

Coward Acts Open Players 1939 Season

Three Excerpts From 'Tonight at 8:30' Billed for Jan. 10

Not one play but three one-act dramas written by Noel Coward make up the bill of fare to be presented by the University Players Tuesday, Jan. 10, in carrying their



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NOEL COWARD.
...his plays brilliant, biting.

current season over into 1939. This marks the first attempt by the players to give a program of one-act plays only and represents several departures in stage design as well.

The plays, "Ways and Means," "The Astonished Heart" and "Fumed Oak," are part of a volume of nine one-act plays under the title, "Tonight at 8:30," written by the brilliant and often brittle British playwright to help restore the short play to its "rightful pride."

Technical Difficulties.

Remoaning the "fall from favor" of one-act dramas, Mr. Coward wrote the plays "especially" as an experiment "to provide a full and varied evening's entertainment for theater goers," as he himself says in a preface to the volume. The "triple bill," one up on the double feature, is not new but will provide an interesting experience for campus playgoers.

Technical difficulties presented themselves when it was found that three stage sets, entirely different, would be necessary. To facilitate changing of the stage, and to cut down on the size of the several sets, DeFord Brunner, stage designer, employed "suggestive realism," a technique in which the "flats" of scenery represent only the walls of the room or whatever the setting, with even a hint of a ceiling.

Test Performances.

Set up against a black cyclorama which is nothing more or less than a big, black backdrop, and with the scene of action highly spotlighted in contrast to utter blackness beyond, the setting calls upon the audience to use their imagination to a greater extent than usual.

The bare stage used by the Mercury theatre in their well known presentation of "Julius Caesar" embodies this same idea to a greater degree to use as little scenery as possible.

To test audience reaction, the players will perform in their triple bill Thursday at the reform school and Saturday at the Veterans' hospital. In rehearsal since mid-December under the direction of Prof. Herbert Yenne, the several casts show promise of being in good form by Tuesday.

Faculty Members Give Recital

Misses Klinker, Morley Play Piano Wednesday

Miss Marguerite Klinker, member of the piano faculty, and Miss Frances Morley, an associate member of the music faculty, will present a two piano recital as a feature of the musical convocation Wednesday at 4 p. m. in Temple. This is the second two piano program to be presented by the school of music this semester.

Because of the high standard of their former recitals, one of the large audiences of the season is anticipated. The two Lincoln artists will play a program of nine numbers, including an interesting collection from both the classical and the modern schools.

Both are graduates of the University of Nebraska school of music and both have taken work with some of the leading artists. Miss Morley is also an accomplished flutist. Their program, open to the public, is as follows:

- La Lodiola, La Juliette, Concerto.
- Fantasia and Fugue, in A minor, Bach-Bauer.
- The Pulissee Fountain, Arnold Bax.
- Dance at Midnight (Rumba), Dana Buzzeo.
- Value, Pulissee-Klinker.
- Variations on a French Folk-song, Marguerite Klinker.
- Wear Op. 3, No. 3, Tarantelle Op. 17, No. 4, B. Rachmaninoff.

Dr. Patterson to Lead Biblical Oddity Study

Dr. Charles Patterson of the philosophy department will lead a series of discussions on the oddities found in the teachings of the Bible, beginning Sunday evening at Westminster Presbyterian church.

The discussions are part of a fellowship program for university students sponsored by the church, and will begin each Sunday at 7:30 following a supper and worship service.

Nebraskan Views, Reviews Campus Events of 1938

Year's Headlines Pass Into History, Memory

Unlike the rest of the world, students on the campus of the University passed the year of 1938 more or less peacefully. However, the 12 months did not slip by without many unusual and usual incidents, occurring. In the following regimes of campus life during the year (with time out for vacations) we will attempt to bring you the outstanding incidents as they appeared in the Rag.

