

# University observes 70th Charter Day

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### Phi Psis. Phi Deltas robbed of over \$400

#### Thieves enter houses by open doors; Reglar calls for keys, locks

Over \$400 in cash, clothing and accessories were stolen from the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta houses early yesterday morning.

Thieves entered by the unlocked front doors in both instances, according to evidence obtained by Sergeant Reglar of the campus police.

The thefts apparently occurred between 2 and 8 a. m. since there were several boys up and about in each house who said that the property was still intact at 2 o'clock, and the loss was discovered at 8 the next morning and reported to police headquarters.

#### Harnsberger big loser.

The bulk of the loss occurred at the Phi Kappa Psi house at 1548 S where \$380.60, which included \$22 in cash, was taken. Carl Harnsberger was the biggest loser, missing \$127 in the form of two suits, a leather jacket, a portable typewriter and \$20 in cash.

The other Phi Psi losses were George Yetter, a watch and a suit, Bert Smith, a suit and \$2 in cash; Phillip Southwick, a watch and typewriter; Bert Vickery, an electric razor.

From the Phi Delta Theta house a suit and overcoat belonging to William Anderson were taken.

#### Thieves move quietly.

In the Phi Psi house, all the property was taken from the second floor where only one boy was sleeping, and nothing was taken from the room he occupied. Everything was taken from unlocked rooms, no locks were jimmied, no one was awakened and no noises were heard. Likewise no one was disturbed in Phi Delta house.

Reglar blamed the thefts on negligence on the part of the fraternities in leaving doors unlocked. "Despite repeated warnings," he insisted, "fraternities and sororities persist in leaving doors unlocked, leaving no obstacle for would-be criminals. The surprise—  
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### No rest for the phys ed!

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'Charter' cut denied swim class

While Charter Day offers a one day respite from 11 o'clocks to most students, to Mrs. Beck's 11 o'clock class in swimming, it is only one more period that must be made up.

Effective this year, the phys ed department has a ruling that a student must attend a one hour course for at least 48 hours. Theoretically, the class should meet 54

times, but actually, allowing for five misses during the finals and three during the spring vacation, it will meet but 46 times.

Nevertheless, the department says that a student must attend his class 48 times to get credit.

Now, with the Charter Day cut, the members must attend the class three times that it doesn't meet.

### Dubois to talk for university fund tonight

#### Negro educator, author speaks on 'Democracy' at St. Paul's church

Considered one of the greatest Negro scholars and a leading educator in the United States, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois will deliver an address on "Democracy" tonight at 8:15 at St. Paul Methodist church. Sponsored by the Lincoln Young Peoples Forum, Dr. DuBois' address is a part of a program for the purpose of establishing a scholarship fund for Negro students at the university.

The author of "Black Reconstruction" and "The Souls of Black Folk," Dr. DuBois is a recognized writer in the field of social science, holds the chair of sociology at the University of Atlanta in Georgia. Graduated a Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard, he studied at the University of Berlin and has traveled Europe, Asia and West Africa.



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### Stage set for annual Penny Show

#### Games, date bureau, lie detector feature Carnival on Saturday

Featuring games of skill, a date bureau, a lie detector and many other added attractions, the annual coed counselor Penny Carnival will be held between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30, Saturday, in Grant Memorial. Tickets for the affair are 15c including 10c for expenditure at the carnival and 5c for general admission.

Chairman of the booth committee, Maxine Lake and Elizabeth Smith, selected the concessions of 19 women's organized houses for participation in the event. Houses taking part in the affair are Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Delta Tau, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa, Rosa  
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### Ag board sets festival date

#### Goddess of agriculture to be revealed March 25

Presentation of the goddess of agriculture and the annual Ag spring party will be March 25, the Agricultural Executive Board decided at its meeting last week.

The presentation has grown to be one of the outstanding social activities of the year, was carried over a local broadcasting station last year. The goddess and six attendants are elected by the home economics students, and their identity kept a strict secret until the moment of presentation.

#### Committee in charge.

The party, which will be held in the Agricultural Activities building, is in charge of a committee with Will Pitner and Iris Johnson as co-chairmen.

Other committees: Orchestra and favors, Milton Gustafson, Ruth Bander; publicity and chaperones, Rhoda Chesley; decorations, Roger Cunningham, Ruthanna Russell; presentation, Annabel Hutchinson, Edwin Rousek; tickets, George Gooding, Ann Gersib.

### Delta Sigma Pi meets in Union tonight at 7

The regular meeting of Delta Sigma Pi will be held this evening at 7:00 in the Union, room 316.

At a professional meeting at 8:00, Mr. Harry De Frene, assistant secretary of Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance company, will speak to the chapter on "The Psychology of Selling." All members and others interested are urged to attend.

## Edith Abbott talks to convo at 10:15

### Chicago dean of social service administration to discuss 'Frontiers of Social Welfare' today

In celebration of 70 years of growth, the University of Nebraska dismisses all 10 and 11 o'clock classes this morning in order to hold its annual birthday party in the coliseum.

Students will convene for a general convocation at 10:15 to hear Edith Abbott, dean of social service administration at the University of Chicago, speak on the subject "Frontiers of Social Welfare."



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### Blue Print goes on sale

#### February issue runs article on telephone co.

The February issue of the Nebraska Blue Print, engineering college publication, will be placed on the stands for distribution today.

The new issue features an article by Richard Ostwald, engineering senior, on "Apprenticeship Training." It deals with a discussion of the problems confronting managers of industrial plants when they attempt to procure skilled labor.

