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Uni Players, Uni Students

Announcement last week that the University Players would henceforth produce all student plays exclusively failed to cause more than a murmur upon the campus. It cannot be an utter lack of interest in the Players. Perhaps the coolness resulted from the students' failure to comprehend a virtual shake-up in student theatricals.

The University Players, if memory serves correctly, has never been a simon-pure student organization at Nebraska. For every performance, the speech department officials have found it necessary to employ members of its own staff or stage-minded alumni to carry the leading roles.

A lack of student talent necessitated studying the casts with non-students. In order to produce the University Players stage offerings with well-rounded casts, speech department officials found it necessary to fall back on more experienced persons to assume the major roles. The student talent was such that "bit parts" only fitted their thespian capabilities.

University Players' productions, starring non-student actors and actresses, have enjoyed a clientele composed mostly of Lincoln townspeople, and not of University students. The older people did not come to Temple Theater to see students perform. They came to watch the non-students, all capable and well-known Lincolinites.

The only students in the University Players were those enrolled in the speech department. This does not mean that all student talent is included. Kosmet Klub serves as a good example of a University talent-unearthed organization. And there still is an abundance of talent going to waste because there is no student outlet for it.

Now, students in every school and college of the University with a leaning toward the stage are afforded an opportunity to try out for the University Players. Non-students will no longer be used in the casts. The Players will be strictly an undergraduate enterprise—for rank amateurs only. There are plenty of good-looking men and women on Nebraska's campus who, with the rudiments of acting, can put on an enjoyable performance for the entertainment of the student body.

It is doubtful whether the loyal Lincoln townspeople will continue to attend the University Players productions with students carrying all the roles. For the financial success of the organization, it is to be hoped the townspeople do not curtail their patronage. But for the realization of the Players' purpose as a student group, it should be undergraduates to whom the University Players cater.

With students comprising the majority of the audience, the Players will be forced to adopt a new policy in selecting plays for presentation. An occasional stage offering of a serious nature will be agreeable to the students, but they will find comedies and melodramas more to their liking. Campus ticket sales among the students attest to the fact that undergraduates shy clear of the University Players as a "high-brow" organization of the speech department. All student casts and a lighter ser-

ies of stage offerings should be strong incentives for students to break down and give the University Players their support.

Popeye's 'Pop'

Death has claimed the comic strip artist, E. C. Segar, gifted creator of world famed Popeye, Wimpy, Olive Oyl, Castor Oyl, Swee' pea and, lately, the underground "kababage-swiping de-mings."

A correspondence school cartoonist, Segar experienced difficulties in getting started. His original strip of the Oyl family was a so-so comic until in 1929 Popeye made his debut as the scrawny, pugnacious, spinach-devouring one-eyed sailor. Segar's rise was meteoric when Popeye's antics captured the public's fancy.

Most of the University students have grown up with Popeye, at least those who still profess a desire for the "fannies." Segar has kept up the interest in Popeye by not injecting too much seriousness into the strip. He lampooned gangsters as ridiculously dumb men instead of enhancing their careers as great adventures, as so many other cartoonists have done.

"Thimble Theater—Starring Popeye" has enjoyed its greatest popularity in the last few weeks, oddly enough, while Segar was dangerously ill. Popeye and Wimpy faded into the background, and Swee' pea, King of Demonia, and King Caboso basked in the limelight with the demons.

Eventually Segar's successor-artist will have to bring Popeye and Wimpy back into prominence. Can it be done? The death of Sidney Smith, creator of "The Gumps," cost the strip its No. 1 popularity, a ranking which it never has recaptured.

Popeye and his pals have a long life ahead of them, despite Segar's untimely death. Spinach will long be identified with Popeye as the green stuff that makes the seafaring goby strong enough to "lick" anything or anybody. The character of Wimpy will survive for years, synonymous with the hamburgers that the affable moocher constantly craves.

