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## Personality Plus

While spring in all its glory is bedecking the columns of the paper in the form of latest hints on the season's fashions, we're turning our thoughts to another question which must be given some attention if any student is to do full justice to those spring outfits in which he or she appears. That is the question of personality. Give any student a new spring outfit and it will pale into insignificance if he or she possesses that certain something, which for want of a better term, has been called personality.

That this factor is of major importance is not denied, and the attention of many colleges is beginning to focus on the proper development of student personality in order that future success may be made more inevitable. Those colleges which have become interested in the subject, besides showing their interest in the aptitudes and depth of knowledge of their students, are now making them review their own attributes and consult their own experience.

The importance of this phase of college life can be best illustrated by the results of a recent investigation by a psychiatrist at the University of California. "Inferiority complexes" and other "personality troubles" bother about 25 percent of the men entering the university, according to the survey.

Entering Wellesley women now take tests designed as a "personality inventory." Included in these tests are questions which ask the student if she makes friends easily, if troubled with the idea that people on the street are watching her, if she blushes easily, or if she finds it difficult to get rid of salesmen. The resulting answers indicate any tendencies toward developed neuroses and psychoses.

Michigan State college has opened a personality clinic for coeds. Sponsored by the home economics department, the clinic has been organized to help students by offering them a series of lectures and opportunities for consideration of individual problems.

A newly organized "personality clinic" at the New Jersey College for Women attempts to solve personal problems for its coeds. Established a few months ago by four "crusading undergraduates, imbued with a desire to aid their fellow students become well balanced personalities," the clinic is sponsored by the social amenities committee of the student government. The four undergraduates who direct the clinic advise their classmates on personal problems. They have gained experience in handling these

problems thru professional training or the pursuit of a hobby.

The trend may be a lot of excitement over little if, as Dr. Howard W. Haggard professor of applied psychology at Yale believes, pleasing personalities which are considered so important in the life of the world and the campus today are born, not made. Dr. Haggard puts personality in the same class with genius in this respect. Yet, we are inclined to feel that personality, even tho it may be inherited, does not reach its fullest development unless prodded a bit.

At least concentration on this factor and development of a personality clinic such as installed by New Jersey college organizations might give some of these would be justified campus societies something to think about and accomplish.

## Beauty and Brains

Spring, with its emphasis on fashions and its subsequent glorification of feminine beauty, brings to mind an editorial written several months ago in the Omaha World Herald. Addressed to the lovely university coeds, the article ridicules the unnecessary stress placed upon beauty in the realm of higher education, and the lack of publicity given to the intellectual powers which the feminine students possess.

Explaining that the peeve against too great an emphasis on beauty was stimulated by the pictures of two charming girls who were rivals for the title of "bomb beauty" at a college in a neighboring state, the editorial commented, "The pictures remind us that next to football in the colleges of the land the thing that needs de-emphasis is the concentration upon beauty as a coed achievement."

The editorial continues by pointing out "that Nebraska has its honorary colonel for the regiment, its sweetheart, its beauty queens—as does every other educational institution in the land. In fact, as far as the reader of the newspapers is concerned, there is no other activity for women in higher education except to prove they possess the prettiest eyes, the most winning smiles, the most shapely bodies. If there is any other competition for the college girl it escapes the notice of the desk man, who have eyes for news as well as for beauty."

The editorial is concluded with the forceful and admittedly true statement, "We yield to none in our admiration of the vivacious coed, and gladly proclaim she is the epitome of all that is beautiful. But sometimes we wish our institutions of higher learning could find some competition for these charming girls outside the field of physical charm. Surely they have brains, too, inside those pretty heads."

## SIG ALPHAS ENTER DEBATE TOURNAMENT AS EIGHTH TEAM

Officials Will Make Pairings, Schedule First Rounds March 29 or 31.

Thursday, Sigma Alpha Epsilon entered a team in the intramural debate tournament, making the eighth team necessary to hold a tournament. Tuesday evening, March 29 or Thursday, March 31, the pairings will be made and the first round will be held. "Should the United States enlarge its navy?" will be the question for debate. The winning team will have its name engraved on the trophy which it will keep for one year.

