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HARLAN EASTON TAKES LEAD IN WILDE COMEDY

'The Importance of Being Earnest' Will Open Next Monday.

PLAY IS SOCIAL SATIRE

Betty Evans Plays Opposite Lead as Lover of John Fairfax.

"The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde's clever comedy, is to be the third presentation of the University Players. A social satire, the action of the play is quite square and stylized. The entire production is to be in black, white and silver. The settings, costumes, and properties, are to conform to this unusual manner of presentation.

Filled with funny lines and comedy that is as mirth-provoking today as it was thirty-five years ago when it was first produced, "The Importance of Being Earnest," is one of the best plays ever written by Oscar Wilde. Questioned as to the merits of his newest production on the night that the play was first presented, Oscar Wilde is reported to have said, "The first act is ingenious, the second beautiful, the third abominably clever—I wrote it."

Easton Plays Lead.

Harlan Easton will play the part of John Worthington who lives in the country and is always running up to town on the pretext of a friend in a scrape. Betty Evans plays opposite Mr. Easton as Miss Fairfax who is in love with John, but thinks his name is Earnest. Leland Bennett is Algernon Moncrieff, the close friend of John Worthington who is always getting away from his family in the city to see a sick friend in the country, and many a spree do the two go on together.

Charlotte Wells is Cecily Cardew, the ward of John Worthington and madly in love with his friend Algernon Moncrieff. Jane Lehoff is dignified Lady Bracknell, mother of Gwendolyn and Algernon's aunt. Vera Waters is Miss Prism, Cecily's governess. Dr. Chaussable, the rector, is played by Russell Lindskog and Joe di Natale and Edwin Mortensen act the parts of two butlers.

Play Cut Down.

The play has been cut down and speeded up somewhat to eliminate any possibility of its dragging. The initial performance will be given Monday night, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p. m. in the Temple theater.

SIX GIVE TALKS AT METHODISTS' ANNUAL DINNER

The Wesley foundation gave its annual Christmas dinner for Methodist students, faculty members, and others connected with student life yesterday evening at the Grace church. Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Sherman were the guests of honor.

Each Methodist church in Lincoln sent a group of singers to the affair, each group presenting a special number during the evening. Bernice Hoffman, Margaret Wiener, Henry Rinker, Carolyn Cooper, Ida Dodd, and the Rev. W. C. Favell spoke as representatives of various student activities. Decorations were carried out in the Christmas motif. Miss Bernice Hoffman was toastmistress.

Former A Cappella Choir Dreams Of Huge Cathedral for All Faiths Where Music Will Lead Worship

BY FRANCES CUNNINGHAM.

"Huge Cathedral for All Faiths Is Goal of University Students" is the headline of a large feature article in the Omaha World-Herald for last Sunday. This interesting news comes from the Nebraska campus right here in Lincoln, and the cut at the top of the story is a reproduction of the latest photograph of the Great Cathedral choir, formerly the Lincoln A Cappella choir.

While it outlines the choir and its work, the real purpose of the feature is to announce its plan of building a great \$5,000,000 cathedral for all creeds. Volts Torrey, star writer for the World-Herald, describes the vision as:

Church for All Creeds.
"A cathedral for all creeds, a center for all religions, a beautiful worshipping place where music rather than the preaching of doctrine will predominate in the services, is being planned by Nebraska's most extraordinary choir. The cathedral is a dream as yet, but the dreamers are young and confident. Their leaders already are formulating plans.

Talk About Plans.
"There is talk of benefit football games—an unusual way to raise funds for a church, but this is to be an unusual church."

Torrey goes on to say that when plans are mature, the backers of the project expect such a favorable response that "at least \$5,000,000 will appear as if by magic." He gives full credit for the organization and training of the choir to its founder and director, John M. Rosborough, who was dean of the University School of Music until it was taken over by the school of fine arts. Rosborough now has no connection with the university, al-

Feminine Lead



MISS BETTY EVANS
Miss Evans will play the part of Miss Gwendolyn Fairfax, who is madly in love with John Worthington, whom she thinks is "Earnest" Worthington, in "The Importance of Being Earnest."

GREEKS SUBMIT POWER TO NEW CONSTITUTION

Interfraternity Group Votes Approval; To Entertain City Newsboys.

PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

By unanimous vote the interfraternity council last night approved submission of its power to the supervision of the student council as provided in the proposed Student council constitution now in the process of ratification. Plans were also gotten under way for a Christmas party for the newsboys of Lincoln Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at last night's meeting.

The move of the Greek council in submitting to the authority of the Student council without a fight is the second step toward the planned revision of student government with the Student council at the apex of authority. The first step was taken when the controversial powers clause of the constitution giving the Student council supreme authority was adopted at the last meeting. The action of the Interfraternity council indicates the approval of the student body to the Student council's struggle for more complete student government with a centralized authority.

Part of Program.

The Christmas party for Lincoln's newsboys is a part of the general program of the fraternities to provide parties for Lincoln's needy children preceding the holiday's. In addition to the council's party, eighteen individual fraternities have already announced children's parties for next week.

Arrangements for the party were placed in the hands of a special committee appointed by President Grau. The members of the committee are Charles Pierce, Francis Obert, Otis Detrick, and Kenneth Uehling.

Faulker Presents Plan.
Edwin Faulker, chairman of the Student council constitution committee, presented the proposed plan of centralized student government to the Greek group last night on recommendation by Prof. E. F. Schramm, faculty adviser to the group, that the council take action either for or against the new constitution and instruct him as to his vote in the faculty committee on student affairs when the new constitution comes before that body for approval.

The unanimous vote for submission of the constitution to the Student Council was taken at the meeting.

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MANY BARB GIRLS OPPOSED TO PLAN FOR DORMITORIES

All Women Interviewed Who Have Lived in Dorms Dislike Idea.

'HERDED LIKE CATTLE'

Coeds Who Attended Other Schools Are Against Building Program.

A continuation of the survey of non-fraternity student opinion revealed that many girls, also, were opposed to the dormitory plan. A large variety of reasons were given by the girls as to why they would not like to live in dormitories. Many thought that it would tend to decrease their individuality. All of the girls interviewed "had lived in dormitories" in other schools opposed the plan.

Aartze Potts, Omaha, who is enrolled in the graduate college declared, "I certainly didn't like dormitory life." Miss Potts lived in a dormitory for three years. "They herd you around like a bunch of cattle," she continued, "and treat you like a bunch of half wits."

Dislike Them Heartily.

Doris Fickel, Malvern, Ia., a senior in the school of journalism, who has, also, lived in dormitories at girls' schools for three years, stated that she disliked dormitories heartily. "There is no homelike atmosphere there," she said, "things were a constant state of confusion, there is lots of noise and it's impossible to get any studying done. There is nothing under the sun which can keep a large group of girls quiet. I don't care how many matrons and proctors are employed." Miss Fickel has attended the University of Nebraska for two years and is satisfied with present conditions.

Dormitories, however, do not lack defenders. Esther Boyer, a senior in the college of agriculture, stated that she favored a policy of dormitory building. She has

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FLING GIVES TALK TO PSYCHOLOGISTS

Tells Group Philosophy And History Have Alliance.

Dr. F. W. Fling addressed the annual Christmas banquet of the Sigma Pi Sigma, national honorary psychological fraternity, at the University club Monday night on "Psychology and Philosophy and History." He said that philosophy and history are more closely allied than psychology and philosophy. He declared that all historical happenings were unique although repeated. Psychology he adjudged as a science, which is based on recurring similar happenings.

Newly initiated members taken into the group Monday afternoon were honored at the banquet. The initiates: Lyndall Brumback, Katharine Carter, William Cotter, Dr. Arthur Jenness, Mrs. Margaret Jenness, Merna Post, Willard Spence, Ruth Hilton, Grace Stevens and Dr. W. H. Thompson.

BAPTIST SECRETARY WILL VISIT CAMPUS

Dr. A. K. Foster Scheduled To Arrive in Lincoln Friday Evening.

Dr. Allyn K. Foster, of Boston, Mass., traveling secretary of the Baptist student board of education, will be in Lincoln from Dec. 12 to Dec. 16 for a series of talks and discussion groups.

His visit here is made in the interests of the Baptist foundation, headed by Miss Grace Spacht, Baptist student secretary, and is sponsored by the federation of church workers. This will be his third visit to the University of Nebraska campus.

