

Editorially Speaking

Well, Girls!

Socially inclined girls have been plaguing their minds for a week in an effort to eke out a novel stunt with which to pester or please their male companions at the traditional Mortar Board party tonight. The girls will have the guiding voice tonight as usual, but minus the subtle camouflage of feminine indirection. As a pleasant variant from the routine of dance parties—which were somewhat roughly handled by an evangelist in the Wednesday edition—the affair promises more than commonplace diversion. Cleverest turn in the publicity for the party was the price listing turn on the tickets: Escorts, 85 cents; men, 40 cents.

This social event centers attention on university women. Eshewing the intriguing controversies over women's ability to rule the world, or their place in the home or their equality with men, we should like to reflect briefly on a more imminent problem concerning the feminine sex. The problem is that of leisure.

One of the principal reasons for the majority of women attending a university is that they may learn an intelligent use of leisure time. The machine age is responsible for leisure, and the lion's share of it accrues to women. Machinery has made production so efficient, that if the work to be done were rightly apportioned, many of the men now unemployed could be put to work and there would be more leisure for women. And of course modern conveniences have already minimized the time and effort required to do the

work in the home. At any rate, there is time left over for most women.

One optimistic deduction is that women are the ones who will advance the frontiers of culture. It is the women, in their clubs and homes today, who are interested in the new books, new plays, music, and art. In them is the potential genius for a floundering American culture.

This genius is being groomed in the university. The girls acting as escorts tonight, as well as footing the bills, are being so groomed. Tonight the women will be sharing with their companions, who must necessarily spend their college days enhancing their broadwinning abilities, the finer things acquired from an education at Nebraska.

Our feminine populace is now exerting itself assiduously to acquire these finer things from the college curriculum. Evidence for this fact may be obtained from observing the widespread interest in music, drama, painting and ideas. Why the librarians cannot meet the demands for books of heavy fiction, music appreciation, and literary criticism to say nothing of the trouble the *Drug, the Moon*, and the social fraternities are having with their feminine patrons and members occupying space for hours in the ecstasy of intense preoccupation with the printed page.

Girls have some time, to be sure, for clothes, cooking, football, and parties. But the first is only to give the men the benefit of good taste and beauty nicely joined, the second is to perfect the brilliant art of conversation, and football and parties are necessary for social intercourse for the sake of the hard working males.

It would seem that the golden age of Pericles is just around the corner.

Inquiring Reporter



by Merrill England

Just as the girl is the one to be consulted about the relative merits of the average party, so is the boy the one who really knows whether the Mortar Board party has been a whee of a success or a fizz of a flop.

So, looking for the information from those who should know, we asked some of the fellows about their personal reactions to that party. We can't tell you who said what; some of the escorts would be very unhappy.

"What do you think of the Mortar Board party?"

Arts and Sciences Junior:
"As it was originally intended, the Mortar Board had an O. K. idea—it was supposed to be sort of a leap year affair, and the girls could ask anyone they wanted.

"Custom has changed that, and I don't like it. Now it's merely a return party for the fellow who takes the girl to the Military hall, and the girl has no choice in the matter at all."

Bizad sophomore:
"It's a fine party, and the idea behind it is good, too. During all the rest of the school year, the girls have their fun at the boys' expense, and it seems only fair that they take their turn.

"In one respect it performs a real service. Girls learn how the fellows feel when he pays for everything. Most girls don't realize how much it costs a fellow every time he takes one of them out. When they have to pay the bills themselves, they find out how the fellow feels, and are a little less apt to be so demanding on other dates."

Ag junior:
"I like it except for one thing—the dizzy corsages. If I had my way, they'd be cut out entirely. How would a girl feel wearing a mixed bunch of carrots and onions? Well, how does she think a fellow feels? A lot of corsages are just plain malicious, too. Anyone who's ever had a tux label soaked in cranberry or hamburger or onion juice realizes that."

Arts and Sciences sophomore:
"Not bad. It would be just another party if it weren't for the corsages, though. It's the originality of the girl's ideas that puts the whole party across. If you don't let them give all kinds of corsages, you take the punch out of the party."

Arts and Sciences junior:
"I don't know anything about it, and I'll bet most of the other fellows don't either. You either have to have a car or money to find a girl who's willing to take you to the thing."

"It's probably all right, but when you haven't any extra time, you just lose interest in parties."

