

CAMPUSOCIETY

IN THE MIDST OF THE FACULTY

It might seem, that good old institution known to the intelligencia as registration week—with everything going along about as usual. Worry over bids for various formal, and dates of course, concern about taking all the slips to the Dean's office or just the pink one—indecision and much debate over the inevitable eight o'clock. And then, finally staring one in the face. Oh, it's a blue, blue world, and even a bit bluer for the unhappy soul who hasn't gone to classes or thought about his daily assignments. Barbarism, that's all the idea of final exams is, and it's shouldn't be tolerated on this campus.



SEEN ON the campus: Betty Widner debating whether to wait for some chivalrous Raleigh to come and carry her across the puddle of water in front of "Sosh" or jump for it—Jack Tucker in a vain search for some of the Kappa Sig brethren—Bob Moring and John Evans talking with Ruth Taihelm and Emmy Spade—Two Chi Phi's engaged in a close pursuit of "Spicy Stories"—Clayton Mossman dashing hither and yon to the campus eating places—Dick Holtz in a pretty wild bow tie (sort of blue and dotted)—Howard Dobson and Mark Owen shouting at each other across the administration building—Bill Marsh, a sheepish expression on his face, returning the long sought newspaper to the "Rag" office—Gene Dabry recuperating from a strenuous meeting of the Journalism fraternity, motion suggested, silence, motion carried—and Mr. Fellman remarking that the supreme court sometimes admitted that others than it assisted in upholding the constitution.

TRI Delta announces the pledging of Arlene Mullikin of Chester and Doris VonBergen of Dawson.

AND AT a recent meeting of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, honorary music fraternity, which took place at the Annex Cafe, Arthur Barney, Austin Garrett, Robert Stooker, Frederick Nobe, and Richardson Dougall, were formally pledged. A short business meeting preceded the pledging.

CHI Phi announces the pledging of Carl Stobbe of Grand Island. Incidentally, he joins the ranks of the fraternity's building geniuses. He plays the piano.

AND THEN there's the sad and tale of Betsy Allen who, being cold and tired, spied a nice-looking car and a grey haired gentleman just climbing out of it. Warm breezes from the heater came out too, so with little hesitation she stepped up to the outgoing occupant and asked if she might climb in the back seat to get warm. She didn't tho, for just then her date hissed in a fine stage whisper, "That's Governor Cochran."

ANNOUNCED recently was the marriage of Kathryn Zook of Lincoln and George Brock of Columbus which took place Thursday morning at the Westminster Presbyterian church. The couple will live in Lincoln where Mr. Brock is associated with the Telephone company. Both have attended the university, and Mr. Brock is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

TOMORROW night at the Cornhusker, members of Alpha Xi Delta will assemble for their annual formal. Professor and Mrs. E. B. Schmidt, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Congdon, Dr. Elizabeth Williamson, Mrs. Ella Marshall and Miss Lulu Runge will chaperon the affair, and about three hundred bids have been sent out.

ALPHA XI Delta alumnae expected in town for the party are Marian Miller of Alexandria, Evelyn Romberg of West Point, Elizabeth Horgan of Sioux City, Ia., Mrs. Lillian Young, Marsia Swift and Wilmas Lallman all of Omaha.

AT THE Lincoln, tomorrow night, Phi Psi's will entertain their dates and stags from other fraternities at a dinner dance. The tables will be decorated with the fraternity colors, red and green, and about 175 bids have been sent out. Kirk McClean is in charge of the affair, and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stols, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hunt, and Mrs. Olive Orr are chaperoning.

HENRICI SAYS BACTERIA OLDEST LIVING MATTER

Minnesota Biologist Speaks Before Audience in Bessey Hall.

Dr. Arthur T. Henrici, chairman of the department of bacteriology at the University of Minnesota, told an audience of students and faculty members at Bessey hall auditorium that bacteria are the oldest living organisms. The Minnesota professor was guest of the university faculty at a noon luncheon at the University club. In his afternoon address, he emphasized the study of bacteria as a biological science as distinguished from an applied science.