Dr. Foster has made a special study of the relation between science and religion and will speak on a number of occasions on some phase of that subject.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a reception at the Baptist student house, 1440 Q street, for Dr. Foster. At 9:15 he will speak to the group. Saturday evening he will speak at the same place at 7:30 o'clock and will give opportunity for his listeners to ask questions.

Doctor Foster is to speak at a luncheon at the chamber of commerce Monday noon. The luncheon is open to all students and faculty members. Reservations must be made at the university Y. M. C. A. office before noon Saturday. The cost will be fifty cents a plate.

Tuesday, Doctor Foster will address a convocation at the Agricultural college, where he will speak to the men taking the short course. He also will speak in a number of university classes during his visit here.

He will be available for interviews with students who are interested in his subject during his visit.

MARA EISENACH TO SING EIGHT NUMBERS DEC. 16

Mara Eisenach, soprano, will sing eight selections, five in German and three in English, at a recital at the Temple theater Dec. 16 at 11 o'clock. It was announced today by the school of fine arts. Miss Eisenach is a student with Walter Wheatley, and will be accompanied by Miss Eva Robinson at the piano. Her program: in German, Du Bist Die Ruh, Die Lotusblume, Der Wanderer, and Der Erlkonig, all by Schubert, and Widmung, by Schumann; in English, The Swan, by Grieg; The Violet, by Mozart; and The Lorelei, by Liszt.

DR. POOL SPEAKS ON CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Botanist, in Talk at Vespers, Tells of Origination of Traditions.

Dr. R. J. Pool, professor of botany in the university, in his talk at vespers last evening at Ellen Smith hall at 5 o'clock, related how many of our Christmas traditions originated and from whom the present customs were derived.

Christmas decoration, according to Dr. Pool, involves the use of nature as its keynote. Trees and plants of some description have been used throughout history.

Trees Essential to Romans.

Trees were essential for decoration at the Saturnalia celebration of the ancient Romans, or the pagans. This ancient season was in honor of Saturn, and was a time of great jollity and feasting. Good was in the minds of all of the people at that time. Even the masters let the slaves enjoy the season. The oak tree was first used during the celebration. Later the Scotch pine came into usage. The Egyptians used the palm tree.

The evergreen tree is the tree now used, but the origin of its beginnings has been lost through legends and tales.

Origination of "Yuletide."

Another interesting feature, according to Dr. Pool, is the use of the "Yule log." This log was gathered and burned during the celebration. The length of the celebration depended on the time required for the log to burn. From this custom we get the present expression, Yuletide.

In closing Dr. Pool stressed the point that the holiday time should be a time of prayer and worship as well as a time for celebration. A short program, led by Lyndall Brumback, preceded Dr. Pool's talk. Christmas carols were sung by the choir.

STUDENTS EXAMINE TEXT EXPLOITATION

University of Washington Committee Investigates Royalty Profits.

SEATTLE, Wash.—"Do professors periodically exploit students by making unnecessary changes in text books merely to force the students to buy new editions and increase the professor's royalty profits?" The charge that they do has been made and is being investigated by a committee of students.

Although the investigation is not complete, the findings of the committee has generally been that all changes have been worthy.

The following four questions are to be put to about twenty-five professors who are being investigated on the charge of unnecessary changes in their books: (1) Do you have an opportunity to read a new book before ordering it? (2) If not, are you generally disappointed after you have ordered the book and are using it in classes? (3) Why are books dropped? (4) Have you any suggestions to remedy the situation?

The University of Washington Daily in an editorial says, "The committee, by its action, is not attempting to institute a system by which the same texts would be used year after year simply to save students a few dollars in selling their second hand books. The committee is merely questioning the reasons for these changes to ascertain whether or not they are sufficient to warrant the losses incurred to students in worthless second hand books."

"The committee will find in its investigation that many so-called new editions have been ordered by faculty members without ever having seen the revised works. Some of these revised editions contain little or no new material."

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 10.
Alpha Phi tea at chapter house honoring Miss Jane McMonies.
No student council meeting this week.
Theta Sigma Phi meeting, U. hall 106, 5 p. m.
Publication board, University hall 105, 4 p. m.
Thursday, Dec. 11.
Sigma Delta Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon house, 6 p. m.
Dramatic club meeting in Temple club room at 7:30 p. m. Question of going national will be discussed.
League of Women Voters Christmas meeting, Ellen Smith hall at 4 o'clock.
Saturday, Dec. 13.
Gamma Phi Beta house party.

