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UNOBSERVED BUT IMPORTANT

University of Nebraska is host this week-end o an unobserved group of high school students from all sections of the state, who are in Lincoln to participate in the annual high school debating tournament. Fourteen teams, composed of perhaps sixty students, winners in their home districts, are about to compete for a state championship.

Unlike the vast numbers of prep school athletes who trample the campus during the annual state high school basketball tourney, smaller than the group of participants in the track and field meet in May, these high school debaters come and go, almost unnoticed by the university student who is engaged in attending to the duties of the classroom and those numerous duties that have no relation with stony whatever.

The debate tournament for the high school students, while not of the proportions of an athletic contest, is just as significant. It represents the culmination of a long period that has been spent in forensic training, that has been spent in delving into books, pamphlets, and material from which the arguments have been woven. Just as the basketball man has pounded the bardwoods for weeks prior to the final drive to a championship, just as the track candidate has rounded the curves of a practice stretch since early spring, so has the high school debater spent a period of intensive study and competition to win his way into the final meetings.

The debate tournament represents something different than a match between flying feet, a contest that calls for a basket-shooting eye, or even a charge through the line. It calls for good oldfashioned reasoning ability, bolstered by an effective delivery. It calls for wits and logic, and the courage to present an argument after it has been drafted. The tournament brings to the University those students from high schools of the state who nine times out of ten are going to mature into much more capable young men and women when college years approach. They have learned the value of intensive y, they know what application entails, and they ability to get up on their feet and speak con vincingly.

Bizaders are certainly getting prepared for active business careers having a golf tournament on the program for the annual Bizad frolic.

STILL TRYING

America admires pluck. The fellow that starts out to do something and stays with it until it is finished gains the admiration and esteem of his contemporaries. The fellow that trys once, fails, and then washes his hands of any further attempt his case is futile.

So it is with the University Players. Repeatedly they have tried, tried to please their patrons, tried to present the type of productions that their public wants. They have made earnest attempts but seemingly they have not accomplished their end in so far as their financial record shows.

Several thousands of dollars in debts have been incurred during past seasons and the current season, with little hope of making much of an impression braskan may be true. He maintains that the failure of the University Players to attract sufficient parronage lies in the theater in which their production is presented. Unquestionably, the Temple theater is old, rickety, and inadequate to house even a fair aized audience. However, there must be other causes for the minimum attendance at the Players' shows. Student attendance has been decidedly lacking

at the greater part of the productions this year. Since the Players is a student activity it should attract student support. Without this support, a student activity has little chance of success. Whether failure to attend Players' producions is the fault of the atudents or of the Players cannot be determined.

At any rate it is lacking. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is being played this week. It is a worthy production and commanding of a good attendance. In as much as it is the final production of the University Players this year nid be well attended. It remains with the students to show appreciation to the Players, to ove to them that they really desire this type of inment at the University. Without a perceptible camand from the student body, it seems that this type of antertainment is doemed to extinction.

If it keeps on raining this spring maybe those bare spots on the campus lawn will disappear.

SPRINGTIME TAFFY

The red-faced cherub who ten years ago was being may apples to teacher to win her favor in university is employing the same trottes modified Cashion to gain recognition in his courses. This perverted idea of gradeas noticeable, apparent and despicable to es, unfortunately for the adulating indiil, la likevise policeable, apporent and despie-

versed in the ways of life than the taffy-feeding student, and through long or short years of experience know this type and laugh up their sleeves at these superficial manners.

It is this type of student who continually is teiling his instructor how much he enjoys the course, how interested he is in political science, sociogy or whatnot. Always running to his professor's offices for hits of nonessential information, he hopes to acquire personal acquaintances that will

ruise his grades. Personal and sincers friendship with professors is laudable. Such friendships are valuable and last-And when students really encounter difficulty with their work most professors are happy to help tistical. them. But the so-called student who about this time speaks throughout the journal in a of year assumes the very interested expressions in all classes, amiles at the proper time, laughs at the proper jokes and chirps a cheery "good morning" of their married life. The author of to each instructor, is the person who in life will full this book has evidently seen the tow this same path of superficiality, flattery and

This is getting to be a democratic campus. The Mortar Boards are having a tea so they can get acquainted with the other coeds.