Dr. Henrici declared more interest is being shown in the field of

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WHAT'S DOING

Friday.
KAPPA ALPHA THETA formal at the Cornhusker.
Phi Delta Theta mothers club meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Clark, 2:30.
Lambda Chi Alpha auxiliary luncheon at the chapter house, 1 o'clock.

Saturday.
PHI KAPPA PSI dinner dance at the Lincoln.
ALPHA XI DELTA formal at the Cornhusker, 9:00 o'clock.

bacteria for its own sake as a biological science. These minute organisms are the beginning of life and their antiquity dates back in fossil records as much as 600 million years.

Dr. George L. Pettier, professor of plant pathology at the University of Nebraska, presided at the afternoon program. The Minnesotan was brought to Lincoln by Prof. M. F. Gunderson of the medical college staff at Omaha.

LONG'S SPIRIT STILL BRINGS FEAR TO ALL FORMER OPPOSITION

Law Colleges Afraid of Subjection to Like Influence.

By College News Service.
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—Though Huey Long is gone, his spirit yet inspires fear in the hearts of those who did not sympathize with his views and practices.

His asserted domination of Louisiana State university, which he was said to have referred to as "my school," has apparently aroused a fear among members of the Association of American Law Schools that American educational standards may be subjected to political influence in similar cases in the future.

A report was adopted by the association, censuring the Long methods in connection with the state university and declaring that, "while it is true death has removed the personal influence of Huey P. Long, we are by no means sure that a successor to his ambitions and influence may not arise."

The association directed the censure at the entire university, singling out particularly the Law School, toward which an attitude of anxious solicitude was adopted, citing instances of alleged "political interference" and said that these "indicate infringement of political pressure upon the affairs of the university in general and of the College of Law in particular, contrary to the ideals, standards and traditions for which this association stands."

Improvements Gratifying.
 "It is true that in certain matters not directly responsive to the criticism stated above, gratifying improvements have occurred in the College of Law," the report stated. "But these are material things of the spirit."

The committee said it "is thoroughly convinced that the late Huey P. Long, while governor and senator for Louisiana, exerted undesirable and far-reaching political influence over educational institutions of the state."

"Whatever confidence your committee has to the future of the college of law of Louisiana State university rests principally on the fact that Senator Long is dead."

Criticism was directed at the "forced" retirement of former Dean R. L. Tullis of the law school, an outspoken opponent of Mr.



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Long; the Senator's interference with athletics" and the resultant resignation of Lawrence "Biff" Jones, head football coach, and the suppression by President James Monroe Smith of the Reveille, a student newspaper, for remarks unfavorable to Mr. Long.

Students Dismissed.
 The committee said it found students were dismissed from the university without proper cause for participating in The Reveille affair.

"President Smith himself," it asserted, "informed our inspector and the representatives of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges that the present university physician was a political appointee put in this position contrary to his recommendation that the incumbent be retained."

Frederick K. Beutel, dean of the school of law, vigorously defended the college against the censure, declaring there was no evidence of wrongdoing and that the wrongs complained of had been corrected.

Members of the executive committee who investigated the university and signed the report were Dr. Rufus C. Harris, dean of Tuland university law school and president of the association; Hershel W. Arant, dean of Ohio State university law school; M. R. Kirkwood, Stanford university; Wilbur H. Cherry, University of Minnesota; and John M. Maguire of Harvard university.



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Can Modern Chemistry Reach Ancient Goal of Making Gold?

From the Los Angeles Junior Collegian.
 By GORDON FLINT.

A recent statement attributed to Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winner in the field of science, indicates that the ancient goal of chemistry might yet be reached. If experiments with isotopes, the stepchildren of atoms, continue to yield results, yellow gold may soon flow from baser metals, Dr. Urey hinted.