The Rag Protests

The Daily Nebraskan here and now wishes to take a definite and decided stand against the unreasonable weather that is undermining the ambitions of Nebraska's student body.

We do not claim to be the answer to Mark Twain's prayer—someone who can do something about the weather—but we do feel it will do us all good to get it off our chests. It is hard enough to buckle down to serious class work in ordinary weather, but under the present Indian Summer conditions it is well nigh impossible. And it is a well-known fact that the first six weeks exams are the toughest, and they are going on right now.

Saturday's outgoing mail from the office of the dean of student affairs should be unusually heavy with "down slips." We are expecting our quota—working on the Rag and getting "down slips" go hand-in-hand—but we think we have a valid excuse. This just is not studying weather. If the weatherman would get busy and get the mercury to slip down, our fears of the "down slip" would be lessened.

Student Pulse

Farm House Tells Its Story

To the Editor:
 "Truth is stranger than fiction," according to the Sunday Nebraskan concerning the Chi Phi scholarship, and this statement certainly hits the nail on the head. No doubt the Chi Phi should be given credit for their wonderful improvement in scholarship, however, there is another fraternity on the campus to whom credit should be given where credit is due. That fraternity is Farm House.

For some unknown reason the Daily Nebraskan refuses to give Farm House credit for topping all other social fraternity averages by .2 of a point. In fact Farm House, according to the Daily Nebraskan, is not even classed as a social fraternity. Farm House is not a professional fraternity and has not been classed as such by the interfraternity council for many years. Its membership is not confined to the agricultural campus, and it does have members who are enrolled in arts and science and engineering colleges as well as the college of agriculture.

Does the Daily Nebraskan realize that Farm House is to be awarded the scholarship cup presented by the interfraternity council to the fraternity with the highest scholastic rating? If the Nebraskan is not aware of this fact it would be well to check up immediately. Farm House has won the scholarship cup six years out of the seven it has been awarded, and it expects to maintain that record. It also expects to be rec-

ognized for its efforts along the scholarship line. If this is not clear enough to the Daily Nebraskan it is suggested that the editor go to the office of the dean of student affairs where it will be found that the Farm House rating is 2.806 as compared to the Chi Phi rating of 2.607.

An Iriate Farm House Man.

ENGINEERS MEET

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 Bingham, electrical engineering, and representing the university on the program of the engineering drawing section will be Prof. T. T. Aakhus, and at the point meetings of the applied mechanics, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering meetings, Professors A. A. Luebs and W. L. DeGrafe.

General sessions will be held Saturday morning on the agricultural college campus. There will be a tractor testing demonstration and a business meeting beginning at 9:30. At 10 o'clock R. M. Green, Lincoln engineer, will discuss "New Situations Confronting the Young Engineer." There will be a luncheon at the Union building Saturday noon.

RAMSEY LECTURES

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 Other classes should not be cut for the purpose of attending them, but the romance language department points out that this will be an exceedingly enjoyable way for any student to get a learned glimpse of the rest of the world.

The series will include six lectures. Three of the talks will be addressed primarily to the French students and the series attended for credit must correspond to the language being studied. All lectures will be held at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoons.

The program of French lectures will consist of two addresses on French architecture, one given Nov. 3 and the other Dec. 1, and a

program of French music to be presented by Miss Marguerite Klinker at a date not yet announced.

Ray Ramsay will open the Spanish lecture series Thursday with an illustrated lecture on "A Trip to Mexico." Oct. 17 will be the day of the second Spanish lecture when Prof. Neils Bengtson will talk on Central America. The third talk in the series and the date have not been determined.

UNION SHOWS DECOU FILMS

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 sion will be charged. The pictures will be shown in the main ballroom of the building.

De Cou and his pictures have been well received in most of the large cities of the United States and it was only through a great deal of effort and expense that he was brought to Lincoln.

The pictures are not shown in the usual traveltalk manner. They concern themselves with life in Hawaii as it really is. There will be numerous scenes showing native life, industries, cities, hotels, beaches, and other unique points of interest which go to make Hawaii the glamorous place that it is.

