counter is usually needed for another.

This does not mean that you are to change your habits of eating. If you "Fletcherize" at home, chewing each bite fifty or more times, do it at the Central. But really eating a meal is one thing; and stopping to smoke a big, fat cigar or a dozen cigarettes, while you consummate a big business deal is quite another—especially in a place where no "cover charge" is made.

Lincoln is not New York—as you may have noticed in comparing prices.

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One Year Ago

The Scarlet and Cream tracksters of Nebraska annexed their second Missouri Valley indoor title here when they piled up an average of 36 3-4 points over Kansas Aggies with 19 1-4 tallies, Missouri was forced to accept third place. Due to Locke in the 50-yard dash and low hurdles and Weir in the high and low barrier races, the Nebraska team was able to gather an early lead, the nice showing made by Captain which could not be overcome by the opposition. Locke tied the Valley record in winning the semi-finals and finals of the two races.

The University formal season was brought to a close with the elaborate Pan-Hellenic ball at the Scottish Rite Temple. More than three hundred couples attended. A footman in livery, standing below a huge "Welcome Greeks" sign hung over the entrance, admitted the guests. The whole frontage was illuminated with red lights.

One hundred and fifty home economics teachers from all parts of the state attended the annual conference of the Nebraska Home Economics association. The meetings were for the purpose of discussing professional problems and were open to teachers home-makers, and all home economics workers.

An exhibit of original oil painting by contemporary American artists

was on display in the Art Gallery. Twenty-four paintings, especially assembled for a college circuit, comprised the exhibit. Among the prominent artists represented were Emil Carlson, Ben Foster, Child Hasseni, Hayley Liver, Gardner Symons, and Charles Woodbury.

Walter Kiener, a former mountain guide in Switzerland, gave an illustrated lecture on the Swiss Alps at the Museum under the auspices of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary geology department preparing for a career as lecturer. His collection of slides on the Alps was one of the most complete ever presented here, according to Professor Schramm of the department of geology.

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