JANUARY—Student Union opening set for March 1.—A weather report in the "Rag" read: Warner in Bed.—Sam Francis and Bernie Scherer, former N. U. grid stars return from ranks of pro-football.—Once again the registration will begin three day grind.—Rag scoops papers of the country with printing of diary of a coed's stomach.—Three local stores suffer credit disasters as phoney student nips them with fake identification card.—Thirty-two N. Y. A. students spend month scraping fossil bones in Museum.—Sgt. Regler, campus cop, advises students to "watch the fellow in front of the fellow behind you

when driving."—Exam schedules become literature of the moment.—Sarah Louis Meyer, leading Nebraska columnist, is felled by intelligibility scythe, manned by Dean of Student Affairs.—Bruce Campbell takes over her column spot with famous Chips.—Awwgan reveals sex life of the Stork.—Many disillusioned students are a result.—First woman editor in 15 years heads Rag staff as Helen Pascoe takes over editorial duties.—

FEBRUARY—Birdhead, Ponca Indian chief visits campus. In exclusive interview with a Rag reporter, answers "Ughh" to all question on European situation.—Groundhog makes annual visit to campus, and warns students that spring will be delayed six weeks.—A sophomore Apollo in engineering college makes campus news when he writes Mary Lane, World Herald substress, for advice on campus love life.—Led by Coach Adams, the wrestling team downs an intoxicated rival. It all happened on a train trip home for the team when they met a drunk who wanted to fight.—Rain soaked library book tells tale of woe to student body in Nebraskan article (Continued on Page 4)

Dorm Bids Due Friday

Proposals for General Contract Let Jan. 6

Bids on the general contract for the two new dormitory units to be erected north of Carrie Belle Raymond are due Friday at 2 o'clock according to the dormitory committee.

Following the setting in of the deadline for the accepting of contracts, the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The two units will be joined completely on the first floor and basement and the rear units will be attached to the dining room wing of the present dormitory, Raymond hall. The second and third floors of the new units will be entirely separate.

The front division of the new structure will house 96 girls and the rear unit will have rooms for 112. The first floor of each unit will hold the office of the house director, her living rooms and bedroom suite beside private rooms for 24 girls. Each will have complete equipment in the basement for study rooms, recreation rooms, laundry, shampoo and storage rooms.

The architecture of the new building will be the same style as that of Carrie Belle Raymond.

Engineer Group Honors DeBaufre

N. U. Professor Gains National Recognition

In recognition of his many researches in the field of heat transfer, Prof. William L. DeBaufre, chairman of the department of engineering mechanics, has received notice of his appointment to membership on the committee on papers of the professional division on heat transfer of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Professor DeBaufre has published a number of papers dealing with his research. He is also a member of the sub-committee on heat transfer by radiation of the national research council. At the present time he teaches a course on flow of fluids and heat which is based on a significant amount of information resulting from his years of research in the field.

Union Opens Photo Contest

Cash Prizes Offered For Best Snapshots

A cash prize photograph contest enabling enthusiasts to turn their fun into money will start today, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. Yinger, social director of the Union.

The purpose of the contest is to obtain illustrations for a booklet dealing with the Union and its activities which will be published in the spring.

Two grand prizes of \$75.00 each will be awarded to the students submitting the best interior and the best exterior shots of the building. Smaller prizes of \$2.00 will be awarded to the students submitting the best pictures of the ballroom and of each of the rooms on the first floor. Interior shots should illustrate some phase of student activity.

All pictures submitted will be judged on the basis of their photographic excellence and their adaptability to use in the booklet. According to the rules of the contest all prints submitted must be at least 3 by 5 inches. The contest will close at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

All pictures submitted will be placed on exhibition in the Union. After the contest all of the pictures will become the property of the Union. No contestant may win more than \$95.00.

The booklet which is to be distributed to freshmen and prospective students will deal with the history, services, functions, politics, and social life of the Union.

International Relations Club to Meet Thursday

Thursday's meeting of the International Relations club will feature a discussion of the recent Lima conference following the usual 6 o'clock supper in the Grand hotel.

An invitation to attend the evening meeting has been extended to undergraduates by members of the organization who feel that the students in the university are not taking enough interest in international affairs and want to welcome them into the group.

Those wishing to attend the discussion are not required to be present at the supper, but may come about 6:30 o'clock. Fred Evans is chairman for the meeting.

Negro Youth Plan Series Of Forums

Atlanta Sociologist To Lecture at First Session February 18

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, noted Negro author and lecturer, will deliver a lecture in Lincoln, Feb. 15, under the auspices of the Lincoln Young People's Forum, local Negro youth organization. Dr. DuBois, who is head of the Department of Sociology at Atlanta university, will speak on "Democracy."

Dr. DuBois is the first of a number of nationally known speakers to be brought to Lincoln by the Young People's Forum.