Arts and Sciences junior:
"The Mortar Board party is a darn good idea. It's a lot of fun for both the men and the women, and it teaches the women to have a little more respect for the men who escort them places."
"If more of them would go and in so doing get the realization that there is a lot to a date besides just going on it and having fun, things would be a lot better around here."
"For instance, after a girl finds out how much trouble there is to finding a ride, making sure that she has a date, getting a corsage (and hoping it gets delivered), calling for her date, feeding him afterwards, and getting him home, she's a little more apt to appreciate her future dates."

Bizad senior:
"I think the whole thing is rather silly, don't you? Girls don't know much about managing dates—all they can do is just go on them. You can see that from the corsages they send. If a girl got

SUCCESSFUL AG WEEK TO CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON

Master Farmer Presentation Features Full Week of Activities.

With five agricultural organizations holding meetings today, organized agriculture week will be a past event at sundown tonight. Those groups meeting today include the Livestock Breeders' association, the Home Economics association, the Dairymen's association, the State Horticultural society, and the Nebraska Poultry association.

A general meeting today will include speeches by Dr. Regina Westcott Weiman of Chicago on "What Makes Life Interesting;" Dr. William C. Johnstone, Jr., on "War in the Far East," and Dr. G. E. Condra, college of agriculture, who will speak on "Soil and Water Conservation."

A hamburger of some other thing and was supposed to wear it as a corsage, what would she do? She'd break the date and probably never speak to the fellow again. Yet, that same girl will give that same thing to a fellow and be very much offended if he doesn't wear it. Somebody or something is screwy, all right."

Arts and Sciences junior:
"I always have a good time at the Mortar Board party, and I fail to see anything very objectionable about it. It's no better and surely no worse than the Military ball, and it is, I think, very good for the girls to worry about the date arrangements for a change."

INFANTRY COMPANY WILL OFFER CADETS TACTICAL TRAINING

Infantry Officers' Group Sponsors Saturday Morning Unit.

The special infantry company, sponsored by the Infantry Officers' association will meet in Nebraska hall at 9 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

According to Maj. John Aoyte, instructor, from 150 to 200 men will be admitted into the new organization which will drill each Saturday morning from 9 to 12. All of the training this week will be held indoors and problems simulated by models; civilian clothes may be worn.

Tactical and Field Training.
The purpose of the unit will be to give interested cadets tactical and field training which they are unable to get from classroom war. The unit will be composed of basic and advanced infantry military science students and will be officered by seniors.

Cadet Col. William Crittenden, president of the Infantry Officers' association said that its activities other than extended order drill and solution of tactical problems will include a trip to Fort Crook

In the spring to put on a demonstration before the officers of the Organized Reserve Corps, and also field exercises for the annual federal inspection of the cadet corps.

As for equipment, most of the women students said that unless the boys are expert at carrying a tune, a guitar is nice—for accompaniment.

"There is no snobbishness in the large women's colleges today, since the economic upheaval," Smith College's dean of women gives divorce, and not hard times, the credit for causing emotional strain and maladjustment among students in women's colleges today.

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A Letter to Sarah Louise Mire, The University's Problem Child

Knowing full well that the youthful pride of the House of Meyer grows journalistic fat on the intentionally-sought reverberations from her over-compensating columnizing, I feel, nevertheless, an uncontrollable urge to add my none-too-meaty bones to her pickings and pen to her this timid epistle.

Your passion for calling a spade a spade—intriguing, yes—but disappointing when that which you have labelled a spade turns out to be an entirely different and far less useful tool. Only the truth is the truth, Sarah!

The fascination your spades hold for me mayhap find basis in my background of ignoble rurality. As though it were but yesterday I remember the first spade ever wielded by my then inexperienced hands. "Good fences make good neighbors"—thus my orders on that fateful day stipulated post holes well dug and true with the world. The spade was in my hand, the good earth under my feet, and I was young—too young, some said, to be digging post holes. But I was ambitious.

Oh, the redolence of soil that arose from the first lump of torn sod! The quick weariness in my slender arms, the heat of the sun heavy upon my back, the sweet song of the mockingbird nearby—all these were lost to me, and I was bound in feverish fetich for the spade and the dark hole it gouged from the brown earth.