INNOCENTS DROP BANQUET PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

Boadstone, Greenberg and Coach Bible Will Leave Dec. 12.

GO TO EAST-WEST GAME

Society Plans Attempt to Change Nature of Annual Affair.

The traditional Cornhusker banquet will not be held this year owing to the fact that Coach D. X. Bible, Marion Broadstone, and Elmer Greenberg will leave before Dec. 12 to participate in the East-West game and will not return to the campus before Christmas.

Unless an unusually famous speaker is engaged, the dinner will not be held because it would take place so late in the winter, according to William T. McCleery, president of the Innocents society.

Instead of the Cornhusker banquet the society plans to have an affair of the same type shortly after the Christmas holidays. McCleery stated that no announcement of this affair would be made until a later date.

The banquet until recent years was held to give downtown business men a chance to mingle with the Cornhusker gridsters and also was the occasion for the announcement of the next season's captain. Last year, however, the team voted not to have a captain so that feature of the affair disappeared.

For several years the various civic and community groups in Lincoln have been honoring the football squads with banquets and programs of different sorts until the Cornhusker banquet has ceased to fulfill its original purpose.

Attendance dropped every year until last year the affair was held in the Lincoln hotel instead of the coliseum and the attendance was limited to 350. Consequently, the Innocents society will attempt to change the function into an affair of a different nature without abolishing any more of Nebraska's few traditions.

FELLMAN TO TALK ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Will Stress Desirability To World Forum at Noon Today.

Student government will be the subject of a talk by David Fellman, instructor of political science at the regular Wednesday meeting of the World Forum at the Temple cafeteria at noon today.

Last week the Forum heard Dr. C. H. Oldfather of the department of history speak on student government and its undesirable features. Fellman will speak on student government as a desirable thing in the university.

Fellman is the author of the plan of proportional representation adopted in the Student council last spring and was active in student activities as an undergraduate.

Last year he was the graduate college representative in the Student council.

'DAD' ELLIOTT HITS GREEK LETTER GROUP

Y. M. C. A. Worker Charges Fraternities Wreck Personalities.

Vigorous attacks on intercollegiate athletics and on Greek letter societies featured the address given at Wesleyan university Tuesday morning by "Dad" Elliott, well known Y. M. C. A. worker from Evanston, Ill.

Sports have become so professionalized and commercialized, said Mr. Elliott, that personality of players is being smothered, and the situation is apt to grow worse. The sole desire to win games and the commercialization of athletics were pointed out as the worst features of the situation.

Fraternities and sororities likewise tend to smother the individuality of their members, the speaker charged. Most of the members are good, true men and women, he declared, but the tendency is for the vicious minority to take the reins.

Mr. Elliott arrived Monday and will be at Wesleyan until Thursday. He was to speak at 4 p. m. to a group of women students, and to the men at 7 o'clock.

VESPER CHOIR TO SING OVER RADIO AT 7:30 TONIGHT
Christmas carols by the vesper choir will feature the university Y. M. C. A. radio program to be broadcast from station KFOP tonight at 7:30. Several special numbers by a trio and quartette have been arranged.

The "dime collection" project of the industrial staff also will be presented. The members of this staff have been providing support for a needy family and intend to return a real Christmas. Evelyn Adler is chairman of the industrial staff and Aileen Neesley is director of the vesper choir.

Says He's "Earnest"



HARLAN EASTON
Mr. Easton will play the part of John Worthington who lives in the country and is constantly having to go to London because a very particular "friend" is always getting into scrapes in the comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

BARBS PLAN FOURTH ALL-UNIVERSITY FETE

Party Will Carry Out Xmas Motif; Snow Balls Form Favors.

GROUP BOOKS H. LYMAN

Presentation of favors to chaperones in a novel manner entertaining to both the chaperones and to those in attendance was promised for the fourth all university party of the year, to be held Saturday night in the coliseum, by Allan Williams, in charge of arrangements for the fete, yesterday.

The party which will carry out a Christmas motif in the decoration will feature a realistic snow storm and favors in the form of snow balls. Decorations will consist of a series of double arches of slit crepe paper in a red and white scheme. Refreshment booths and a corner for the chaperones will be decorated in accordance with the main holiday theme.