The world of chemistry has progressed far since the Alexandrian Greeks, bending over crucibles and boiling pots in the dim-lit basements of Egypt, gave birth to the science of alchemy. Philopos, prima materia—all these are terms from the past that are invoked by Dr. Urey's prophecy. The aura of mystery surrounding the alchemists' inauspicious activities, which has heightened by later secular and ecclesiastical bans, caused their work to become closely associated with witchcraft and the black arts. Almost ghoulish strains of memory are connected with the baneful concoctions they hoped would yield the "elixir of life." Are the fantastic dreams of these forgotten experimenters now to be realized?

The hermetic art of "alchemy" now exists only in old manuscripts such as the Leyden papyrus, the "Experiments of Alcomomye," the "Physica and Mystica," and a few other dusty tomes now reposing in museums. Legend has it that the fallen angels taught the art to the women they married be burned out in a tortuous and endless search for an evil, yellow metal of no intrinsic value. The Apocryphal Book of Enoch lends substance to this tale which points that instruction was contained in a foul tome called "Chema." Medieval chemists spent years pouring over dust-covered volumes in their search after this forbidden information.

More historical data says that it originated among the Alexandrian Greeks in the early part of the Christian era. Later the Arabs took hold of it, and its art was spread over western Europe, where the interfusion of magical incantations, wierd formulae, and hodgepodes of black magic and astrology gave the whole of alchemy such a mephitic atmosphere that it incurred the official disapproval of both church and state. It continued to flourish, however, in secrecy, and even as late an intellect as that of Roger Bacon maintained the plausibility of its theories.

The basis of the golden dreams of the alchemists was the belief that all substances were composed of one primitive matter, prima materia, and owed their specific differences to distinguishing qualities present. By obtaining the prima materia and adding to it

on the prairie, "smoking in the rear," and "danger, 1,000 volts." Cornhusker students in large numbers are expected to be on hand when the hunt commences. The car will be parked someplace in Lincoln and the finder is keeper. At that is necessary to become the proud owner of the flivver is to pull out your identification card, take the keys and ownership papers, and drive away.

NEW ELEMENTS MADE BY CYCLOTRON ACTION

California Apparatus for Bombarding Atom Described.

By College News Service.
BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 16.—Discovery of numerous hitherto unknown types of "elements" which were produced by the action of the University of California's cyclotron, an apparatus for bombarding the atom, was described this week by university physicists.

The power of the machine recently was increased by 6 million volts, with the result, it was announced, that it has been possible to subject to this type of analysis. In the process of transmutation, the new substances produced have in some cases exhibited properties which, so far as is known, have never before been observed, it was said.

The cyclotron is, in effect, a realization of the dream of the alchemist of a means whereby lead might be turned into gold. While this is not as yet feasible from a commercial standpoint, it was explained that theoretically lead can be turned into gold by the same process of atom bombardment which is used to change other elements into new material forms.

It was declared that the apparatus, as now constructed, has opened up a wide field for research and experiment, with the probability that much valuable data on the structure of matter will be added by general knowledge on the subject within the next few years.

AL PEARL PRESIDENT VARSITY DAIRY CLUB

Wasson, Glandid, Sanders Elected to Other Offices.

Varsity Dairy club, organization of dairy husbandry students, at a meeting Jan. 15 elected Al Pearl of Reynolds president, Arell Wasson of Lincoln vice-president, Clarence Gladin of Wilcox secretary-treasurer, and Chris Sanders of Lindsay reporter.

A review of the activities of the past year was presented at the meeting which indicated a very successful year. According to the reports of members the club increased interest points toward an even more successful year to follow.

In order that preparations may begin for a party to be sponsored by the club next semester, a committee consisting of Chris Sanders, chairman, Don Radenbaugh and Harold Duis, was appointed.

Officers of the past year who led the organization through a very satisfactory period are Verne Joffe, president; Rodney Bertramson, vice-president; and Harold Duis, secretary-treasurer.

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