

## Editorially Speaking

HURRAH

How good it is to be alive today!

How good to inhale the freshness, the invigorating crispness of early spring air. How fortunate to linger in the arms of the university, drinking deeply of its knowledge, of its lessons in understanding. How fine to have the opportunity to develop ourselves into finer, more worthwhile citizens for posterity to follow.

Higher education and the fast moving collegiate life, however, are teaching much more than simply academic subjects. Instead they are teaching the psychology of humans, not only in the class where instruction is offered, but in our daily discussions and activities. It is inevitable that as we meet, greet, and work with large numbers of fellow students every day, we will learn to know people, to know what they think,

to understand how and why they act the way they do.

That is why it is good to be alive today. Because we are smart. We don't fall for all that idealistic nonsense that was crammed down our parents' throats. We know from actual experience, from conversing with smart people, that at last we are really gaining a practical education. It is practical because it is real.

We've been around too much, seen too much, to know that even your best pal can be trusted. You have to stick up for yourself in this world, if you want to get to the top—and it's getting to the top that counts.

Cranks who advocate reform are people to keep an eye on. Experience teaches pretty early in life, that whenever anyone wants to improve some evil, he has a mighty personal axe to grind. Doing what is right and just because of a personal conviction that conditions generally stink, doesn't happen in this world.

Diogenes was certainly a sucker!

## Moritz announces 13 teaching placements

Thirteen teaching placements have been reported to Prof. R. D. Moritz, director of the university teacher placement bureau. With the exception of Otto Dillon who is already teaching, the following will begin their assignments next fall:

- Helen Hinkson, Shickley, Neb.
- Otto Dillon, Tatum, N. M.
- Luella Hunt, Oakland, Neb.
- Harland Bentley, Guide Rock, Neb.
- Helen McElvain, Gresham, Neb.
- Paul Maxwell, Sutherland, Neb.
- Robert Hammond, North Loup, Neb.
- Wilma Best, Tekamah, Neb.
- Betty McDermand, Seward, Neb.
- Jean Gist, Hartington, Neb.
- Norina Row, Western, Neb.
- Leonore Hintz, Emerson, Neb.

## Oldfather to dedicate Union college library

Dean C. H. Oldfather of the college of arts and sciences will give the dedicatory address for the new Union college library Tuesday. He also has been named one of three delegates to represent the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education in Washington, D. C., May 5 and 6.

tal work and other phases of the college's objectives that he is interested in. Faculty members will spend the day acting as hosts to those in attendance at the fair.

## Klan--

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Christians and Jews, now in its 11th year, was called by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes as a move toward analyzing the hysterical "anti" groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, the Know Nothing and Americanism movements. It now sponsors intercollegiate conferences, radio broadcasts and round tables, and serves as a clearing house for materials on Church-Synagogue co-operation.

A new pop-drinking record has been set at the University of Mississippi: Burns Devors swigged 12 bottles in 29 minutes.

## Poet--

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minutes. He lived among the Indians for several years and formed an intimate acquaintance with them. A number of his works have Indian themes.

With his wife and four children he now lives on Lake Taneycomo

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in the Ozark mountains near Branson, Mo. He is a member of the Order of Book-Fellows, Sigma Tau Delta, and an honorary member of the Companion Order of Indian Wars of the United States.

While in Lincoln, the Neihardts will be guests of Prof. and Mrs. Orin Stepanek.

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## Student Pulse

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To the Editor:

So our dear Mr. Kaplan is going to pick the Innocents for this year! That's just to ducky for words. But in between stinks it is also one of the most unmitigated pieces of pure green gall that has happened on this campus since it became my privilege to attend this great university.

In the first place, it is practically a hundred percent pure politics. Surely there is more than pure coincidence in the fact that about half of these sterling, upright leaders of mankind are also members of the Kosmet Klub, that paragon among campus outfits of which Mr. Kaplan is also a member.

Aside from this entirely, I feel sorry for the fellows chosen for Innocency by our august editor. I do know that many of them are fine fellows, hard working and honest. For that same reason I cannot feature why they would allow their names to be dragged into this front page political stench in such a manner.

In the second place, it is none of Mr. Kaplan's business as to whom the Innocents' society may choose to carry on their existence for the next year or so. It has been my understanding during the several years that I have been here, that the wearers of the scarlet robes were chosen by the society in secret from a list of candidates elected by popular vote of the students as a body.

This should mean that the editor's voice would count no more

than his ballot, as one among many. Why, then, does he attempt to bully the society into his choices by putting his bellows into newsprint?