The Forum was organized in September of 1937 by a group of students from the different colleges, universities, and high schools as well as laymen of the three Negro churches in Lincoln. The purpose of the organization is to provide means whereby there can be clearer interpretation and better insight into the trends of contemporary thought and the shifting standards of ethics and educational problems.

To Offer Scholarships.

Another primary aim of the organization is to create a scholarship fund for the sole purpose of aiding Negro students in their effort to educate themselves in the universities and colleges throughout Nebraska by providing scholarships. The group is sponsored by the Newman Methodist Episcopal church and has as its advisor Mr. G. B. Evans, chairman of the board of trustees of the Newman church.

The talk by Dr. DuBois will be given at 8:15, Feb. 15, at the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church. Admission will be 50 cents and tickets are available at the Alumni and Union offices.

White Gives Debate Plans

Collective Action For Democracies Is Subject

Debate plans for the second semester were announced this week by Prof. H. A. White, debate coach. Subject will be, "Resolved, that collective action on the part of world democracies is necessary to guarantee their survival." Students are eligible to try out for the team who have the rank of sophomore or above.

Tentative plans call for trips to Colorado and Chicago sometime during early spring. The University of South Dakota and several Kansas schools are already scheduled to discuss the above question.

On Jan. 11 the University team will take the affirmative side in a contest with the University of California, while in February Nebraska and Hastings college debaters will stage several debates in various communities.

Craigton meets Nebraska Feb. 16 in Omaha, one of the programs arranged at the request of the Omaha Association of Credit Men. The debate will center around the question, "Resolved, that the United States should cease giving money to stimulate business."

Orchestrals to Rehearse Tonight at Seven

Orchestra will hold its regular business meeting this evening at 7 o'clock in the dance studio. All members including the new members must be present.

Unicameral Faces Two Recommendations Vital To Nebraska U's Status

Legislators to Consider Ten Year Construction Plan, University Budget

Faced by two recommendations vital to the university, the unicameral got under way at noon yesterday.

First of these is a ten year state building program calling for the expenditure of approximately \$460,000 a year presented by the state planning board headed by A. C. Tilley.

Ninth on the 35-project list of needed repairs, replacements, new additions, and new buildings at various state institutions, is the university library. As proposed, the structure would cost \$800,000.

Propose Budget Increase.

A \$275,000 building at the university medical college in Omaha is listed twelfth. In 13th place is a \$600,000 engineering building on the Lincoln campus.

Ranking above university projects are expenditure-proposals providing for equipment, remodeling, replacements and repairs for eight other state institutions.

Second of the recommendations is that of University Chancellor C. S. Boucher and the board of regents providing for an increase of \$344,663 in the school's budget for the coming two years.

Fear for Uni Status.

Fearing for the national status of the university, the chancellor and the regents based their request upon the needs for:

1. Additional instructors needed to reduce the number of classes in which enrollments are too large for effective teaching, and to meet the demands for broader offerings in some fields.
2. Small salary increases to some of the best faculty members.
3. Funds for readjustments in some departments, necessary to improve the quality of instruction.
4. Laboratory and classroom equipment and books for the university library.
5. Funds with which to pay necessarily increased cost of heating, light, and janitor service.
6. Staff increases and the providing of additional facilities required for the nursing, social work, and music schools.
7. Coordination of administrative departments so that they can function with a greater efficiency and effectiveness.
8. A bureau of instructional research which will subject the entire educational program to a job-analysis comparable to that employed by commercial and industrial firms for the attainment of efficiency and economy.

Of the present status of the school, the regents had this to say: "During the last three bienniums, our actual standing and our relative standing have been lowered among leading universities."

Regents State Reasons.

"This has been due to the lack of merely adequate, not luxurious, housing for several important parts of our program; to the lack of necessary equipment; to the lack of library reference books; to the lack of sufficient instructional staffs in some colleges; to the loss of some of our best faculty members to institutions able to pay higher salaries and offer facilities for teaching and research; and to our inability to attract faculty members of distinction equal to those lost, or men for new positions equal in caliber to those who won for the university its place of distinction."

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Dr. Boucher Appoints Four Sub-Committee Heads in Uni Research

Dean of Student Affairs T. J. Thompson, Physics Department Chairman H. H. Marvin, Dr. J. P. Guilford of the psychology department, and Dr. D. A. Worcester, chairman of the department of educational psychology and measurements, were recently named sub-committee chairmen in charge of specific university research projects.

