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Barn Into Ballroom.

FIRST definite action toward providing a decent ballroom where major student parties may be held on the campus was taken Tuesday when the Innocents society, after consultation with university administrative officers, announced that proceeds from the annual homecoming party Saturday night will be used to start a fund to buy permanent decorations for the coliseum.

The decorations will consist of a wall hanging of dark blue velour which will surround the walls from the balcony railing to the floor, leaving the stage open. These walls may be drawn closer toward the center to enclose only a portion of the floor on four sides for smaller functions. The entire ceiling will be shut out by a canopy of gray blue velour which will join the wall hangings around the edges of the balcony. This canopy may be raised, leaving the balcony open when so desired. A mobile orchestra shell, indirect lighting system and floor furniture complete the equipment.

ALTHOUGH the field house has been used for several years for major parties and university events, it is decidedly unadapted to such use to which it has been put simply because there was no other place where such parties could be accommodated. Decorations cost for these parties have been high when there was an attempt to convert the barn-like hangar into a ballroom. In any case the acoustics were poor, both for speaking and music.

When, in the future, the new equipment is installed, all this inconvenience will be eliminated, furnishing Lincoln's largest ballroom for all major events with the added advantage of keeping them on the campus.

A few years ago a movement was started on this campus to erect a student union building. Such a building remains today the greatest needed addition to the university physical plant. It would be, however, utterly foolhardy to attempt to create a demand for it just now. The advent of ole man depression just about the time the movement was getting a good start set up a barrier impassable for the present.

One of the greatest advantages of a union building would be a student ballroom large enough to accommodate all student social functions.

These in the past have been held in the coliseum when on such occasions as the Homecoming party, Military ball, Interfraternity ball, Junior-Senior prom and Ivy day party that floor was the only one in the city large enough to contain the crowd. Smaller parties, such as the regular fraternity and sorority downtown parties, went to the hotels.

In the future these major parties can continue to be held in the coliseum with the decoration night-mare, which has haunted every student party committee in the past, removed. The setting for such events as theatrical performances, freshman convocations, honors convocation, public speeches and graduation exercises will be much improved.

THERE is one catch in the entire glossy picture—the decorations cannot be provided this year.

The cost will be about \$3,000. It is estimated that nearly \$1,000 may be raised this year from student organizations using the coliseum as a ballroom. The university, through Chancellor Burnett, has promised some support. But since there is no available fund from which the money may be borrowed, to be later paid back in installments, purchase must await the time when the total is on hand.

This is unfortunate. The present year, of all years, is the one when students need to cut social expenses. Could the coliseum decorations be provided this year, the plan advanced by the Daily

Nebraskan for co-operative fraternity and sorority parties to be held in that building would be adopted much more readily. With the coliseum presenting its present uninviting appearance it will be difficult to excite fraternities and sororities to any great extent about the idea of holding parties there.

This difficulty is, however, but for a single year. The new coliseum decorations will probably be available for next year when for the first time convenient facilities on the campus for holding major student parties and other university affairs will be provided. It is hoped other organizations using the coliseum this year will follow the example of the Innocents society in adding to the fund a large part of the proceeds from their respective parties.

The ball has been started rolling. Who will give it the next shove?

Ambitious Sophomores.

THE group of sophomores who recently proposed to gain a place in the sun by organizing to enforce the freshman cap rule has finally, the reluctantly, in the face of adverse advice from the Innocents society and student council committee decided to abandon their noble project and sink once more into the ranks of ordinary sophomores.

"It's well. When this group of sophomores first conceived the idea, they were to form a sort of unorganized group of interested sophomores to visit erring freshmen who refused to wear their red caps and "persuade" the latter to do so. Fair enough.

But then ambition entered. They drew up a formal petition outlining duties, powers, membership, etc., and presented it to the student council. They were not only to persuade the freshmen to wear red caps, they were to choose the Dad's day tug-of-war team—an insignificant task, really—they were to form a central sophomore class organization and do various and sundry other high-sounding things.

What the scheme amounted to was this: Revival of the Iron Sphinx, sophomore organization which was abolished a few years ago because it served no useful purpose in the university.

This campus already has too many organizations serving no useful purpose. And too many who might, but do not, serve any particularly useful purpose. One of these latter is Corn Cobs, alleged men's pep organization which has previously this year come in for editorial chastisement.

This club as it now functions serves chiefly to introduce into the campus extracurricular world those "comers" from the several fraternities who take Cob membership as the first step to fame. The way the Nebraska cheering section functioned at the last home football game is elegant evidence of the way Corn Cobs performs its supposed duties.