Point number three deals with Mr. Kaplan's curt dismissal of barb candidates with the misstatement that none of them have shown sufficient leadership and ability to be worthy of Innocency.

How about our Ellsworth Steele, who is engaged in more campus activities than any other two men that Mr. Kaplan might be able to name offhand? It may be true that his activities are not all listed in the files of that superfluous organization laughingly referred to as the men's point board; but their work is undoubtedly more important than the plutocratic Kosmet Klub in the development of the excellent qualities which Kaplan is extolling all over the place.

I cannot understand how Kaplan could have written the first and last parts of that scurrilous junk on the same day that he wrote the middle portion, scoring the Innocents for dirty politics and favoritism in past selections. It just ain't possible.—Barb 717.

To the Editor:

In all earnestness, Mr. Editor, may I have your fair consideration of our campaign, to raise money to aid the Chinese students? Do we, or do we not, have the obligation of giving a few of our dollars to the Chinese students?

Even a university student knows the difficulty which China faces. Regardless of our sympathies in the eastern war, we recognize that China lacks educated leaders and that unless she is given internal help, her millions of human beings will suffer for generations the misery of turmoil, ignorance and wasteful strife—and probably widespread starvation and disease.

Chinese students are following their bomb-harrassed universities far into the country's rock interior, and are daily meeting more hardships than you or I meet in a month or year. There, the educational system, though physically shattered, is striving to continue on a tiny fraction of the wealth consumed by our system. There, the future leaders of that country are being begged, actually begged, by the government to continue their studies as long as they possibly can. And, here, we like to toss our quarters on the counter for drinks or a movie!

The question is plain. Our money does 20 times as much for the Chinese students as for us, and China's need is at least 20 times as great as ours. Two of our quarters give a Chinese student ten days' board, and one of our nickels gives him three meals! Can we at all justify a refusal to help him, can we look honestly at the problem and utter a cold "no?" Sincerely, X.

## Delta Sigma Pi pledges five men

At a business meeting of Delta Sigma Pi held Wednesday night, five men were pledged. They were Sidney Snyder, Vernon Wiebusch, Donald Rector, Melbourne Johnson, and Richard Allgood.

## Ecologist receives grant to aid work

### Society gives Weaver \$450 to study moisture

Dr. J. E. Weaver of the department of botany has received a grant of \$450 from the American Philosophical society for continuation of his study on the effect of the drouth on prairie vegetation.

The university ecologist, who is a recognized authority on prairie vegetation, was recently appointed to represent the state on the committee on ecology of the grasslands of the national research council.

### Survey moisture on prairie.

"We are continuing our survey of soil moisture conditions from west central Iowa to the Oklahoma border," Dr. Weaver said. "The grant will enable us to proceed with the study begun in 1929. Our data reveal all the detailed changes in the makeup of the prairie since the beginning of the drouth in 1934, and show the effect of decreased moisture on the tracts of prairie from western Iowa to Oklahoma."

Dr. Weaver and his assistants inspect several hundred permanent plots of native vegetation over this area each year. They studied these remaining grasslands in the years before the drouth, and they have studied them each year of the dry cycle so that their records give an accurate account of the constant struggle of native species to withstand sustained periods of adverse weather.

Dr. F. W. Albertson, who received his Ph. D. from Nebraska in 1937, and who is now on the staff of Fort Hayes, Kas., State college, is Dr. Weaver's chief assistant.

## 'Alumnus'--

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justify such a course of action, but because of uncontrolled emotions. Americans like to espouse the cause of the weak. They are easily propogandized.... a law permitting discrimination against an agressor nation will give free play to emotions in the event that there is a European war.... American sympathies would become more inflamed.... From hysteria to war the distance is short and easily traversed."

## 'Aaron Slick'--

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key, Broken Bow, as Clarence Green, the poetic man of mystery; Vivian Brown, Western, as Gladys Mae Merriden, Wilbur's sweet young niece; Barbara Crandall, Curtis, as "Sis," the pigtailed tomboy, and Lenore Alma, David City, as the girl in red from a city cabaret.

Selections were made by a committee composed of Herbert Yenne of the university speech department, and Marian Hoppert and Ellen Ann Armstrong, both student members of the fair board.

### Parade to open fair.

The indoor show, with its all student cast which will be directed by Robert Johnston of Douglas, senior in the university and a member of the University Players, is only one outstanding event of the day, according to Cruise. A parade through downtown Lincoln in the morning which will officially open the fair will feature the university's prize winning livestock and the newest in farm machinery, he indicated.

College departments will all hold open house for visitors, with plans being made to have every visitor at the fair given an opportunity to thoroughly inspect experimen-

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