Appointed by Chancellor C. C. Boucher in compliance with the plans laid down by the university committee on instructional policies and practices, their names were announced by Dr. C. H. Oldfather, dean of the college of arts and sciences and chairman of the policies commission.

Boucher Backs Plan.

The sub-committees which the four will head are: Curriculum, university division, student guidance, and instruction.

The subjects which these committees will study have already been the object of research by the individual colleges. In his initial address before the faculty, Chancellor Boucher emphasized the need for a permanent committee which would guide research in the field of instructional policies and practices. The current program of research is the result of the appointment of such a committee.

Study Division System.

Heretofore, student guidance has been performed more or less by the various colleges. The sub-committee on guidance, headed by Dr. Guilford, will study this problem with an eye to co-ordinating the entire guidance and personnel setup with specific emphasis on pre-university counsel. Included will be an analysis of the university's entrance testing program.

It will be the duty of Dr. Worcester's committee on instruction to study present teaching methods. This group will strive to evaluate procedures in use, investigate the efficiency of the present grading system, and study the relative sizes of various classes.

Of most immediate interest is the project of university division, now in the hands of Dr. Marvin's committee. This group will investigate the practicability of a one year lower division system similar to that now in use at Yale and Ohio universities.

Improves Fresh Instruction.

Such a lower division plan keeps all freshmen together during their first year of university work. In this way, it eases their introduction to college and facilitates the transition from high school to university. Such a plan also improves the instruction of first year students and facilitates vocational advice.

Such a plan need not imply any changes in the present first year curriculum of the various colleges. Freshmen would pursue essentially the same courses of study, although they would be kept as a unit and not be considered as belonging to engineering, pharmacy, or arts college as they now are. All freshmen would be given aptitude tests from time to time. To determine whether or not they are qualified to enter the professional colleges.

Aptitude Tests.

Only those students whose tests showed favorable aptitudes and whose scholastic averages were sufficiently high would be advised to enter the various colleges with the beginning of the second year. In this way, students would be in a better position to find out in their first year, not their third, whether or not they can hope to be successful in a particular profession.

Among the other projects to be considered by Dean Oldfather's committee are ways to accelerate and improve the teaching of superior students, the overlapping and duplication of courses, the problem of making classes smaller, and the number of courses now offered by the various departments.

