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Wherein Alibis Are Refuted.

Annual joint meeting of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic group, and Sigma Xi, scientific honorary, is announced for this evening. Dr. Dunham Jackson, chairman of the department of mathematics at the University of Minnesota and former president of the mathematical Association of America, has been secured as the speaker of the evening.

Students at the University of Nebraska have few chances to hear distinguished lectures and students from other places. These opportunities are few and far between. But, University of Nebraska students when these opportunities present themselves do nothing to avail themselves of the chance.

Although it is debatable, the modern contention is that students attend a university to attain the habitments of a cultured person. No better opportunity ever presents itself to get something for nothing in the way of an extra bit of intimate knowledge with which to toy than the occasions which arise when the university is fortunate enough to obtain a really excellent speaker.

Despite the fact that Mr. Jackson is a mathematician he is an interesting lecturer. Despite the fact that his talk is entitled "From Pythagoras to Modern Science" it will be entertaining. Contrary to the stereotype Mr. Jackson is humorous. And not only that his lectures pertain to mathematics.

Mr. Jackson will give his talk at the Temple theater this evening at eight o'clock at about the time that most students are engaged in bridge games, picture shows, or struggling into a tux or a formal. Mr. Jackson will cease lecturing at shortly after nine at about the time students usually start out on the dating events of the evening.

According to "Believe it or not" Ripley, the beautiful Lohengrin is nothing more than Chopin's Funeral March played backward. The person that made this transposition wasn't so dumb!

Knot Hole Club The Second.

Nebraska's basket ball team isn't, perhaps, the best in the Big Six but when Nebraska plays it can usually be depended on to provide enough thrills to last until the next game. Basketball games so far this year have been thrillers but even so the spirit that the student body shows is anything but traditionally Nebraskan.

On going into the coliseum on game nights one sees numbers of youngsters crowded around the doors looking for some way to get in. They are just boys—loyal Nebraska rooters—who, during football season are Knot-Holers, and there is enough spirit and enthusiasm bubbling up in those little hearts to supply the spark that is now missing. Why not let them into the basketball games free?

At football games hundreds of Knot-Holers turn out and their cheers for the team are heard enough that the university sees fit to give them a cheerleader all their own and this cheerleader never has to plead with these youngsters to yell a little louder. They are orderly, too. There isn't any confusion, unsportsmanlike conduct or rowdiness among the Knot-Holers; yet they supply a boiler full of real spirit and they lend a picturesque atmosphere to the whole scene.

There is plenty of room to accommodate a big section of these Knot-Holers in the Coliseum. During every game this season, except for a few stragglers, the whole south balcony and a large part of the east and west balconies are empty. It would not entail any additional expense or trouble to let these youngsters in but it would create a cheering section that will make a basketball game seem like a contest

between two colleges instead of a practice game between two squads.

It is rather touching to pass these little fellows up when entering the doors of the field house. The wistful looks and the eager question, "Mister, have you got an extra ticket?" are a bit hard to take, especially when one thinks how easy it would be to let these youngsters in.

A Chance to Do Our Bit.

While we are enjoying the benefits of a state supported institution most of us are probably giving little thought to the needs of a portion of the taxpayers who have made the operation of this university possible. First hand accounts of conditions in the "drouth section" in northern Nebraska indicate that many families are in want of clothing and food.

Students are naturally not in a position to give the financial aid which is necessary if food is to be secured. That end of the matter is handled by our parents. There is a way, however, in which we may do our bit toward aiding a needy cause. The Nebraskan proposes a collection of all those useless articles in the student wardrobe.

Who among us does not have a few articles of apparel or a pair of shoes which have outgrown their usefulness either because of dictates of style or general shabbiness? Each spring the "rag man" makes a canvass of fraternity houses, carrying away a large bundle of well conditioned clothing from each place. For these clothes he pays little or nothing. The Nebraskan suggests that each fraternity and sorority have its members select such clothing as their wardrobe may warrant and contribute it to the cause.

The outside world looks to the university for a higher type of citizenship. People of this state are willing to pay a share of their taxes toward the support of the University of Nebraska. They feel that its graduates will give the state an intelligent and thoughtful leadership. In return we would do well to demonstrate a sympathetic understanding of the needs of the state while we are yet in school. Student aid is now in order.

A Truce Is Signed.

An exchange dinner, with half the members of each fraternity taking dinner at the other house, was held Wednesday by the two College of Agriculture fraternities, Alpha Gamma Rho and Farm House. The event marks the turning point in the attitude of these two houses, the only organized groups on that campus, toward each other and a swing from political throat-cutting to co-operation.

In the past there has been constant rivalry and even strife between these two fraternities. Individual power and "pull" of the two houses, rather than the ability of the candidates, has often determined the disposition of student offices and honors on the Ag campus. The situation was paradoxical in that both were members of the same political faction. The condition reached a climax last spring when one "bolted the party ticket," throwing the political situation into a turmoil and, for a time, promising complete realignment of the political affiliations of all fraternities.

