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## Spontaneous Combustion?

Despite the lingering summer humidity, the grand football atmosphere is beginning to permeate the campus. The crucial days in international affairs are eclipsed by the "crucial" days that stand between today and 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. War or peace abroad fades in local importance when the Nebraska-Minnesota football game looms up as the big attraction of the season.

Ultimatums, mobilization orders, negotiations and peace menaging speeches must take a back seat to forward passes, reserve tackles, Charley Brock's foot injury and the power of the Gopher forward wall. The dance with Europe; this is football season!

Accompanying the grid year is what is called, for lack of more descriptive words, school spirit. Actions, not words do the best task of defining it. Loyalty and tradition are partial synonyms.

One popular misinterpretation of school spirit is the so-called spontaneous rallies that break out in the halls of the university buildings. It is not "school spirit" that prompts these hilarious outbursts. Instigators of these demonstrations are often frank in saying that they are motivated not by a desire to show the Cornhuskers their "school spirit" but by a

wish to be excused from classes. One student attached to the team said he hoped the corridor rallies lasted Thursday and Friday so he would not have to attend classes. He, like others, does not want to exercise "school spirit" and he is typical of the students who rally in the morning and avoid the official rally at night.

The rally committee has mapped elaborate plans for Friday evening in a sendoff demonstration starting in Memorial stadium. All university service organizations are co-operating in making this rally a huge success, the kind that can serve to inspire the Huskers when they take the field against a powerful Minnesota team. If the demonstration of "school spirit" is concentrated upon the official sendoff rally alone, the down trodden minority of students who came to Nebraska for a higher education, the troubled administrative staff and faculty and, lastly, the Cornhuskers will profit.

It is difficult to discourage these "rah rah" sorties, because you are immediately accused of curbing "school spirit," when in reality all you are trying to do is to confine it to one time and then let it explode. The psychology of all day rallies is unsound too, because the hubbub, if kept up for hours, wears down the gridiron celebrities instead of buoying up their enthusiasm.

## Ex-Professor Judges Statues

Dr. Hartley Burr Alexander, former professor at the University of Nebraska, and the man who supplied appropriate inscriptions and symbols for the state capitol, has recently turned his attention to another phase of art.

He was one of four who selected the winner in the Los Angeles county fair's national competition for a statue symbolic of the fair's purpose. The entry of an Idaho sculptor, Lawrence Tenney Stevens, was chosen by the four judges. Dr. Alexander is now head of the philosophy department at Scripps college.

## Miss Eitner, Cunkle Open Music Series

The first of this year's series of musical convocations sponsored by the school of music each Wednesday was held at 4 o'clock at the Temple theater yesterday afternoon.

The program featured Leo Sowerby's Sonata in G minor, which was played by Miss Olga Eitner, violinist, and Frank Cunkle, pianist and instructor of organ, piano, and composition in their first university appearance.

Sonata No. 6 in E major by Handel and Brahms Sonata, Opus 100 in A major were also played by Miss Eitner and Mr. Cunkle.

## Student Pulse

### More On School Spirit

To the editor: The Student Pulse column in the September 23 paper has prompted me to write this letter. I think that "A Student" has a very good criticism to make to the "Rag" when he so ably describes the lack of spirit and the poorly drilled band on this campus. Nebraska is undoubtedly the poorest school spirit of any school in this section of the country. Many of the smaller church colleges that have only one tenth the enrollment of our university, have ten times as much pep and school spirit.

Altho I don't agree with "A Student" that the band is the entire trouble with our lacking school spirit, I think that the university band could stand a lot of improvement. I also recall the unfavorable comment of the students of the other Big Six schools in regard to our band and its decidedly poor marching and drill tactics. Nothing can be said against the uniforms and the equipment of the band, but the band just doesn't seem complete without the snappy formations and the good selection of numbers that it might have with a little concentration on these two points.

### Lentz to Whittle Band to 98 Men

### Twirler to Wear New West Point Uniforms

Director Don Lentz announced today that next Tuesday will see the cutting of the varsity band from 113 to 98 men, those eliminated going to the freshman band.

Announcement was also made by Mr. Lentz that new uniforms have been ordered for the twirlers of the varsity band. These uniforms are on the West Point style, white with red braid.

The band is busy preparing for its debut at the Iowa State game Oct. 3. Fundamentals both of marching and playing are being stressed this week with new formations scheduled for next week. The band, according to Mr. Lentz, is adding popular music to its repertoire this year.