The proposed sophomore vigilance committee would have had approximately the same basis of representation as Corn Cobs—each fraternity contributing and the bars allowed a certain number. Every function which this committee proposed to appropriate to itself could be performed by Corn Cobs, which contains both sophomores and juniors, fraternity men and bars.

Rather than form a new organization to get the future hot shots into the limelight, let Corn Cobs be "reformed" so as to justify their existence as something more than an agency for this.

Welcome Teachers.

TEACHERS of the state convene this week for the twelfth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers association. Many of the sessions will be held on the campus and the Daily Nebraskan joins with the university in extending to the visitors a hearty welcome.

Within the next few days a full program is planned for the delegates, but they will have some spare time, and then it is hoped they will take advantage of it to renew old associations and make new ones here on the campus. It is by going back to their work with new enthusiasm and new plans that they will profit from the meeting.

That, of course, is the reason for the convention, but this year more than ever do the visiting teachers have a duty to perform on their return to classes.

It is not fair to say that the whole educational structure is threatened, but it is certain that in many localities grave danger of retrogression exists. Educators everywhere have a watch to keep over the principles of enlightenment for which they stand, and this is more true in Nebraska this year than ever before. Reduced means prevail in every district. In some districts conditions are worse than in others, but nowhere must the fight be allowed to slacken.

There is, too, the corollary. Although education must not be allowed to lose any of the ground which has been gained at such cost, neither must there be an extravagance now. The individual teacher has another duty—to prevent any needless expenditure. Lost motion must be eliminated, and the school system should emerge better, more efficient, than ever.

Contemporary Comment

The Day of Youth.

"Editors are always eager for new viewpoints and the outlook held by the rising generation."

So Henry Sedgwick, editor of the Atlantic Monthly expressed himself regarding the future of youth in the field of literature. But this statement does not stop here. It might just as well have been made concerning the rising generation's future in any field of endeavor.

It is as though the entire thinking public had expressed its feelings towards the possibilities of youth. For since the youth of today will be the elders of tomorrow, it is only natural that the present elders are pleased when members of the younger generation show signs of promise. Certainly these elders "are always eager for new viewpoints and the outlook held by the rising generation"; they are interested to see who shall take their places. And like all human beings they are happy to give up their responsibilities as soon as the "viewpoints and the outlook" of the youths show that they are able to "carry on."

Of times it has been said that this is the day of youth. People with this idea point out numerous young men who are taking positions formerly held by old men. They use as conclusive proof that today is the day of youth. But they forget that the old men who are retiring were themselves youths when they went into the jobs. And the ones whose places they took were also youths when they were first employed. Why then should anyone call this a day of youth any more than any other time?

In the correct sense every day is the day of youth. Some youth, however, have their day before others do, since it is the youths themselves who determine when their day shall come. They are the ones who are responsible for their own development. And they of their own accord determine society's demand for them.

The youths of today can not live hoping that their day will soon come. Instead they must through their own thought and achievement prove that their day has come and that they are fully prepared to take charge.

—Daily Tarkel.

Coeds and Marriage.

"College does to girls what brandy does to hard sauce, it spoils the taste without adding a kick," writes Nina Wilcox Putnam in an article on college for women. And she goes on to mourn the demise of the old grande dame type of woman with which history splashes its pages. College, she says, gives girls too great an independence and sense of humor to be anything but democratic and—how can we agree with her?—drab.

"College interferes with marriage, at least with successful marriage. . . . Let's keep our college for the grinds" she suggests, "and let our marriageable girls strut their stuff at home." Charming girls don't last long in college, she thinks, because they don't get credit for their appearance.

Mrs. Putnam can always spot a college girl, because her hair isn't just right, her clothes never absolutely chic, etc. Last of all their smart-aleck air and self-consciousness.

That is only logical, as we may see.

The grade system as adopted by most colleges and universities is entirely unfair. Each instructor has his own standard set as to how high a grade a student may deserve. Therefore, an "A" student to one professor may be merely a "C" student to the professor in the same subject across the hall. The conclusion is that the grade you get depends upon the instructor you register for.

For proof of this we have only to visit the classrooms themselves. We may go into an English class on the second floor and find it so large that we cannot even find an extra chair to sit on. We go across the hall to another class in the same subject. Here we are amazed to find a mere handful of students. It is plain to see what the reason for this is. The students have all flocked to the instructor who has the reputation for being a "snap." Information like that spreads quickly, and it is only human nature to want to get the most you can for the least work. This is not fair to either the student or the instructor.

A number of students coming in from the smaller high schools in the state depend too much upon the grades they get. Having been used to receiving comparatively high grades in high school, they expect the same in university. They are more concerned with the grade they get than they are with the practical value they have received from the course.