That threat however passed. This year has seen a more co-operative spirit between the two houses. They are to be commended on the step they have taken. They have pointed the way to a practice which, generally adopted, would revolutionize the relations of fraternities on the Nebraska campus.

MORNING MAIL

Lament Over Education.

TO THE EDITOR: Why are students so lax in interest in the more substantial questions of education? Instead of being satisfied with learning just enough to get a grade, the students should delve into their courses intensively and extensively to get all they can. Only in this way can they obtain the finer points of the courses carried and only in this way can they prepare themselves to not be content with merely "just good enough" after graduation.

I am of the opinion the majority of the graduates of universities and colleges, of the United States at least, have not developed this fundamental trait. And present-day students are not developing it. I think they realize the value of being able to analyze, and being acquainted with the fine points of major questions and topics, but are content to take their chances on developing this trait sometime in the future.

This is the height of folly. A person not developed to his highest extent is not educated. He will have to develop it on his own initiative. The time to start is now.

Professors are lax in teaching this fundamental. They are leaders, but few go from their immediate courses and philosophize with his students, opening new fields of thought for them. In leading students in this respect, professors can perform a great service. EDEEB.

College Editors Say—

Agreement.

War Japanese bombing planes, Chinese snipers, American marines, British battleships. Undergraduates become enthusiastic.

Fifteen years ago the men who today crowd Wheeler were playing at war. With cocked hats of newspaper and stubby swords of wood, the "Yankees" chased the "Germans" around the house, and buried them on the back lawn. Six-year-old Red Cross nurses strete' at the wounded out on the front porch, and left them there when it was time to go in for dinner.

We played a game, inspired by waving flags, marching soldiers, screaming headlines; we want to play the same game now, when we are too old to play. We supplant reason with enthusiasm, and give youth as an alibi.

Headlines scream, and we are apt to forget that America is at peace, and that we are too old to play the games we played fifteen years ago.—Daily Californian.

TREND OF THE TIMES

THE United States has some good cities. At least the like of Chicago have been termed "bad." Milwaukee is one of the good. The Wisconsin city ended 1931 with all salaries and bills paid, expended thousands for unemployed relief, and has \$4,000,000 left. Milwaukee has an honest sincere mayor, and a hawk-eyed controller watching expenditures. The mayor knows his job, for he has been at it for fifteen years. And by the way he is a socialist.

The Nation editorialized: "Nor is Milwaukee noteworthy merely on the financial side. It has no gangsters; its police are efficient; its criminal courts are the speediest in the country, and the justice they dispense is even-handed. New York, Chicago, and other cities should have this sort of government if they wished it."

STRONG in its condemnation of the League of Nations, urgent in its plea for "complete disarmament" Russia at the World disarmament conference, the isolated has much to say. In regard to the conference aid to Far East the spokesman returned, "It won't do any good!" Then again, "The league always delayed too long."

Russia is sincere when she says that the nations shall not sidestep her challenge of "complete disarmament" this time. She is to be admired for her willingness to lead in such a step. Yet adventuresome Russia must guard her delegates with plain clothesmen and police at Geneva.

"WAR in everything but name" continues. To Geneva and to the Tokyo government a peace proposal has been presented by Great Britain and the United States, backed by France and Italy. But on the fifth of the five-point proposal Tokio balks. The fifth, "absolutely unacceptable" to Japan proposed that prompt advances be made in negotiations to settle all outstanding controversies between the two nations in the spirit of the Kellogg-Briand anti-war pact and the League of Nations resolution of December 9, "without prior demands or reservations and with the aid of neutral observers of participants."

Japan says she welcomes the peace move, but now a Chinese "push" on Shanghai is feared. Observers at Geneva expect drastic action from the League. What "drastic" means is to be guessed. While we're waiting for something definite to happen, we might glance at a few figures. England in 1930 sold goods valued at \$3 million dollars to Shanghai, United States sold 79 million dollars worth. But Japan, right at China's door, sold only 59 million dollars worth of goods. There are more than twice as many Japanese as Englishmen and Americans combined in Shanghai.

WHEN Franklin D. Roosevelt, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, in a recent address said, "The League of Nations today is not the league conceived by Woodrow Wilson," and said the United States should have no part in it, he should not have included that "it (the league) might have been had the United States joined."

Is not that a reason why the United States should join today? Perhaps we can still make it what Woodrow Wilson wanted it to be, an organ for world peace.

The presidential prospect says further that it was made a "mere meeting place for the political discussions of strictly European political difficulties." Certainly we were not represented to make it otherwise.

WONDER what these dinners at the White House are like? Wonder, too, if the one the other night when speaker and Mrs. John N. Garner were invited was more formal, more stiff, or more selective than usual. It is seldom the president so honors such ardent opponents.

BECAUSE the United States does not recognize the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, embarrassing situations are likely to arise at the Geneva conference. In conference and committee meetings representatives of the two large nations will not speak because officially they are not on speaking terms.

AL SMITH isn't going to definitely enter the democratic race by entering his name in preferential primaries, but it is expected that within a few days he will make a definite statement as to why a wet plank should be put in the platform. In the meantime his friends will be putting up state delegate candidates which favor him. It's the party trying to get into power that has to work and that has the troubles.