## E. L. Plotts Talks Radio To Engineers

### CBS Man Discusses Broadcasting Problems

Mr. E. L. Plotts, transmission engineer for the Midwest division of the Columbia Broadcasting system, last night addressed electrical and other engineering students on "Problems Confronted by the Radio Engineer in the Development of the Radio Industry."

Mr. Plotts' subject of discussion was also the reason for his being in Lincoln, where he is straightening out the synchronization of KFAB with WBBM in Chicago. These two stations, Mr. Plotts explained in his talk, operate on the same frequency and consequently frequencies must exactly coincide in order to prevent distortion to the listener.

For the past two years, Mr. Plotts has been experimenting with the synchronization of these stations in the hope of reducing the cost and at the same time improving operation, and he reports that both of these aims have been accomplished, with the possibility of further improvement.

In the normal operation of these stations, Mr. Plotts stated, the frequency variation is held to about one in 20 million, and has been held in experiments to as high as one in 200 million for five minute periods. Not only must the transmitting frequency of both stations correspond exactly, but the time the signals leave each transmitter must be the same if distortion is to be eliminated. To do this, an artificial telephone line was connected at the WBBM transmitter. The music or speech to be broadcast is delayed by this telephone wire one thirty-six thousandth of a second at Chicago, which is the exact time required for the signals to reach Lincoln and leave the KFAB transmitter. Thus, the signals leave the stations at exactly the same instant.

Mr. Plotts attended Nebraska University in 1928, receiving an Electrical Engineering degree. While in school, Mr. Plotts worked on the university's own broadcasting station, and conducted the first broadcast of Charter Day ceremonies with their equipment. This University of Nebraska station was discontinued on March 3, 1927.

## As I See It by June Bierbower

### Bill Corum, writing his views on Francis Wallace's recent Sat-evepost football predictions, has this to say concerning Notre Dame, Wallace's alma mater, Nebraska, Rockne, etc.:

There was a time when you couldn't make Francis Wallace believe that the wandering Irish would ever lose any game, which was better than a bad guess in those days, at that. They seldom did. Almost never until their yearly invasion of a town called Lincoln, Neb. The Irish never had much luck with those husky Cornhuskers, and Roc finally decided that he wouldn't go there any more.

Corum, whose alma mamma is Missouri U., also ruefully explained that Mr. Wallace went wrong on his prediction about Missouri being a great team last fall. Said Corum, "Wallace picked Missouri to be a hot potato last year, but they turned out to be the same old cold trijole as in yore."

Controversy as to whether Minnesota is a powerhouse this year, or whether the Gophers are just another good team and Washington had been overrated prior to Saturday, seems to have all the sports-writers who saw the game and most of them who didn't, in a grand dither.

On one hand, Wilbur Moore and the other Minnesota boys, were well high perfect, and on the other side it's contended that the Gophers were slow and not so good at hanging on to the ball. Minnesota's pass defense looked good, but there are those who say the Huskies' passers weren't so good.

All in all, it doesn't seem that the Gophers will be going into the game Saturday rated as a wonder team, even though they

## Graduate of '30 Drafts Flood Control Plans

Ronald A. Waterhouse, former student of the University of Nebraska ex-'30, is making good. From Fort Peck, Mont., he has been transferred to Denison, Tex., where he will have control of all drafting necessary in the flood control program for the Red river. The project includes an 80 million dollar dam and attendant construction.

are favored to win the game. The Huskers' inexperienced and untested line doesn't seem to stack up as well as the Minnesotans, but a team sometimes looks vastly different on a football field than on that old debbil paper.

So there's always the chance that the new boys may be lucky enough not to make too many mistakes. If too many honors resulting from inexperience don't appear, the Huskers may have a pretty good chance of winning, because it's yet to be proved that the line lacks anything except experience.

Braven Dyer of the Los Angeles Times puts Stanford on the par for its recruiting activities along football lines. Says the Indians are always whooping it up about proselyting practices at other schools, but aren't so bad in the roundup game themselves.

Loyola U. has collected four stars of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, which won the navy championship three years in a row. While Stanford hasn't gone to the navy, they have gone to 14 states to get 26 players, and Dyer suggests the Foreign Legion as newest name for them are from Washington, three are from Oklahoma, while Minnesota, Idaho, Oregon and Iowa furnish two apiece, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Montana, Utah, New York, North Carolina, Arizona and Missouri furnish the others. Not bad, at that.

Ace Parker of football fame once finished third in a high school golf tournament in Virginia as Sam Snead was coming in fifth. Parker says he wouldn't risk another meeting, though.

