

Military Ball Launches 1937 Formal Season

Campus Socialites Swarm To First Big Winter Party

The Ball, its usual colorful success, struck the opening note of formal season Friday night. There's nothing like it during the year, and realizing this, who would miss it? Simply mobbed by her myriads of friends was our new honorary colonel, **Jane Walcott**, who by the way looks super elegant in a uniform. Noticed **Jane Bell**, a vision in white chiffon, descending the steps with **Kermit Hansen**, and in the crowd gathered about the orchestra **Helen Ford** and **Derrill Harlan**. Was fascinated by **De Loris Bors'** wispy veil caught back by a vivid green bird.



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MISS JANE WALCOTT.

Stopped to talk to **Betty Van Horne** and **Gordon Uhr**. **Betty** wore a period gown of heavy gold satin. Chatting in the corridor were **Irene Sellers** in striking tri-colored taffeta and **Harry Epperson**. **Ginny Geister** and **Dick McGinnis** made a cute couple in the grand march, and **Bob Gannon** and **Jean Newell**, who seemed to be getting a bang out of the whole affair.

Last year's Mortar Board president, **Jean Walt**, and **Delt's** collar-ad boy, **George Tyner**, stopped to congratulate the little colonel who likewise was escorted by a **Delt**, **Paul Amen**. A lady in red was **D. G. Mary Frances Wittera** who wore a flame colored velvet, low cut and full-skirted. With her was **Carl Norden**, looking man-about-town in tails, but trying his best to conceal two noticeable dents in his otherwise impeccable starched bosom.

It may have been impossible for most of us to take two steps without colliding with someone, but **Jack Barry** and **Betty Rowland** executed some pretty intricate ones despite the crowd. Noticed **Virginia Anderson** looking stately in black taffeta, and that young sister of hers, who seems to be following right in her footsteps, lovely in white satin.

Holding an animated conversation with **Frances Loetterle** and **Jean Woods** were pretty **Maxine Durand**, president of Mortar Board, who chose old rose taffeta with a jacket of deeper shaded velvet, and **A. T. O. Bud Lampert**.

Hated to eavesdrop, so couldn't tell you the subject of their lengthy discussion.

Caught a glimpse of **Phyllis Chamberlain** and **Al Moseman** in the circle about the punch bowl, and standing just a few feet away, **Mary Fislar**, whose brunette beauty was set off by frothy white chiffon, and **Tri Delt** president **Alene Mulikin**, looking winsome in Alice blue. **Pi Phi Rita Alger** and **Art Raber** stopped long enough to catch their breath and watch the dancers.

Happen to know that **Ed Murray**, was sartorially attired in **Cadet Colonel Bill Crittendon's** cuff links, which by the way didn't quite match. The irony of the situation was that our editor after boldly dashing off a rather nasty editorial that hit the military department in its weakest spot was forced to swallow his pride for the sake of two unmated cuff links.

Did you hear about the little girl who received a penny post card from **George McMurtrey**, **Theta Chi** pledge, informing her that he'd have to break his date with her (no explanation). Oh yes, there was splendor, humor and even a little pathos connected with the ball, but it's still the grandest affair of the year.

Taking over the gay keynote of the ball was the **Alpha Phi** opening formal last night at the **Cornhusker**. There's a tradition on this campus that the first week of December mustn't be a one-date week-end, so simply everyone turned out. Among the **Phi's** were **Jean Morgan** in square-necked black taffeta, and escorted by **Bill McKerny**, **Sigma Chi**, **Eva Jane Sinclair** in black velvet and this time with a **D. U.** she's known ever since her freshman year, **Marvin Robinson**, **Mary Tracy**, social chairman chose something sweet in blue velvet and seemed to be having a nice time with her date, **Jack Swanson**.

The annual **Pig Dinner** seems to be a show down for the little gals who have been dating **Sigma Nu's** as there's a particular sentiment

among the fellows about whom they bring. **Ed Steeves** was with **Nebraska Sweetheart Margaret McKay**, **Page Townley** with **Honorary Colonel Jane Walcott**, **Bob Hillsabeck** with **Jane Bell**, and president of the chapter, **Howard Fisher** with **Alpha Chi Ruth Minor**. So you see the **Sigma Nu's** show excellent taste.

Undeclared War in China Reprisal, Not Conquest, Say Japanese Commercialists

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United States holding the favorable balance of trade. "We do not want this happy situation interrupted by misunderstandings of any kind whatsoever."

Why is Japan fighting China? The commerce statement says: "Japan is faced with the menace of an otherwise friendly Chinese people who have been goaded into war against Nippon by a highly systematized anti-Japanese educational campaign fostered by the communist element now within the Nanking government."

Does Japan want a part of China? "No. Japan cannot afford with her limited finances any part of any new territory, even if she desired it, which she certainly does not."

What Japan Wants.

What does she want of China? "A unified strong China able to develop her own resources and thus work with Japan and Manchoukuo for the establishment of a strong economic alliance in the orient for the general welfare of all three nations."

Has the United States been maintaining armed forces in China? "Yes, America has had troops stationed in the Shanghai, Peiping and Tientsin areas and other strategic points in north China, necessary for protection of American life and property."

Is it really necessary for Japan to send large bodies of troops to protect her nationals in China? "Yes, now that General Chiang Kai-Shek has ceased fighting the communists and is trying to unite China on a 'Hate-Japan' policy, it

is most vital. Particularly since the communist armies are uniting with the central government armies and Japan's old enemy Bolshevist Russia is encouraging the Chinese in the move.

Destroy Hostility.

Has the Nanking government attempted to arouse hostility to the foreigners in Shanghai's international settlement? "Yes, textbooks issued by the Chiang Kai-Shek faction suggest a national revolution to oust Americans, British, French, and others from the settlement, and they claim that Britain's domination of the island of Hongkong is unlawful and should be ended."

What is Japan's greatest problem in China? "To combat the menace of communism. If this lawless doctrine is permitted to dominate China, it will spread like wild fire thruout all Asia, and soon cross the Pacific to the Americas. This is not a war of conquest, but an expedition of reprisal somewhat similar to that punitive expedition conducted by the United States against Pancho Villa in Mexico some 20 years ago."

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Sounding a somewhat appealing note the statement concludes: "The Japanese believe that history will reveal the real truth, and justice of Japan's attitude in the present situation, despite the press dispatches that seem to show China's side alone. With the events taking place in Chinese territory where Chinese authorities for years have had the ear of foreign correspondents, it is only natural they should be able to put across their propaganda to enlist public sympathy."

"The bad boy always appears more appealing than the teacher about to discipline him."

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