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Good News.

JANUARY 11, 1936, should go down in university history as a red letter day. Especially should this view be cherished by present Nebraska students who Saturday saw the successful culmination of many long months of planning and effort in official approval by the board of regents of the student union building and university used book store projects.

The book store will be established in mediocrity so that it will be rendering at least partial service to students by the opening of the second semester. It will be in full operation by next fall. Details as to management and policy remain to be worked out but students may rest assured that they will find a reasonable market for their used texts at the new store and will be able to purchase those they need at a fair price.

This will indeed be sweet satisfaction to all students for there is none to deny that Nebraska undergraduates have been sore oppressed under relief in this matter for many years, paying exorbitant prices and receiving ridiculous returns in used book transactions. The administration is to be commended for recognizing this student need and taking prompt action on it. And to the students who worked faithfully in behalf of the project, the campus owes a debt of gratitude.

As to the union building, the situation is somewhat different. What appeared to be the greatest obstacle last spring, administrative approval, has finally been cleared. Since that time other factors have entered the picture, bringing new problems, so that much remains to be done.

Today most of the PWA monies have been allotted. The union building application will be a late arrival. There is much criticism of governmental expenditures. All of which will contribute to making the matter of securing PWA assistance difficult.

On the other hand there is still reason to hope that Nebraska may be favored by the PWA in its quest for the union building. All PWA funds are not exhausted. Refusal to approve certain projects as well as abandonment of others has conserved for the PWA some money. For instance, the \$250,000 Lincoln school program was to be promoted by the PWA until rejected by Lincoln citizens. Perhaps this and similar cases may indirectly contribute aid to the union building cause.

Another point in Nebraska's favor is the fact that colleges and universities throughout the nation are still being aided by the PWA, numerous applications for construction of university buildings having recently been approved by PWA authorities, according to other college papers. Therefore we may not be too late in applying.

Again, the university has not received any previous PWA funds. In view of the fact that almost every college and university in the nation in need of buildings has secured one or more structures through the medium of the PWA, this fact should constitute a strong argument in favor of the union building.

Finally, the university is not asking an outright grant, but is seeking funds on the basis of 45 percent grant and 55 percent loan. This should be popular with PWA officials both in Washington and in Nebraska.

The loan will be payable from the proceeds of a student tax which will not work a discomfort on any student. The Nebraskan believes that the regents' action in transferring the former \$1 swimming fee from the medical assessment to the union building fund will meet with wholehearted student approval. It is a payment which will pay double dividends in advantages offered individual students through the union building.

And so the stage is set for the final thrust for a student union building at Nebraska. The student body, the administration, the alumni association are all behind the campaign. Nebraska congressmen last spring pledged their support to the project. John Latenser, state PWA engineer, promised full co-operation of his office. That funds could be put to much better purpose under the present setup is doubtful. It appears, therefore, that with many factors in our favor, the fate of the union building rests upon the initiative and energy of our student, alumni, and administrative leaders.

There should be no turning back now, no letdown in the efforts for success. Rather this new victory should speed up the campaign and our efforts should be redoubled. The university stands on the threshold of achieving one of its greatest goals, and we, the students, are grateful for what has been done. May the forces which have courageously and untiringly guided the union building thus far along its way, continue their work until the vision becomes a bright reality, symbol of the good time coming which shall one day be the University of Nebraska's.

STUDENT PULSE

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

Needed: A Course In Reading. TO THE EDITOR:

A student very recently made the statement in the presence of several other students and a number of teachers that he never read magazine articles and other material of a general informative nature. This statement has been made by other students in a boastful way on various occasions, and is an item worthy of notice and comment, inasmuch as it comes to educated people from those who are beginning the practice of education and preparation for its use.

Reading is accepted as the mark of the educated and cultured man or woman, the test being in the character of the material which is read as well as in the amount which is consumed. Reading does not necessarily hamper or exclude thought, but furnishes food for it, if the reader be a person who wishes to build up thought habits. Under present world conditions, no man can take his place properly as an educated being and ignore the material which is poured into his hands as material of information concerning the happenings throughout the entire civilized and uncivilized world, and even in the uninhabited universe.