## Touchfootball Tourney Begins

### ATO's, Phi Deltas, Sig Alphas, Chi Phi's Win

Fraternity touch football teams in League III and IV swung into action for the first time yesterday evening with all scheduled games being played.

Yesterday's competition in League IV saw the A.T.O.'s, champions of their league last year, turn back a rugged Farm House crew 7 to 0 in a game which saw the losers repulse several A.T.O. scoring threats before going down to defeat. In the other League IV tilt, the Phi Deltas displayed speed and deception in handing the Phi Sigs a 20 to 0 defeat. Ryan, King, and Owen stood out for the victors.

In League V, the Sig Alphas and Chi Phi's came thru in extra periods to win at the expense of the Kappa Sigs and Deltas respectively by the identical score of 1 to 0. The Sig Alpha-Kappa Sig tilt was featured by tight defensive play, neither team getting inside their opponents' 15 yard line. Moore, Seeman, and Beltzer for the Kappa Sigs, and Duncan and Ludwick for the Sig Alphas were outstanding. The Chi Phi's and Deltas also tied up in a tight defensive game which saw the Chi Phi's gain 40 yards to 37 for the Deltas in an extra period to win. Wilson and Hirsh for the Deltas and Spencer for the Chi Phi's stood out.

Games scheduled for 4 o'clock tonight will find the Betas meeting the Phi Gamma in a game which will probably determine the championship of League I, the Sigma Chi the Acadians, the Alpha Sigs the Sig Eps. At 5 o'clock the A.G.R.'s meet Pi Kappa Alpha, the Lambda Chi, the Sigma Nus, the Beta Sigs the Alpha Sigs.

There once was a coed quite shy, Who said to a student named Cy, If you kiss me of course You will have to use force But thank heaven you are stronger than I.

## 4-H Club Sponsors Ag Student Picnic Sunday

Ag students are invited to attend a picnic to be given by the University 4-H club at Pioneer park next Sunday afternoon. Those wishing to go on the frolic are asked to get their tickets from one of the students selling them on the Ag campus. The group will leave from Ag hall at 3 o'clock Sunday. Transportation will be provided by the club.

## AWS HOLDS TEA

(Continued from Page 1.) guests. Sponsors of the major activities who will pour are Miss Ruth Odell, Miss Luvicy Hill, Mrs. Chauncey Smith, Mrs. DePutron, Miss Letta Clark, Miss Mabel Lee and Miss Margaret Feddie.

Members of the Y. W. C. A. under Muriel White comprise the decoration committee, and the Co-ed Counselors have charge of entertainment.

## Under Spreading Campus Tree, Uni Biologists Sit

By Marian Bremers.

I hope that I shall never see another common campus tree—but let me beg your forgiveness for this using Joyce Kilmer's unforgettable poem. My neck is stiff, there are blisters on my feet, I look like the remains of a Thanksgiving turkey.

Should I confess where I spent three hours Friday afternoon? Maybe a few clues would be helpful. We began in a large, happy group in a room in a building on the campus equipped with pencils and keys. A kindly person led us from the cozy room (hotbox) out into the sunshine, and we had begun what has been usually termed a field trip.

Students seeking the blessings of a higher education, listen to the advice of a battered veteran. You can never appreciate the glory that should be yours until you have ventured out onto a field in the warmth of a September day and have viewed under the most meticulous instruction those great glories of nature, "the common campus trees."

Let's See Now. It is customary to launch the trip by the American Elm on the thither side of the tennis courts. With the help of two assistants and a professor you and the class are shoved in varying positions under the spreading branches. At the advice of the "prof" you all look up into the tree with one eye and at the key with the remaining eye. Then your eyes have to bulge back and forth between the tree and the key and the key and the tree until all details of the specimen's identity have been determined—Are the leaves parallel or alternating? Have they obtuse bases? Is the bark smooth or furrowed? And so you proceed finally making the surprising discovery that the tree which shelters you is an American Elm (when you knew that all the time).

On to a Quiz.

The professor places a sharp check after the name of every successful student, and you are told to collect yourself and take a jog ten yards beyond the farthest building to indulge in a study of the Tree of Heaven which on this campus is generally found growing by libraries. But need I spoil the trip for you by telling all of the surprises in store when you take the field trip?

Though more words are waiting to tumble forth, I am forced to forego more of the tale now, for over in a room in a certain building on the campus there awaits someone who is patiently preparing my death warrant—a quiz on the facts of the "common campus trees."

## Military Honorary Elects Today

Scabard and Blade, honorary military organization, will hold a meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock in room 313, Student Union building.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a captain and discuss plans for activities during the coming year.

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