GRAD COLLEGE SETS RECORD

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 history, with 29; and fifth, the department of school administration with 26. Enrollment by department follows:

Agronomy	13	Entomology	6
Anatomy	5	Geography	14
Architecture	2	Geology	13
Bacteriology	5	German	9
Biochemistry	1	History	29
Botany	16	Home Economics	13
Bus. Org.	9	Hydrology	2
Chemistry	20	Mathematics	2
Civ. Eng.	1	Philosophy	1
Dairy Husbandry	2	Pharmacy	1
Economics	20	Physiology	1
Ed. Psych.	12	Physics	1
Elem. Education	0	Phisical & Pharm	3
Eng. Mech.	0	Public Admin.	3
Eng. Mech.	1	Psychology	3
Eng. Mech.	1	Religion	1
Eng. Mech.	1	Romance Lang.	8
Eng. Mech.	1	Social Work	1
Eng. Mech.	1	Statistics	1
Eng. Mech.	1	Vocational Ed.	2
Eng. Mech.	1	Zoology	2
English	1		

Library Reveals Volume Hidden for Ten Years

Haller Letters Given In Pledge of Secrecy

For more than ten years, the university library has had a volume in its collection that no one knew about. No one has read it or used it in any way since it was placed there on November 15, 1927. The reason for the great secrecy regarding this book is explained by the following note which Gilbert H. Doane, librarian in 1927, placed within its small leather-bound pages.

"This copy of the personal letters of Frank L. Haller, formerly a university regent, written to his family from Europe in 1907, was presented to the library of the University of Nebraska. This volume is not to be used by anyone for anything for a period of ten years or so. Its existence in the library is to be kept a secret until the expiration of that period."

And so, according to the wishes of the donor, the 100-page typewritten volume was not taken from its secret hiding place in the library by Dr. Robert A. Miller, chief of the university libraries, until now. Haller, whose home was in Omaha, served as regent of the university from 1913 to 1919. He died in September of 1922.

Written 31 years ago, Haller's letters are of interest today not only because they are humorous and easy to read, but also because they reveal how rapidly the social customs and thoughts of people change during the course of a few years.

Humorous, Readable.

Evidence of the humor in Haller's writings is this excerpt from one of his letters in which he told of his visit to West Point—"We did not stay to see the cavalry change; the hotel change was enough for us." After a day on the ocean he wrote—"Explored ship and stepped during the day. Everyone up and around. Everything up and overboard by morning. A Frenchman on board told me he could not understand our American cocktail. He said: 'First you put in a little ginger to make it hot. Then you put in a little lemon to make it sour. Then you put in a little whiskey to make it strong. Then you put in a little water to make it weak. Then you say, here's to you and then you drink it yourself.'"

On arriving in Paris, Haller and his daughter visited one of the French capital's most deluxe cafes. Readers will find the following portion of his letter describing his society back in the early 1900's unusually interesting and characteristic of his literary style: "I could not tell you so much about the ladies' dresses as I didn't see much of them for most of their dresses were below the table. Between courses the women as well as men smoked cigarettes (and they were not bad women, only French society) and the men made love to the women in public. That is, they did not hide the fact that they were squeezing the woman's hands, and one fellow even kissed his partner's arm halfway up between the wrist and elbow."

Charmed by Italy.

That he was charmed with Italy is evident when he wrote during his stay in Rome, "If I were a Catholic I should come to Italy even if I had to sell the family furniture to do so. We saw the church of St. Mary Magiore, the ceiling of which was gilded with pure gold given by King Ferdinand from the gold brought over by Columbus on his first journey and discovery of America, and it is as bright as though put on only yesterday. This church represents millions of dollars and is over a thousand years old. I am staggered when I think of what it means to be in these buildings that have been the pride and admiration of mankind for over a thousand years. At last I found something that represents more money than Rockefeller has—the churches of Rome, and when you see on the walls the priceless paintings of the greatest artists the world has known it makes you hold your breath. I regret that we have mapped out anything besides Rome as our whole vacation could easily and profitably be spent here. St. Peter's will hold 100,000 people—that means twenty times as many as the Omaha auditorium. They have been unable to build an organ large enough to be heard halfway across so they have built one on huge rollers and move that around from chapel to chapel as needed.