The seven other fraternities entered are: Alpha Tau Omega; Beta Theta Pi; Delta Theta Phi; Kappa Sigma; Phi Alpha Delta; Sigma Alpha Mu and Zeta Beta Tau.

## Unaffiliated Students Sponsor Dance Tonight

A bar dance will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 tonight in the Army. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Teale and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schmidt will be chaperons.

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## KEGLERS CONTINUE MEET

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Leagues III and IV go into the fourth rounds of intramural bowling tonight at the Lincoln Bowling alleys. The schedule is as follows:  
 League III:  
 Alpha Gamma Rho vs. Epsilon  
 Sigma Alpha Mu vs. Beta Theta Pi

Phi Delta Theta vs. Kappa Sigma, Farm House vs. Epsilon.  
 Xi Psi Phi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.  
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## Student Pulse

### A New Angle To Peace

To The Editor:  
 This epistle is a challenge to the statements made in the pulse column by Martin Oelrich to the effect that: 1. Any American who is not willing to defend his country should be deprived of his rights. 2. Paul (not A. T.) Harris spread the "insidious doctrine of peace at any price" while here in Lincoln. 3. America is regarded as a second China, wealthy, but weak.

1. Absolute pacifism should be punished. Catholic, Protestant, Jew all have as one of the basic tenets of their faith the law "Thou shalt not kill." Efforts to rise above hypocrisy and really put religion into practice should be punished?  
 That is not the question, however, that Americans have to face. The question is "Shall we, or shall we not, take part in an aggressive war?" America can not be invaded! Any war we engage in will be aggressive. In proof, Admiral H. E. Yarnell who commands the American fleet in Asia declares, "The inhabitants of the Pacific Coast can sleep quietly in their beds until Japan builds a Navy twice the strength of that of the United States." And despite alarmists our navy is still much larger than the Japanese. To double our navy the Japanese would have to build 21 more battleships, 6 more aircraft carriers, 22 more cruisers, 468 more destroyers and 141 more submarines, and this does not include ships to match vessels that would be added to our fleet by the super-navy bill.

Admiral William S. Sims, commander of the American fleet in European waters during the World War states, "No foreign power is capable of posing a real danger across the oceans and stand a chance in combat with the American Navy and planes operating from home bases."

General Johnson Hagood writes, "Considered from a defensive standpoint, America is the strongest military nation on earth—that is, it is the easiest nation to prepare for defensive warfare. It would not take much to make it invulnerable against any nation or any combination of nations that could possibly be brought against it."

Major General Smedley D. Butler who visited this fair city last fall finds that any nation invading the United States would require 1,000,000 men and 7,500,000 tons of ocean-going craft to transport supplies. The entire ocean-going merchant fleets of all nations, he asserts, does not equal this task. Also remember the "Russian holiday" that would occur if Japan, currently boomed as the threat to American liberty etc., should leave herself wide open by throwing her forces across thousands of miles of water to attack America.

Could an invading force land? Maj. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, twice chief of staff of the U. S. army, after telling of the great difficulty America had in getting troops to friendly France in 1918, and of the inability of Great Britain to land troops in the Dardanelles against Turkey, says, "Of all military operations, the one which the soldier dreads most is a forced landing on a hostile shore. It is at that time he is at his weakest, the enemy at its strongest."

Need more be said?  
 2. Paul Harris did not preach pacifism to his audiences. He asked for adequate defense, which he believes we already have, and opposed any offensive measures. As one who heard him five nights straight and talked with him personally at length, I feel qualified to say that never once did he advocate any pacifism which would not allow men to defend their country against actual invasion.

3. America a second China, wealthy, but weak. It might have been more effective if Mr. Oelrich had not quoted a William Randolph Hearst man for such a statement. Weak? Yet Gen. William C. Rivers says, "We are assembling in the North Pacific ocean

what I believe is the greatest aggregation of fighting ships and combat airplanes the world has ever seen in one spot. I feel that by no use of the imagination can one correctly say that our battle assemblage in the North Pacific ocean is required for the defense of Alaska, the Hawaiians, the continental United States, and the Panama Canal, our normal line of defense in the event of a war."