The Barb council is making arrangements for 100 Christmas trees to be used in the decorations for the dance. Williams announced yesterday. The decorations he has promised will outstrip those of the military ball.

Brilliant lighting effects and colored streamers will be used to decorate the interior of the coliseum. A special stage show which will be announced today is being planned for the party.

Engage Lyman.

Harold Lyman's twelve piece orchestra which has been playing engagements at the University of Iowa, has been booked for Saturday night.

Chaperones for the dance will be Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Doane, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Reynolds, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Strong, and Prof. and Mrs. E. N. Deppen. Mr. and Mrs. Alcone and Captain and Mrs. Lehman are to be special guests.

Striving to make this their biggest party of the year the Barb council yesterday announced the appointment of a full corps of committees to take care of the arrangements for the affair.

The committees for the party are: Checking, Earnest Klinger and Gordon Williams; chaperones, Carloline White and Stanley Mengler; stage show, Viola Butt and Martin Klinger; punch, Magdelene Leisock and Ruth Jenkins; orchestra and stage decorations, Esther Boyer; floor decorations, Delphin Nash, Erving Watson, Ralph Kilzer; lights, J. J. Peterson.

Professor of Entomology Declares Most People Aren't 'Buggy' Enough, And Know Too Little About Insects

By BOYD VON SEGGERN.

"People aren't 'buggy' enough!" And that is exactly what Prof. Myron H. Swenk, chairman of the entomology department, meant when he was asked what he believed most people thought about insects.

The economic importance of insects is so great, the entomologist went on to say, that it is surprising to realize how unconcerned most persons are about it. One of the greatest points people fail to remember, he hastened to point out, is that some insects are just as beneficial to man as others are detrimental. The difficulty seems to lie in distinguishing between them.

"You say insects are small?" the professor brightened and it was evident that he would delight in answering such a question.

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Such candid opinions come from a man who has spent long years in research. Professor Swenk has become an authority on many of the phases involved in the battle with the insect kingdom. At present he is working largely on the control of the Hessian fly, coding moth, corn cutworm, and grasshoppers in Nebraska.

Insects Rival Man.
An interesting story of the rivalry of insects and man, in a world

BOARD TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ABOUT AWGWAN

Sigma Delta Chi Petition Will Receive Final Consideration.

GROUP PROPOSES PLAN

Organization Would Sponsor First Issue of Humor Publication.

Fate of the Awgwan, Nebraska's college comic which was abolished by action of the Student Publications board last year, will be decided this afternoon at a board meeting called for 3 o'clock in University hall.

Action of the board at today's meeting is expected to be decisive and final. Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, petitioned several weeks ago for reinstatement of the humorous magazine, and today will present a definite plan of staff organization and editorial policy for approval or rejection.

Favorable Action Expected.

Unofficial statements from board members indicate that the proposal will be favorably received. Subscription rates, according to the plan submitted, will be set at 50 cents for five numbers to be published this year, in February, March, April, May, and June. News stand sales, on the campus and downtown, will set a price of 15 cents per copy. Blocks of 25 will sell to organized houses for \$10.00, for the five issues this year.

Sigma Delta Chi members, if the comic is reinstated, will supervise publication of the first number, to be released in February. An editorial board and business staff would be selected by the journalistic group for this preliminary work, from either within or without its own membership. Following release of this first number, the Publications board would select a permanent staff, basing its judgments on the accomplishments of various individuals who helped with the first issue of the magazine.

Staff personnel would include the following:

Editor and two associate editors.
Business manager and two assistant business managers.
Other member as named by the staff heads.

One Editor a Year.

The editor, under the proposal (Continued on Page 2.)

\$1,000 OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN ESSAY CONTEST

LAWRENCE, Kas.—Dean S. E. Braden of the school of religion at the University of Kansas has just received the announcement from the secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association at Washington, D. C., of a national essay contest with prizes amounting to more than \$1,000.

The general theme of the essay is to be "Alcoholic Drink in Modern Society." The purpose of the contest is to increase intelligent interest in the problem of alcoholic drink and to encourage students to study it for themselves.

The contest is open to all undergraduate students enrolled in colleges, universities, teachers colleges and other schools of similar rank above the high school in the United States during the academic year 1930-31. The essays are to be of not more than 2,000 words in length.

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