Gatacombs Disappointing.

"The catacombs are a disappointment. To find the passages so narrow that I almost had to go sideways and the chapels where the early Christians held services not larger than a good sized bathroom was rather disappointing. The bodies of Christians were buried in long holes, placed there without coffins, the front sealed with a flat stone slab and one grave above the other. I recognized at first glance where Pullman got the idea of his upper berth for his sleeping cars."

Another interesting letter is the one describing his interview with the pope. Haller writes: "The walls of the pope's rooms are in figured red plaid and the under servants of the chamberlain are dressed in uniforms of the same material. They looked warm but the walls of the vatican are so thick that it is cool within. We waited until the pope had audience with a lot of monks and sisters. Then at last at 12:30 we were advised the pope would come into our room and see us. There were by that time thirty men and women waiting for us. When the pope entered everybody dropped either on one or

both knees. I went down on one. The pipe then went around holding out his right hand that had a large green sapphire ring surrounded with diamonds on the fourth finger and each was supposed to kiss that ring. I did not do as President Grant did when the pope held out his hand for the president to kiss. Grant shook it and said, 'How are you?' The pope was dressed in white robes, slippers of white, white skull cap and looked old for his years and intemperately sad and worried. He is a plain, kind, small man and looks like somebody's good old grandfather."

In the late summer of 1907 Haller wrote that he never saw such healthy looking young children as in Germany. He said: "I think that it would be a great thing for the future Americans if our babies would come to Germany to be born." And here's another observation from the Berlin country—"How the long dachshund ever got out of the way of the automobile I don't understand. He is a regular vestibule train of a dog and takes some time to get past a given point."

Clean Dutch.

He was impressed with the dirt-free Dutch villages. The houses, he says, no matter how poor, are so clean one could eat off the floor and the streets are as clean as our asphalt pavements on a hide hill after a cloudburst. "I venture to say that the streets of Edam, where Edam cheese comes from, the cleanest in the world, not even a match on the ground. But the signs on the houses are jaw breakers. He is one, 'Goedkoopstelem-smiddelem.' Another read, 'Skuip de Koop' and there is a snug little hotel in Edam with this sign above the door—'Damm Hotel.' There are a lot of hotels in Europe that ought to have the same sign above the door. The women clean house every day of the year and are dust and dirt crazy. If you ring the front doorbell the servant polishes it up again when you turn the corner."

The Hallers arrived home in Omaha on Labor day, and he says, "How familiar the old buffaloes wallows in the asphalt pavements looked and how the old bumps recalled our familiar streets."

FARMER'S FORMAL FILINGS

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 it hours with an average of 80 percent or above may be candidates.

1. A candidate must be carrying successfully, not less than 12 credit hours and must have completed at least 27 credit hours at the University of Nebraska during the preceding two semesters.
2. The names of all girls meeting the above requirements will be filed as candidates in the office of the dean of the college of agriculture unless they indicate otherwise when notified by the Farmers Formal Presentation Committee. Withdrawals may not be made later than 5 o'clock Tuesday evening.
3. The Farmers Formal Queen shall be elected by the men who attend the formal. One ballot shall be given to each couple at the door.
4. The voting shall begin at 8:30 Saturday evening and cease at 9:30.
5. The ballots shall be counted by the chairman and co-chairman of the Farmers Formal. One of the faculty sponsors of the Ag Executive Board shall be present to supervise the counting of the ballots.
6. The presentation committee of the Farmers Formal, supervised by one of the faculty sponsors of the Ag Executive Board, shall decide by chance, which candidate is elected in case the balloting results in a tie.