To boast of a non-reading habit is to advertise a future ignorance of all important world factors, and a cultivation of an inability to participate in them. A man or woman who is training himself at a university should not boast of his learning to avoid one of the greatest factors in modern education, but should be constantly training himself in the art of choosing that which is best in his reading, for this is a phase of education which will continue throughout life, if a proper direction be given it while in college. And one need not live long to learn that education is not all school books. The wise student is that one who early learns to choose his reading well, and to do much of it, properly mixed with a large percentage of thought, accessory and original.

A man who refuses to keep thoroughly in touch with the best of modern reading, as well as the old classics, is on a par with him who refuses fresh meat and fresh vegetables and fresh fruit, but endeavors to thrive upon the stale crumbs of conversation and thought which he may pick up by the wayside.

Every college should have a required course for all students, directing the current reading matter toward a keen choice of informative material, and related thinking as well as original thinking upon current affairs.

Says Robert Hutchins, Chicago university's president: "In universities which permit students to study and talk as they please I see no evidence of increasing Redness. The way to make students Red is to suppress them. This policy has never failed to have this effect. The vigorous and intelligent student resents the suggestion that he is not capable of considering anything more important than fraternities and football. Most of the college Reds I have heard about have been produced by the frightened and hysterical regulations of the colleges. They are not Reds at all. They are in revolt against being treated like children."

Credit For Typing. TO THE EDITOR:

There are well over 200 students registered in the school of journalism this year. Every one of these 200 students will, at one time during their professional training, be expected to display at least a working knowledge of typing.

It is absurd to visualize a student of journalism who cannot operate a typewriter. The swift output of copy can be obtained in no other way and the reporter who has no knowledge of typewriting will certainly find himself at a disadvantage when he is attempting to meet a deadline.

It is, then, to be assumed that typing ability should be a primary requisite of any student embarking upon a journalism course. True as this assumption may be, the fact remains that students engaging in such study are given no incentive to improve the rudimentary skill which they may have acquired in high school, or to take beginning typing.

Students entering the school who are unable to type at all, immediately register for a typing course. Being, however, in the college of arts and sciences, such a pilgrimage into another college for work is apparently not recommended, and as punishment for the transgression, the student is deprived of his laboriously-sought typing credits, under the excuse that extra-college credits cannot be applied on a journalism certificate or even upon a bachelor of arts degree.

The situation exists, therefore, which is indicative of an unbreachable gap between the school of journalism and the commercial arts department. Now, would-be reporters who are striving first for their certificate in journalism, and who count typing speed and accuracy as one of their most valued, most essential possessions in their careers, take university courses in it, and sacrifice their credits merely because they are not included in the arts and science curriculum. The fact that typing is a skill supplementary to the study and practice of journalism is not considered.

When a journalism student begins, near graduation time, to review his credits, it is most disheartening to realize that because of ten hours necessarily wasted in the acquisition of a knowledge of typing, an extra summer session must intervene before graduation, or that an intensive concentration of hours in the last semester will be necessary.

It is difficult to refrain from weeping at the passing from the social calendar of the short-lived Mid-Year Frolic. It was one of those rare events at which no queen of something was presented.

Early Political Poll Returns

Results of the student political poll recently conducted by the Daily Nebraskan, according to early counts still being compiled are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, Yes, No. Includes AAA, TVA, CCC, FHA, HOLC, RFC, SEC, Holding Company Regulation, NRA, WPA, Wagner Labor Act, Guffey Coal Act, Payment of Bonus, Townsend Plan, Military Preparedness, Roosevelt, Landon, Hoover, Borah, Norris, Knox.

German Press Attempting To Stir Reader's Interest

An indication that the German press is undergoing a change is revealed by Dr. V. Royce West, former Lincoln man and graduate of the university in 1927, now a visiting professor at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. In a letter to Prof. Gayle C. Walker, director of the school of journalism, Dr. West gives a few of his own observations on the first seminar held by the editor of the chief paper for the state of Baden. He writes: "The young German editor discussed the aims of the party press, declaring that for the most part this young group of papers should take over the functions of the press of the past, stressing the up-to-the-minute type of news story. The press is to continue as an organ for building political opinion, altho the old discords of the many former party organs are dropped. The newspapers are to continue as a means of entertainment, bringing information from many varied sources."

Dr. West, who was a former editor of the Nebraska Alumnus as well as editor of several campus publications, later taught journalism at Omaha Municipal university. He recently gave several lectures on Mark Twain, the one at Heidelberg attracting an audience of more than 150. There was considerable interest in the address, he says, and the German papers, for the most part, gave accurate and liberal coverage.