STARS, MOON AND EXAM

"Kid I'm just sick about this exam. I don't know one thing about that stuff."

"Ditto, yours truly hasn't cracked a book for two weeks."

"Well. I suppose he'll ask us something about the Civil war. Now what were the causes?"

I think slavery had somethiffg to do with it. Didn't you think that spring party Friday was rare?" "Yes but what has that to do with the war?" What was this Ostend Manifesto? He's going to ask us that sure."

Walt a minute. I've got it here in my notes. Say have you heard Helen Kane's latest record?" "I think it's terrible."

"Here it is. The Ostend Manifesto was a manifeato fixed up by Oatend before the Civil war." We can get by on that all right. Spread a

little bolony. Isn't it swell outside tonight?" "What about the election of 1860? Isn't that

moon romantic ?" "Lincoln was elected. Gosh it's bard to study on a night like this."

"Yes, I guess it was Lincoln and he freed the is whether the Players will bungle negroes. I wish I was free to enjoy that moon-

"Isn't it just heavenly?"

"You know he said it wouldn't do us any good to cram the night before the exam." We can get up early in the morning and skim

"We're gone."

In a few days now the laws will go into seclufor their semi-annual cram for examinations.

Graduating seniors better be warming up to the Graduating seniors better be warming up to the The productions so far this year relatives about now, for there's the invitations to have been good, with the exception

A lot of organizations are redeeming themselves these last few weeks of school by having banquets and annual frolics.

Then when that parody on a local student hangout is published, coeds will have a big time attributing the remarks to themselves.

President Hoover pleads for respect for 'ne law. literature, the Awgwan and the He failed to mention anything about violating the Kosemet Klub carries off the traffic signals at Twelfth and R. most any noon.

Baked beans, vegetable soup and chocolate cake may be the brain food of university students, but may be the brain food of university students, out can Murcury, Gerald W. Johnson why neglect to mention the bran flakes that frater writes on "Why Men Work for

OTHER STUDENTS SAY-

IN DEFENSE

In answer to Mr. James Anderson Hawes, author of The Collegians, I would like to raise my voice in protest to his rather inaccurate classification of our school. "The University of Nebraska," he says. axe, as being more humane and "is a large school in enrollment and in its future less messy.... (He), regardless of the frantic efforts of journalists to building plant, but from two visits there, I must say that its location on the endless, flat, and hot corn plain, and a student body of typical middle-class intellectual ... There are men de-German people who make good citizens but offer little of special social life—call for no particular to regard this world as a garish

Considering that Mr. Hawes has made two visits ing show, yet without ever being to our campus, it seems to me that he has been stage-struck. They delight in porsingularly unobservant, especially in his conclusions traying it, but feel no urge to parwe are all Germans out here. Now I have no particular objection to being called a German-the is preferable. I suppose, to many he might ranks of journalism . . They ily on either side and neither do most of my friends. There are doubtless many German students attending the University, and very estimable ones, but there are also many Czechoslovakians, Scotch, Scandinavians, and plain, ordinary fourth-or-fifth-generation-Americans as well, thousands of students whose ancestors can lay no claim to German extraction. Hawes evidently heard somewhere that the middle west was predominately stolid, phiegmatic German and so based his remarks on conjecture Chamber of Commerce of Lincoln rather than on observation.

Mr. Hawes' little dig about Lincoln's social life was rather pointless, too. We are not so isolated from the rest of the world in this day of rapid communication that we are centuries behind in custom, dress, and entertainment. We have radios and newspapers, we have automobiles and get about once in a while, we know a little something of

what's going on It is not likely that our forms of social life, provincial though they may be, are so different from that of other sections. I do not know what Mr. Hawes has been used to in the way of entertainment that we couldn't furnish him here, but it must have been something extremely exetic and unusual, or very grand. Even at that, if he had just told us what he wanted, we could probably have staged it

And as for our location on the "endless, flat, corn plains," at least it makes for a breath of view evidently unattained in Mr. Hawes' cramped eastern "Endless plains"-along with the other things he overlooked, Mr. Hawes failed to see the grandeur of space, the peace of distance, and the tolerance of acres of soil stretching away into in-

Finally, Mr. Hawen' two visits could not possibly have been made in the apringtime, for instead of referring to us all in no tactful tones as a lump sum of German, he would be warbling ecstatically of the versal beauties of spring on the plains. For say what you will, spring in Nebraska is a very wonderful thing.