To say that America is a second China is to display a childlike naivety that is astounding even on the part of a Hearst writer, Mr. Oelrich only quoted it.

Yours truly,  
 Ellsworth Steele.

## Contemporary Comment

### WHAT WE NEED IS MORE LUNATICS

The other day a student walked into one of the classrooms and took a seat. The professor, having called roll, inquired sarcastically of the newcomer whether he hadn't wandered into the room by mistake.  
 "No," explained the student, "I happened to have a free hour and I came in to listen to the lecture."  
 The professor eyed the student suspiciously, as though wondering whether he were an escaped lunatic or just one of the unbelievably rare academic curiosities referred to as auditors.

That the genius auditor is practically extinct on this campus is an unfortunate fact, and on the whole, the blame has been placed upon the student. He is generally too busy taking other courses which will give credits and grade points and, eventually, a degree. In addition, his interest is rarely so stimulated by courses that he will come in just to sit down and listen.

He has gotten the habit of university students, the habit of taking the things that will give him meaningless units and even more meaningless grade points.

He is fulfilling the university requirements for a bachelor's degree.

He is responding in the normal, listless, apathetic university way to the offerings of the university, because that is the way he has been trained from his first day on campus.

He is doing, academically, exactly what the university wants. He is taking courses regardless of content, he is doing assignments and learning facts regardless of value, and he is being graded regardless of what he has actually earned and regardless of what he is able to do with what he has learned.

He is not auditing courses because he has never been encouraged to do something at the university without promise of reward. He is not attempting to broaden his possibilities of education because he has formed the habit of associating education unalterably with such terms as requirements, prerequisites, certificates, units, grade points and degrees. That's what he thinks education is.

Of course the student is to blame for not auditing classes for not going about his education in the sincere spirit of trying to learn, and to develop and grow.

He is to blame for letting himself follow the set pattern of the university even when the value of this pattern is questionable.

He is to blame for becoming a stereotyped student without even beginning to know that education can be exciting and that learning can actually be fun.

He is to blame for letting the university condition his responses to the point where he makes no further attempt at independent thought and action and does exactly what the catalog says.

But when a dauntless student manages to shake off all campus convention, and actually audits a class or two, the professor, it seems, should be the last one to criticize him.

It suggests too strongly the possibility that the professor, after all, is the one who is least interested in education and the one most responsible for the secrecy of auditors.—California Daily Bruin.

Depressions and recessions stop many wheels from turning, but not those equipped with rubber tires.

## FRENCH CIRCLE BOOKS FILM, 'MR. PEARTREE'

Tickets for Saturday Movie Available in U. Hall for 25 Cents.

A current French movie, "Le Gendre de Monsieur Poirier" will be presented by Le Cercle Français at the Varsity theater at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, March 26.

The story of "Mr. Pear Tree" and his easy-going son-in-law has delighted the French audiences. It is an excellent cross-section of the social conditions of the last century. Poirier, a bourgeois who aspires to the peerage, marries his daughter to a ruined nobleman who may have some influence in getting him a title. Living gaily on his wife's money, the aristocrat begins to play with the effections of a countess, and his own wife begins to fall in love with him, which brings about many humorous situations.

Tickets may be procured for 25 cents in Miss Piazza's office in University hall. Students who sell 20 tickets will be awarded a free one.

John Bull is getting more and more friendly with Uncle Sam as the days go by. However, concerning the little matter of war debts, his theme song remains the same, namely, "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Sammy."

## Y. W. Y. M. COMMITTEES BEGIN WORK ON 'N' BOOK

Thirteen Members of Each Group Start Plans for '38 Issue.

Work on the "N" books for next year has already been started by Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. committees. The new booklet, gradually taking form, promises to be larger and to contain much more material and information than in previous years. The size, however, will remain the same.

In charge of the work on the "N" book are Selma Hill and Evelyn Taylor of the Y. W. C. A. and Eric Constable and Dean Worcester of the University Y. M. Committees comprised of 13 members from each group are engaged in the actual compilation at present. These committees are soliciting advertising, preparing editorials and other information. Publication will be made this summer and the

booklets will be distributed next fall. This year, approximately 1,200 "N" books were placed in student hands.

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