Trust Presses. The Lincoln man quotes the young German editor as the latter brought his seminar address to a close: "Your first problem of competence is to stand on the side of the absolute trusteeship of the press, in spite of certain division press chiefs, who, out of personal grounds, attempt to forward their own interests."

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Stir News Interest. "Above all," according to Dr. West, "the new German press will attempt to stir the reader's interest in news because he is a part of what is going on in the world, to keep his interest in the course of the nation awake and to avoid sensation for the sake of greater profit. The paper should not necessarily bring all the important speeches word for word, but should show the reader that every news item has its place and meaning to the people."

Dr. West takes note that the German press is to have a different sort of freedom, a freedom within the one direction of the government. Thru this, he says, the party press will gain in authority, for the reader will know from what point of view all material is presented to him. He says that the sale of foreign newspapers has dropped a great deal as the German papers have gained in authority for accuracy in their reports.

Y. W. ANNOUNCES GROUP OF SEVEN OFFICE SEEKERS (Continued from Page 1).

At least a second semester sophomore standing. Jane Keefer, candidate for presidency, is a Lincoln girl, junior in the college of arts and sciences. Her activities include active participation in freshmen commission and freshmen cabinet; world forum staff, membership staff, program and office staff. In 1934 she won first prize in the finance drive, was appointed to head the international staff and Prairie Schooner drive. She is a member of Student Council, was sophomore attendant to the May Queen, and is a coed counselor. She is a member of the following honoraries: Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's honorary; Vestal's of the Lamp, Arts and Science honorary and president of Chi Delta Phi, honorary women's literary society. She has attended the Estes Y. W. C. A. conference for two years, and in 1935 attended the joint Y. M. Y. W. meeting at Hastings.

Miss Swenson Junior. Also running for president is Rowena Swenson, from Oakland, Neb., junior in the college of arts and sciences. Among the activities in which she has participated are: Freshman commission and cabinet, vespers choir, conference staff, sophomore commission, social staff, appointed social action staff chairman in 1935, Estes cooperative group, member of the regional reinterpretation of religion commission, 1936 co-chairman of the Estes conference, vice president of coed counselors. She is a member of the Estes cooperative group, member of the regional reinterpretation of religion commission, and 1936 co-chairman of the Estes conference. She is vice president of Coed Counselors, is a Tassel member of the Beta A. W. S. League, and Palladian literary society. She also attended the Estes conference for two years and the 1935 Kearney meetings.

Miss Kile. Caroline Kile, Lincoln candidate for vice president, is a junior in the college of arts and sciences. Her activities include: freshmen commission and cabinet, social order staff, project staff, freshmen finance drive captain, membership staff, program and office staff, sophomore commission and in 1935 appointed chairman of the Vesper staff. She is a freshmen cabinet sponsor, freshmen commission leader, and a coed counselor.

The other nominee for vice president is Frances Scudder, from Sumner, Nebraska, a junior in the college of business administration. She was a member of the freshmen commissions, vespers choir, vespers staff, girl reserve staff, freshmen commission leader and winner of second prize in the 1935 finance drive. She received honorable mention in the Prairie Schooner drive. Also in 1935 she was a delegate to the twelfth quadrennial student volunteer convention at Indianapolis, Indiana. She was junior executive in last year's finance drive and is a coed counselor.

Sophomores for Secretary. Two sophomore girls are running for Y. W. secretary. Winifred Nelson and Maxine Durand. Miss Durand is from Morrill, Nebraska and a student in arts and science college. Her activities include: freshmen cabinet, international staff, program and office staff, vespers choir, international relation staff. She is a coed counselor, and Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary musical sorority. In 1935 she was a captain in the finance drive and winner of first prize, worked on the Prairie Schooner drive, international staff, Estes cooperative member, and on the conference staff.

Miss Nelson was active in freshmen commissions and cabinet, international staff, vespers staff, handcraft interest group and assistant to the chairman on the Prairie Schooner drive, is president of Alpha Lambda Delta, and is a coed counselor.