An article based on facts compiled by the Nebraska Engineering society tells of a Bell Telephone construction crew and its reconstruction work in New Hampshire after the recent hurricane. "Brimstone," an article dealing with the sulphur industry, has been written by Francis Loetterle, engineering junior.

Dean O. J. Ferguson has an article concerning the development of engineering courses up to the present day.

### Student Council meets to elect vice-president

A new vice president and holdover member to fill the position left vacant by Barbara Selleck will be elected by the Student Council at its meeting this afternoon in Union 315. All members must be present for the election.

### Ag jitterbugs to jive Friday

#### Swing contest planned at Countryman dance

Featuring a jitterbug contest, the Cornhusker Countryman "stomp session" will be held Friday night in the activities building on ag campus, the first party ever to be sponsored by the ag college publication.

The stomp is expected to definitely settle the jitterbug championship of the season, with prizes to be awarded to the winners. Billy Keister will furnish music for the session scheduled to begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Chairman in charge of the affair is Lev Cooksley, assisted by Ed Rousek. Ruth Ann Sheldon heads the decorations committee, assisted by Viona Hader, Keith Gilmore and Bob Wheeler comprise the ticket committee.

### Tassels report at 9:30 to usher for Charter Day

Tassels will report to the coliseum this morning at 9:30 to usher for the annual Charter day services.

A former Nebraskan and graduate from this university in 1901, Dr. Abbott returns this morning to her alma mater to charge the student body with the vast field of social welfare yet to be studied, illustrating with experiences which she has had in that field.

At present listed in "Who's Who in America" among the leading women in the country, the Charter Day speaker has had a remarkable life. Graduating from Nebraska, Miss Abbott went to Chicago where she received a fellowship in political economy. There she was given her Ph.D. degree.

Additional graduate work was taken in the University of London, from which she returned to take a position of instructor in political economy in Wellesley college. Her stay at that institution was short lived, for within a year Miss Abbott was offered the position of associate director of the Chicago school of civics.

#### Various positions.

Taking this post, the speaker has put in the last 30 years working in various departments of this school. Her promotion in 1924 established her in the office of dean of social service administration, where she has remained ever since.

Recognition of her service in the field of social work, as well as for her extensive research and publication—  
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### Prom plans due Friday

#### Election is set for Feb. 28 in Union

With the final deadline drawing near, all plans for the Prom Girl presentation must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 17, to the DAILY NEBRASKAN editor's office. Accompanying the entry must be a detailed account of the expenses involved.

Seeking to present the 1939 Prom Girl in as different and modern manner as possible, the Junior-Senior Prom committee has set aside \$10 prize money for the person who conceives the best method of presentation. The total cost of the presentation must not exceed \$35, and if the winning set of plan does not incur a cost of more than this amount, the \$10 prize money will be forfeited.

Election of the Prom Girl will be held in the Union, Tuesday, Feb. 28, and candidates for the honor must file between Monday, Feb. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 23. Sororities are urged to file their candidates with photographs as soon as possible when filing opens in the activities office in the coliseum.

The closing party of the formal season will be held Friday, March 3, in the coliseum.

### Weaker of stronger sex faint at ROTC showing of first aid pictures

What is this university coming to? What has it become? Big, strong men can no longer watch a film on first aid without fainting.

This is a real incident. Some R. O. T. C. freshmen actually fainted during the recent showing of a first aid film in the military department. If all young men are becoming this way, what would our country ever do if there should be a war? If pictures explaining first aid for battle wounds makes these fellows show their heels (not in running, they didn't have even that much strength) what would they do in a real war?

The so-called "stronger sex" must be weakening, or is the "weaker sex" getting stronger? In any case, the men had better look to their laurels.

### 'Hellzapoppin' in current Players' comedy at opening

#### Shakespeare furnishes laughs to first nighters

By Barbara Rosewater.  
That streamlined farce "Hellzapoppin," currently playing on Broadway would find a great deal in common with the opening performance of "The Comedy of Errors" last night in Temple. Horseplay of the Harpo Marx school was carried on in the grand Shakespearean manner by Robert Johnson and Verne Geisinger as long-separated twin merchants, and Jack Bittner and LaRue Sorrell as their twin servants.

Johnson is Antipholus of Syracuse who arrives in Ephesus to find himself mistaken for his brother, claimed by his brother's wife and besieged by his brother's creditors.

#### Bittner gets laughs.

The play was definitely a man's play and fattest parts went to the four actors just named. To Bittner goes credit for the most bellylaughs on the part of the audience. As the befuddled but witty servant of the visiting bachelor, Bittner danced about the stage on rubber legs, continually being mixed up by meeting one or the

other of the twin merchants and performing commission for the Syracuse master only to be beaten by the Ephesus master for neglecting commissions given the second twin servant.

Johnson is well able to handle his part in the farce with the possible exception of his romance with pert Barbara Birk. Geisinger plays the misunderstood husband of Adriana—Rowena Beadle to you, and does it up brown. His best scene is the one in which he beats on the door of his own home clamoring for admittance while his wife dines within with his twin brother and the servants mock him from the windows.

#### Sorrell shines.

Sorrell also shines in this scene, his most difficult feat being to catapult himself across the stage to smash against the door—a delicate task since the stage door is a delicate door, and to actually break it down is not in the script.

Much of the humorous dialogue smacks of the old Orpheum vaudeville. In one Bittner-Johnston scene where puns fly thick and fast, one can almost see a straw  
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