BETWEEN THE LINES By Labelle Gilman

W ife," Poor Wretch," B) Emma Beatrice Brunner, 201 pp Fradrick A Stokes Co. New York

delightful expose of private life of Elizabeth Pepys subtitled "Unconsored Episodes the Diary of Ramuel Pepys Though Scittleus, the story close follows the famous diary, presentpathetic manner the wife's side of the story. Samuel Pepys, the egoself-centered gourmand deprecatory way about his "poor wretch," and naturally he gives only h is side of the story possibilities of presenting a different story, and has done so with very satisfactory results. Elisabeth like, dim. unimportant figure, but as a spirited woman, seeing and understanding her husband as no

Here is the episode of Deb. the the benefit of those fortunate stupreity little maid with whom Sam- dents who were able to go home was enamourned. Elisabeth and enjoy the peace and comfort handles her quite excellently. But of the domestic fireside a complete better still is the manner in which outline of the "Don't Be Silly" But here we find why he did it, and legians ran back and forth from Elizabeth had no small part in the pullman to baggage car at intermatter. Anyone would enjoy the vals to change clothes, the train book, and one does not have to be arrived in Fremont. Pepys enthusiast to enjoy it, to

The University Players are in the threes of their last production ingly in windows and mind of the prospective play-goer or not. The answer, I believe, ila for they aquitted themselves that: The leads-Walter Vogt, Edna

Charlton. Pauline Gellatly, and Harian Easton-carried their parts well. Pauline Gellatly and Easton were exceptionally good. Mr. Kirsch has not done himself as proud with the sets as might be expected after "Emperor Jones," but they are satisfactory. Easton and his fellows horse the thing enough to make the comedy delightful, as

The players faced a crucial time with the presentation of this play. of two or three. The controversy arising last month concerning student support brought things to a head, and directly following, the Players condemned themselves by A graduate of the university by putting on "The Learned Lawrote me, saying that after travel-However, they have made up for that error this week.

fight for support in drama and medals every time without a struggle. What sort of a conclusion is one to draw from that?

Newspapers." The article is well signed Consider these randon excerpts.

wrote to me asking advice with regard to his sophomore son who is beginning to attract attention in the college newspaper, and is suto use a shotgun rather than an al man, nor is he unmistakeably an stined from their mother's womb outlandish and semewhat brawdy. ticinate in the action. The greatest of these become artists of one sort another; the lesser fill the ard more, hiss more, start more tears and gooseflesh in the course of their lives than a dozen normal men. They have a hell of a good time....I think I shall write the sophomore and tell him to come on in the water's fine and he'll not be dammed in journalism much

A short time ago the Junior awarded prizes for artistic excellence in Lincoln songs The verses were published upon them and published three of the worst, (which were awarded prizes). Those who remember the songs will agree that

Kosmet Klub Cast Returns Home After Week's Tour Through State

Some fifty-five men who succeeded in putting Kosmet Klub's little discovering of their own on 1929 musical comedy across in Netheria and the side. They discovered a capabraska towns, are hibernating on the side of the curtical compusition week. The period tain nearest the exits. Judging of real in which these men are of reat in which these men are from the reports which came to indulging is preparatory to the the cast following this showing it final performance of "Bon't He was a success.
Silly" at the Liberty theater on Holdrege was the next stop

ham actors are even more so. This, however, is not the reason for the apparent quiet and relaxation of the "Don't Be Silly" cast. Spring road tours over Nebraska in a derelict pullman and a windy bagrage car bring about a feeling of fatigue which even third quarter exams cannot take away.

Log of Journey Kept Veteran sailors keep a log of their journeys, so even though "Den't Be Silly" was not all wet, a more or less complete summary

Elizabeth meets the emergency of spring tour follows.