Alas, realization fell upon my dimmed consciousness all too late. Throwing aside the spade, I lifted the straight, slim pole and dropped it into the hole. And where should have stood a strong, graceful post, shoulder-high and ready to be a part of the "good fence"—only a

sorry two inches showed above the ground. I had dug too deep. I had thrust a good thing so deep into the earth that it had disappeared from sight. Today, in retrospect, I say—oh well, only the throes of puberty. Hoping for your spadey recovery, I am

Truthfully yours, E. F.

P. S. After all, why disturb oneself about the idle prattle of the jacksals?
Editor's Note: After three seesters as front page columnist for the *Nebraskan*, Miss Meyer still turns in the most consistently clever and readable daily feature in the paper. Furthermore, her highly personalized and definitely pointed copy remain the most controversial department in the *Nebraskan*.

Because we use only the letters, like the very clever one above, that object to her straight from the shoulder realism or in some cases to her "personalities" fun; because we receive an occasional warning from the higher ups who shepherd the morality of those in their flock, having already had two this week; and because a few just don't care for Miss Meyer's idea of what should go in a column, and make themselves heard—for these reasons, we feel that we should present some inking at this time of the flood of favorable reactions that constantly greet the appearance of "Around and About."

Both Miss Meyer and the editors welcome criticism. In fact, condemnation is more likely than commendation to cause some change, such as an alteration of policy. In Miss Meyer's case, however, we can but give the opinion of the majority of readers. A preponderance of students enjoy the column. Among the professors, to mention only a few who endorse our incomparable columnist, are Doctors Kurz, Raylor, and Oldfather.

REVIEWER FINDS BOEHM TOPS IN PLAYERS' HIT

Like the little girl who when she was good was very, very good, so is Penny Wise, current offering of the University Players which opened Monday night and runs until the end of the week. It deservedly merits two bouquets from the *Nebraskan* in the same week which may, perhaps, help to remove the sour taste left from not-so-complimentary criticisms in the past.

Not since "Three Men on a Horse" have Player audiences had an opportunity to give their funny bones such a hilarious workout. Don Boehm as Jeff, the trifle slow to catch on younger brother of philanthropist Gordon Chase, John Gaeth, sends his audience into orgies of laughter with one of the best comic characterizations ever seen on the Temple stage. The convivances of Ruth Van Slyke and Helen Rice as common victims of the love making proclivities of Chase, are slapstick comedy at its best.

Betty Widener is charming as the naive little wife of Chase while Flora Albin convincingly portrays the third element of the triangle, the secretary who has amorous designs upon him. Art Ball as Mr. Dunn, the director of the city water works and a typical politician, does an excellent characterization.

Penny Wise is light, chaffy and fast moving. It is perhaps a little too much of the prep school type of drama, yet that fact seemingly tends to speed up the reactions of both players and audience. Despite a Pollyanna climax, everyone goes away happy.

Princeton University students are about evenly divided on whether the United States should keep "hands off" or use an economic boycott in determining its attitude toward the trouble between Japan and China. Three hundred nineteen wanted "hands off"; 314, economic boycott.

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PHI TAU THETA MEETS

Delegates Make Report on Ohio Conclave.

Delegates who attended the National Methodist Conclave in Athens, O., gave their reports to Phi Tau Theta, Methodist fraternity at the last meeting held Dec. 7. Dale Weese, slumnus of Beta chapter here in Lincoln, was re-elected national president and Roland Nye, Beta chaplain, was re-elected national chaplain. The delegates from Lincoln were Paul Sprout, president, Glenn Hedges, vice president, George Dinsdale, secretary and Roland Nye.

At the meeting Paul Sprout told of the trip. Glenn explained the nature of the conclave for the benefit of the pledges, George spoke of his personal trip which began a week before the conclave and took him to Chicago, Cleveland and into Pennsylvania. Roland reported the reorganized initiation ritual and Dale told of a rival organization which may be joined to Phi Tau Theta.

ZEIS ADVOCATES BOND TAX BY GOVERNMENT

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volving federal taxation of state employees pending now and the new decisions may point a way out.

Expressing the belief that some limitation should be placed on the definition of instrumentality of the government, Zies mentioned the case just decided which allowed the claim of contractors on the Grand Coulee and Kanawha river dams that they were instruments of the government because they were working for the government. As such they claimed that they should be exempt from state taxation.

Four University of Toledo football players are "washermen," but they're not sissies. To earn their way through school, they do the laundry for the varsity team and the gymnasium. Their normal week's wash is 1,000 towels and 200 jerseys.

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