A number of professors tell the freshman student the first day not to worry about grades, as that is not what counts. And yet the student is so filled with the fear that he might not get a good grade that he becomes panic-stricken and cannot do his best work.

Down with the grade system! Let the flag of equality and fairness wave over this great institution!

V. M.

develops co-operation between disappointments of life and sexes in shouldering these problems: 3. And makes them generally better fitted for marriage at graduation. —Washington Evergreen.

NEBRASKA MORTAR BOARDS PLANNING HOMECOMING FETE
Twenty-five reservations have been made for the Mortar Board homecoming luncheon to be held Saturday, Oct. 29 at 12 o'clock at the Lincoln hotel. Mortar Board

HOME ECONOMICS GROUP CONDUCTS FRUIT CAKE SALE
The annual sale of fruit cakes by Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics sorority, will begin next week, and all orders must be in by Nov. 15. Those in charge of the sale are Teresa Lbershal, Marion Lynn and Muriel Moffit.

DANCING TILL 12:00 AT THE HOMECOMING PARTY Thamon Hayes AND HIS ORCHESTRA SEE A COB SEE A COB

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The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by the department. Under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which exclude all libelous matter and personal attacks, letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

More on Temple Prices.

TO THE EDITOR: As a student I asked for a reason why the Temple cafeteria prices should be so unreasonably high, and as yet I have seen no reply. Not only I but the student body generally as well seeks a place to eat where food is assuredly clean, well-prepared, and priced to meet the demands of a none too well filled purse. Particularly in view of the fact that the cafeteria is a university managed and established place intended to be just such a place as I mention do I think it seems for an undelayed change in the Temple practice to be instituted.

I asked whether the reason for the existing high prices was incompetent management. I shall answer myself. It is.

I say it is incompetent management because of the obvious fact that the cafeteria is equipped and maintained daily to serve from four to five hundred persons, a reasonably good day! and any good business man knows that he cannot have four or five times the necessary overhead expense and still run on a competent basis. Either overhead must be reduced, or more customers must be found. In the case of the Temple cafeteria, run by the state thru the university, for the state thru its children, the logical step is to find more customers (who, by the way, should be easy to find, as they're all trying to be found by a suit-

able eating-house.) But one of the essentials of the place they'll patronize is reasonably lowered prices. Look at it this way: There are nearly 5,000 students and nearly 1,000 members of the administrative and instructional staff at the university, all of whom eat on the average three meals a day, and most of whom eat at least part of these meals away from their residences. Where but at the Temple do they want to eat, if the Temple is reasonable? It is certainly most conveniently located.

I am sure that careful management can reduce the cafeteria prices and actually make money, not lose continuously as it is now doing. By lowering prices and advertising extensively to introduce the new policy, the problem is solved. It sounds easy, and it is just as easy as it sounds. Offhand I think of a dozen examples of price reduction and nearly as many means of advertising. Any one who is paid to think up good management principles could just as quickly figure out twice as many more and practice them. A few possibilities are:
Meat loaf: Now 10c; reduced, 5c.
Baked beans: Now 8c; reduced, 4c.
Pie: Now 5c; reduced, 3c.
Pork chops (retail, 14c lb.) Now, 10c.
Eggs: reduced, 4c.
Said: Now, 10c; reduced, 8c.
One half pint of milk (quart, 6c, 5c; reduced, 4c.
Sandwich: Now 8c; reduced, 5c.
Sweet rolls: 15 to 20c dozen; Now, 10c.
The list could extend thru the

entire menu (none too varied, either), with from 10 to 50 percent reductions. A little thought will show that, properly managed, money could be made at my suggested prices. Hamburger, retail for 3 lbs., 25c; beans, 3 lbs., 17c; milk, 6c a quart; pork chops, 1 lb. (3 to 4 chops) 14c, the best grade to be had, while other prices are equally low. I quote no wholesale prices, nor bargains—straight retail prices.

Advertising could consist of campus posters, possibly mimeographed bills \$1.50 per thousand, and notices thru the university mail to those persons it reaches.

The prices can be reduced, and I think the university owes it to the people who support it to reciprocate by doing for them what it. Doesn't everybody know how things are? SAME STUDENT

Abolishing Grades.

If I were suddenly and by some mistake elected chancellor of this university, the first thing I would proceed to do would be to abolish the grade system. The argument as to whether or not it should be done away with has points on both sides, but I believe that those in favor of it far outweigh those against it.

I believe the idea as taken up by one of the large universities in the east with respect to the journalism college is profitable. There a student may get one of two grades—a passing or a flunk. Instructors found out that students worked much harder when they did not know what kind of a grade they were getting. They put forth all the effort that was in them in order that they might be classed in the higher of the two grades.

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