Miss DePutron Uncontested. Barbara DePutron, present Y. W. treasurer is the only candidate for the 1936 post. She is from Lincoln, and is a junior in the college of business administration. Her activities include: freshmen commission and cabinet, sophomore commission, vespers staff, treasurer of the Y. W. C. A. and on the cabinet of that organization, secretary of A. W. S. board, Coed Counselor board and member of Phi Chi Theta, honorary Bizad sorority. Ruth Schobert and Alice Soukup, both juniors in the college of agriculture are nominees for presidency of the Y. W. on Ag campus. Miss Schobert is from Springfield, Nebraska and has the following activities to her credit: freshmen commission, home economics association, Alpha Lambda Delta, university 4-H club, ag poster staff, and ag cabinet member for two semesters. Miss Soukup, a Lincoln girl, has these activities: freshmen commission, sophomore commission, project staff, ag cabinet, finance staff, a Tassel and Coed Counselor.

BIZAD SCHOLARS TO GET AWARDS AT CONVOCATION

R. E. Campbell Scheduled For Speech on Retail Merchandising.

Honors for high ranking Bizad students and an address by R. E. Campbell, Lincoln business and civic leader, will be made before the convocation to be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in Social Science auditorium.

It is expected that a large group, composed mainly of Bizad students, will hear Mr. Campbell, who will speak on the general subject of recent developments of retail merchandising.

Mr. Campbell is himself a former university student, graduating from the engineering college in 1910. While in school he was prominent in school activities, was on the varsity track team, was an innocent, took part in class athletics, and was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Following his graduation he was with the General Electric company, and has since become connected with Miller & Paine, of which he is vice president and general manager.

Past president of the Lincoln chamber of commerce, he has served for several years on the national council of the chamber of commerce, which is the governing body, and is now an advisor on the city planning board. Until a few days ago Mr. Campbell was the chairman of the board of directors of the Omaha branch of the Federal Reserve bank.

Preceding his address the honors to Bizad students will be announced, which will include the William Gold keys, Phi Chi Theta scholastic key, membership to Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary Bizad scholastic fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Psi scholastic awards and the ranking 10 percent of each class in the Bizad college last year.

A.S.C.E. TO ANNOUNCE NEW OFFICERS JAN. 14

Blum, Newmeyer Run for Engineers' Group Presidency.

New officers to the American Society of Civil Engineers will be announced Tuesday, Jan. 14, when members of the society will have completed voting for the nominees, according to Lee Lichtenberg, president. The election has been in progress the past few days and will be completed by 5 p. m. Monday, Jan. 13.

Installation of the new officers will be made at the society's monthly meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, in room 12 of the A. M. building.

Candidates for the offices are: President, Walter F. Blum; vice president, Lowell Newmeyer; secretary, Richard R. Dennis; secretary-treasurer, Morris L. Andersen and Elmer L. Claussen.

Retiring officers are Lee Lichtenberg, president; Merrill Miller, vice president; Frank Williams, secretary-treasurer; and Carlos Olmstead, Mason Butcher, Nathan Mandell, Stanley Haight and Franklin Meier on the executive board.

CAMPUS HEADS SOLIDLY BEHIND REGENTS' ACTION

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paramount role in the social rehabilitation of Nebraska school life.

Irving Hill, president of the student council and one of the strongest champions of the union and bookstore drive, stated, "All of us who are sincerely interested in both the student union and bookstore projects are happy that they are now close to realization. Even though I and my class will not be able to benefit from either of the projects, all of us are going to continue the work unflinchingly for their erection. For the service and happiness of campus life in the future we are going to push the campaign harder now than ever before. Success is now so near that the rough spots will come and be met much easier."

Virginia Sellock, managing editor of the Daily Nebraskan and a member of the student union committee, said "The regents' move is the biggest thing that the university authorities since I have been in school. Now that the administration has expressed its consent it is the duty of every member of the student body to get behind the movement and help for the erection of a new center of student activity."

GRADUATE WRITES ON 'MAGNETIC ALLOYS' Article by Gustaf Elmen Appears in Electrical Magazine.

Dr. Gustaf W. Elmen who received his bachelor of science degree here in 1902 and his A. M. degree two years later, and who was granted an honorary degree by this university in 1932, is the author of an article entitled "Magnetic Alloys of Iron, Nickel and Cobalt" which appeared in the December issue of Electrical Engineering. Elmen is a magnetic materials expert with the Bell Telephone laboratories and is the inventor of several useful magnetic alloys, according to Dean O. J. Ferguson of the college of engineering.