Tickets can now be purchased for 75 cents from the ticket committee consisting of Paul Fidler, Iris Johnson, Eldridge Bever, Lyle Roberts, Ray McKee, Paul Sindt, Howard Sims, Lewis Klein, Wilfred Stonebraker, Orrin Marcy, Harold Fausch, William Beachell, James Sanders, Opal Hedlund, Edith Filley, Patricia McMahon, Ellen Ann Armstrong, Lola Burke, Russell Pfeiffer, Harold Schudel, Merritt Boone, Arnold Petersons, and Mildred Bauder.

FATHER DIVINE WRITES

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 Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, Canada, yes, letters prove them to be in China and Japan." Then, in concluding the letter.

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Harold Fey Addresses 'Conscientious Objectors'

War Veteran Outlines Pacifist Party Stand

A stocky figure in a brown suit, blue eyes smiling through a pair of glasses, Harold Fey, World War veteran executive secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, outlined yesterday the pacifist stand to a small group of Nebraska students interested in conscientious objection.

"It may seem peculiar, but I always get along well with the militarists. Both the militarists and the pacifists are completely logical. I think, but they have different primary philosophical grounds upon which they do their thinking. The fellow on the middle ground seems to be in a shaky position," stated Fey as he opened the discussion.

Opposes R. O. T. C.

The pacifist outlined the stand he combined well-wishes for Kavich with a resume of his own physical condition and inventory of his person in this manner:

"With best wishes to you, this leaves ME as I would you might be Well, Healthy, Joyful, Peaceful, Lively, Loving, Successful, Prosperous and Happy in Spirit, Body and Mind and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint, limb, vein and bone and even in every atom, fibre and cell of MY bodily form."

"Peace"

"Peace" is the password of the Divine organization, whose name is legion, according to the colored religious leader. He has in his organization business firms with names that might have sprung from an Octavius Roy Cohen story. There are: Father Divine's Peace Mission Bakery, Father Divine's Peace Mission Delicatessen and Grocery Store, and Father Divine's Peace Mission Garage. He has as many local branches in New York as an average sized town has ladies luncheon circles and he has more telephone numbers in his organization than a traveling man has in his diary. He has two official headquarters, both in New York and the now-famous estate at Krum Elbow, within stone's throw of President Roosevelt, where he assertedly is carrying on the expression of his religious cult but which is also, in actuality, a sociological experiment. His whole work is a sociological problem and when his magazine arrives, David Kavich and Company will begin delving into the problem. For further details consult your local newspaper.

against military preparations and actual fighting which the F. O. R. takes. This included opposition to the R. O. T. C. In this connection Fey revealed that he had graduated from Cotner, before attending Harvard, and he had returned to Nebraska in 1925 to enter the work of the Christian church on the campus. It was during those years that he had participated in an almost successful effort to use the state's law of the initiative to get a statewide vote on compulsory military training.

"I don't believe that Christianity has ever been aided by the use of arms. Fear of aggression is the biggest cause of war. Should we abolish our army and navy, which are the world's liability we have, we would do away with the fear of aggression which makes other nations fear us and causes them to arm."

Fey attacked the usual criticism of pacifism, which is the comparison of armies to police, calmly and methodically. His unhurried composure was shown by his hands which were completely relaxed. Differences between police and the army he pointed out thus. First, the police seek to apprehend a criminal and bring him to justice, not administering "justice" themselves, the army doesn't ferret out outlaws but crushes communities, women and children. Second, the policeman represents the entire community, not one section or race as do the armies. Third, the police are subject to law themselves as to their methods of dealing with our social enemies, restrictions on the activities of the armies he left to his listeners for conjecture.

International Police Force.

"I believe there is a place for an international police force, but not for an international army. Such a force would protect people against pirates and hold plebiscites as the one in the Saar. As to the necessity of a force to carry out the acts of a future more powerful World Court, it might be noted that our own supreme court relies on no force of arms to carry out its decisions, they are enforced by consent."

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