THE DOLE pops up again as Senators Costigan and LaFollette bring up their \$375,000,000 bill for unemployment relief in senate discussion. Over half of the sum would be distributed this year to states according to population for their relief programs. The administration opposes.

COMING EVENTS IN BRIEF.

Tryouts for membership in Pershing Rifles, honorary basic military fraternity, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 11, at 5 o'clock in Nebraska Hall.

The Student Volunteers will have their first meeting of the second semester Friday, Feb. 5, from 12:15 until 12:45, in the lower floor of the University Episcopal church. Mr. Claude Gordon will be in charge of the devotional service.

The Lutheran club of the university will meet Friday evening, Feb. 5, at 8:15 in room 203 of the Temple building. Dr. J. E. Alexie, professor of romance languages, is the evening speaker.

Gamma Epsilon Pi, national honorary commerce sorority for university girls, will sponsor a din-

Moritz Asks Grade Applicants to Meet

All candidates for grade school teaching positions who have registered with the teachers' bureau since December 15 will meet with the director, R. D. Moritz, in room 200, Teachers college, on Friday, Feb. 5, at 5 p. m. Attendance is important. R. D. Moritz.

ner Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5:45 p. m., at the Harmony library and tea room, 1320 N street. Dean J. E. LeRoussignol will talk to the group on "Canadian Habitat."

"Get acquainted" is the motto for the Y. M.-Y. W. party for new students to be held Friday evening in Ellen Smith hall.

The R. O. T. C. band will play for a concert in the coliseum, Feb. 7, at 3:30. This is the first of a series of concerts which the band will present this winter.

The Delian-Union Literary society will hold its annual banquet Friday evening, Feb. 5, at 7:15, at the home of Gladys Clemens, 2960 Starr St.

Girl Poundage Changes Go on Record Herein

In spite of the depression corn fed beauties on the Nebraska campus have not suffered from loss of weight. On the contrary, there seems to have been a few pounds gained, now and then. Perhaps cheaper foods have something to do with this—or perhaps an extra layer of fat was needed as protection against the cold winter when clothes are not so plentiful. At any rate there is an absence of emaciated coeds.

All freshman and sophomore girls are "weighed in" when they register for the classes in physical education. There is no check on their weight, however, at the end of the semester.

The "individual classes," however, which deal with girls who are markedly underweight or overweight, keep a close check upon them and compile statistics as to their gain and loss. There is there-

AT THE STUDIO

FRIDAY, FEB. 5. 12:00—Phi Chi Theta. SATURDAY, FEB. 6. 10:30—Alpha Lambda Delta.

fore, a record of 225 girls upon which to base assumptions. At the beginning of the year 107 girls were 10 percent or more underweight and thirty-one were 10 percent or more overweight. In an effort to bring these girls to normal they were given special exercises, milk, codliver oil or rolling exercises, as the case demanded. And, as a result—in spite of hard times—the girls who needed the pounds got them and some few of those who had an excess lost them. Fifty-three of the damsels gained one to five pounds, twelve of them gained five to ten pounds, one gained between ten and fifteen pounds and one tipped the scales at twenty pounds more than she was able to in September.

On the other hand, seven of the girls who practiced rolling lost one to five pounds, two lost between five and ten pounds and one lost fifteen pounds. The results of this story are interesting. Of the girls who were underweight, 62.6 percent were able to put on weight, depression or no depression, and only 32.2 percent of the overweighters were able to lose pounds. The moral seems to be that it is easier to receive than to give.

PALLADIANS GIVE PLAY "A Little Clodhopper" Will Be Presented at Open Meeting of Group.

The juniors of the Palladian Literary society will give a three-act play, "A Little Clodhopper," at the open meeting of the society Friday evening. Specialties will be given between the acts of the play, which is a comedy.

Those taking part in the program are: Dorothy Keller, Jesse Livingston, Margaret Reedy, Bill Allington, Norma Peterson, Lillian Sperry, Graham Howe, Lucy Starr, Kenneth Millett, and Milan Austin. Hughina Legge and Victor R. Seymour are directing.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 p. m. The society meets in Palladian hall on the third floor of the Temple building.

ECONOMICS GROUP HEARS STUDENTS SPEAK THURSDAY

"War Debts" and "Moralism" were the subjects of two talks given before the Economics Round Table at the meeting held in Social Science building Thursday evening. K. B. Douglass and Herbert Casey, both students, were the speakers.

The Economics Round Table is a comparatively new organization. Lerome Petre was elected president when it was founded last semester. The group is under the supervision of the economics department.

Running noses at the University of Kansas have been blamed on rumble seat colds by school authorities. University physician, because of the spreading cold epidemic, has warned students against "close contact and promiscuous osculation."

A prohibition has been placed on dancing at Simpson college by trustees of the institution.

UNITARIAN CHURCH 12th and H Streets Arthur L. Weatherly, D.D., Minister The Church Without a Creed Not the Truth but the Search for Truth Sunday, Feb. 7—Must Religion Be a Confession of Defeat?

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