AROUND AND ABOUT

With Sarah Louise Meyer

Acceptability rating sheets are the hardy perennials in this year's world-Leap Year or no Leap Year. In the days of my tender youth the Awgwan had a most pertinent one, adjectivizing reigning campus belles. Last year the Annapolis boys Log-ed their scoring carefully done up in Nautical terms—such as were slightly unprintable. And now my snooty, junior-high-school kid sister is accomplishing.

With A. T. O. Johnnie Campbell's young sister, "Casey," Betz has mercilessly scrutinized a group of twenty-five lads as to elusive qualities "F," "T," "A," "D," "M," "L," and "P." What the letters signify she refused to tell me because so many of the boys had collegiate connections. Among them were the small fry related to Leah Carlsen, Bob Martz, Joe Roth, Vera Wekeser, Eabs ByPutron, Bob Joyce and Mary Janet McTeachin.

Queried as to the eventual utilization of the listing—which ranges from a 22 high to a 54 low—the youngest of the Meyers flicked out "To keep up to date." Which would pass for a reason even in university circles they tell me. We hate to have things discovered for us, and so since Christmas we have been pointedly avoiding notice of the father's loud chortle over, "The Woolcott Reader." But at last our fondness for the Town Crier prevailed and we turned thru his fat antiquity to the well-fingered pages of the mirthful provocations, which, of all things, comprised Anthony Hope's "The Dolly Dialogues."

Thru the oblivion of a dozen years these gay, whimsical bits of banter have passed with not a sparkle tarnished. Minus the sting of a Parker or Slessinger, or the eternal epigramizing of a Faulkner, the dialogues have a thoroughly acceptable delicate humor. Despite William Gold keys, Phi Chi Theta scholastic key, membership to Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary Bizad scholastic fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Psi scholastic awards and the ranking 10 percent of each class in the Bizad college last year.

Sweet is the day when a native son returns to his haunts of old in triumph. Such was the occasion when Henry Kelpo told his former speech classmates all about tramping with the great. Still wearing his Sigma Nu recognition pin and untrammelled by false modesty, Kelpo told of fellow players who are now working in such vehicles as "Victoria Regina," "The Taming of the Shrew," and "The Old Maid."

Which this hammy Thespian feel about as much at home in the world of the drama as that receipt for tomato soup looked in the journalism lab. And the receipt sounded good, too.

A.I.E.E. HEAD NAMES ELECTION NOMINEES

Engineers to Hear Address On Sutherland Project At Meeting Jan. 15.

Election of officers to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, at a society meeting in EE 104, according to Ernest Guenzel, president. An illustrated lecture on "The Sutherland Project" by Weldon McCormick, EIE '35, will be presented following the election.

Nominees for the new offices as selected by society's nominating committee are: Chairman, K. V. Kratochvil and R. L. Haynes; vice chairman, J. W. McCormick and M. E. Thomas; secretary-treasurer, M. E. Thomas and Tjaden. Retiring officers are Ernest Guenzel, chairman; L. S. Marshall, secretary-treasurer; W. O. Oeltjen, vice president, and E. F. Paroulet, Blue Print department editor.

THREE COLLEGES MAKE CHANGES IN CURRICULA SETUP

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honorary degrees have been given for several years, this is the first time the special course has been listed under its own heading among arts and science subjects. Purpose of the awards is to reward unusually high academic attainment and to encourage in the student a significant correlation in the selection of his studies and an answering correlation in the mastery of them.

Special Award Requirements. Students in the arts and sciences colleges who are candidates for the special awards are required to take a final examination in their senior year, submit samples of their written work done during their last two years, and may choose to pursue a planned course of reading outside of class room assignments for which they may receive not to exceed four hours' credit. They may however, chose to present a thesis for a like amount of credit.

College of agriculture students, pharmacy and those enrolled in teachers college are eligible for distinction degrees according to their scholastic attainments and their ability as demonstrated by a final written examination, thesis or some other type of written work. Law students work for a cum laude degree, their mark of distinction, while students in the college of business administration and the engineering groups are awarded similar honors as the result of high scholastic ratings.

NEBRASKAN WINS FRATERNITY POST

Harry E. Cohen, university graduate and former member of Sigma Alpha Mu, social fraternity, was appointed to the Octagon, executive council of the fraternity at its annual national convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Cohen was graduated from the university in 1927. He was a Phi Beta Kappa key. At present he is practicing law in Omaha.