At 7:25 o'clock the special pulllady. Samuel kept his diary in man, which is alleged to have short-hand, but Elizabeth, with in-finite patience, deciphered it. learned about her husband's life, coin with the all-male cast of Kosand proceeded to make fireworks, met Klub's show. After a compar-Samuel was rather vague concern- arively uneventful trip, in which ing the reasen for ending his diary. some of the more fastidious col-

Fremont was stormed by the battalion of actors who gazed longthemselves in general like a dig-Shakespearean drama which is played each season "Midsummer Night's Press" light's Press of the light of the light's Press of the light of the light's Press of the light's Press of the light's Press of the light of size of the stage when the cur-tain of the Wall theater went up for the initial performance of "Don't Be Silly." The audience was remainder of the year.

appreciative and showed their ap.

A rumor has been pings and making of noises.

Silly" at the Liberty theater on Holdrege was the next stop Friday and Saturday evenings of listed on the itinerary, and playing true to form the Kozmet Klub bag-Actors are temperamental, and gage car and pullman, preceded by a few modern cars, arrived in that western city. and sound asleep, but were soon prancing about on the stage ready to give the Holdrege folks a treat.

Small Crowd at Holdrege The auditorium in Holdrege holds approximately 3,000 people Consequently the 600 who at-tended "Don't He Silly" felt rather sione and bashful, but managed to overcome their stage fright at intervals and gave the actors a few hands and a few laughs.

Unless a lapse of memory is experienced by the entire cast of Kosmet Klub's show that band of University men will hold a warm spot in its heart for McCook until That city gave "Don't Re Silly" a worthy reception and promatinee and an evening show. But a still greater treat was in store for the players.

Hastings Turns Out for Show Friday the 1929 show was scheduled to appear in Hastings. The schedule was followed and on the evening of Friday, April 19, 1600 persons from Hastings and surounding territory were seated in the city auditorium prepared to see Don't Be Silly." They came, they saw, they guffawed. They branded the show as one of Kosmet Klub's best, promising their support for future productions.

After the final performance in American college youths. April Hastings the "Don't Be Silly" Fool. At any rate the cast was cast was muscle and homeward Night's Dream itself, of course, Fool. At any rate the cast was cast was muscle and homeward has no fault. The question in the Lincoln some time Saturday morning, fresh and rested, ready to settle down to college life for the A rumor has been circulating

proval of the show by great clap- that the cast will have to ride street cars around Lincoln Some time in the night when three or four hours Friday and everyone was soundly asleep the Saturday afternoons. This will train pulled out of Fremont, en give the atmosphere so necessary route for Columbus. The entire to the success of road shows, it is to the success of road shows. It is group slept through this trip, and the sincere hope of the producers for that reason the engineer was that some of the subtle lines in enabled to bring the panting en-gine to a full stop in Columbus. In Lincoln before a university It is said that Columbus was audience than they were out born in that city, or that it was the state. On the other hand there named for him. Regardless of the truth or faisity of this statement of the weak cracks.

"-Pauline Bilon

WOOL DRESSES

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"It was extremely interesting

"I found the country editor as

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enterprising as his city brother."

the American section made a Herald office and now have a nose scoop when it published them for for news.'-Catherine Elizabeth all the world to see how absolutely Hansen. "I think the School of Journal dumb some people are. ism is to be congratulated on in itiating a most successful experi-

A graduate of the university ing all over the world for three years, he has at last settled down. And speaking of student support. What is there so intriguing about it is most certainly true that while a home ec. anyway? I'm sure it's enterprising the Players and the Schooner not altogether due to the cooking. Lyman Cass.

the Newspaper Men tile individual."-Dean Hammond. And Women Like Outstate Work

Journalism senior; who were asjournalist's valuable time, during spring vacation came back filled with enthusiasm and added "A few months ago a kinsman knowledge about newspaper work, so they say. For the most part, they went out on the small town weeklies and dailies, though sev eral were sent to Omaha and Linspected of hankering after a career coin papers. Following are the rein journalism. I adviced the father marks made by some of the re

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"A good idea, but it ought to have lasted longer."- Maurice Kon-Get Varied Comments

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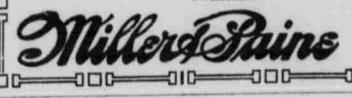
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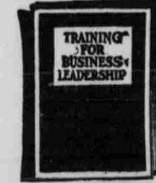
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