Union Bookplate Designs Due Soon

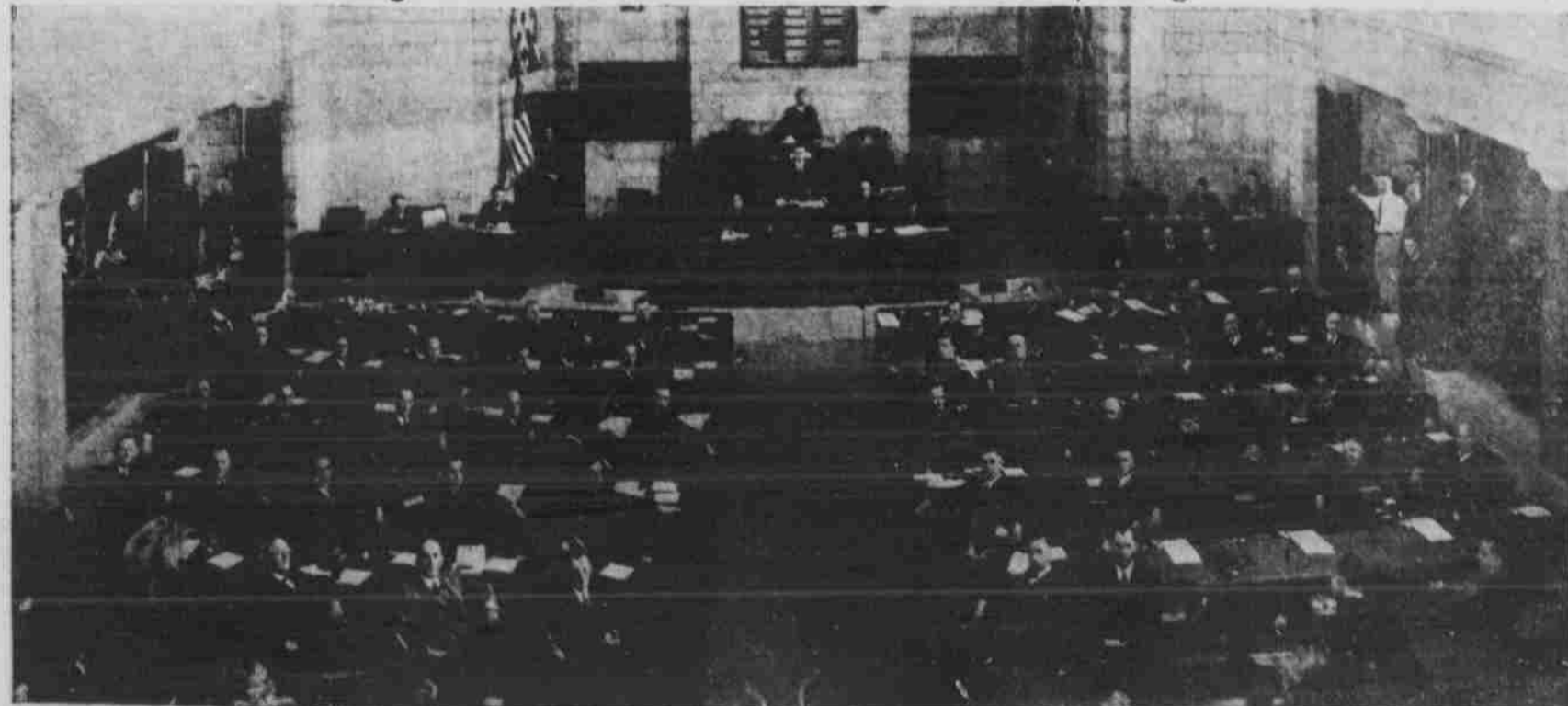
Award of \$5 Goes To Winning Entry

With only three days remaining before the deadline in the Union bookplate contest, all contestants are urged to turn in their entries as soon as possible in order to facilitate judging. The winning design is to be used to identify the books belonging to the Union browsing room.

A prize of \$5 worth of books is being offered to the successful designer. All students are eligible to compete. Only requirement in the contest is that all plates include these phrases or their equivalent: "Student Union Library, University of Nebraska, donated by J. C. Seacrest."

Deadline for the contest has been set for Friday by the Union library committee. The winning bookplate will be placed in the front of all of the books purchased for the "Book Nook" with the \$1,000 donated to the Union by Mr. Seacrest for the purpose of buying books.

Legislators Take Seats at Unicameral Opening



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The 1938 version of Nebraska's second unicameral legislature settled to its seat ten minutes after noon Tuesday ready to sit tight and ride thru what is predicted will be a stormy, yet short, 53rd session.

Several hours later, the presumably non-partisan body, yet reportedly composed of a majority of republicans, chose Senator W. H. Diers of Gretna, a democrat, for its speaker. Diers' opponents, both republicans, were Dr. A. L. Miller

of Kimball and Edwin Schultz of Elgin. Smoke, both political and tobacco, began filling the legislative chambers early Tuesday morning as a horde of job hunters and the truck drivers invaded the ten million dollar capital building to make their wants known. Persons aspiring to any legislative plum from sergeant at arms to page boy were on hand to do their bit of private lobbying before convention time occurred.

Truck strikers from Omaha and Lincoln and carrying various signs and placards marched around the capitol lot, thru the halls, and up the corridors asking that the anti-lucketing law be repealed. In another luxurious, quiet room, far away from the drone of the legislative opening, the Nebraska supreme court was holding hearings on the constitutionality of the law. The newness of unicameralism somewhat dulled, the session

lacked the spark of promptness and forethought as Lieut. Gov. Nate Parsons pounded the gavel for assembly. Behind the expensive marble pillars sat John P. Scanning, political science professor and one of the fathers of the one house system, chatting quietly with Charles Warner, defeated gubernatorial candidate and speaker of the first unicameral assembly two years ago. On the other side of the floor sat H. A. Foster, who is contesting the

election of John Adams of the Fifth district. Near the rear of the room sat Harry Swanson, secretary of state, whose signature on a list of certified elected members was later needed and held the legislature to inactivity for 45 minutes. Rev. M. V. Ogel of Westminster Presbyterian church opened with a prayer asking that "our chosen representatives vote their convictions—not the emotions of the unthinking mob."