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DAILY staff photo.

Like a good many other teachers on the campus, Rudolph August Winnacker, assistant professor of European history, proclaims himself loath to submit to reportorial questioning.

In fact, when told that he was to be the victim of the journalistic third degree, Prof. Winnacker threw up his hands and addressed heaven with an appeal for mercy.

However, his smile belied his words and, finally resigned to it, he good-naturedly overlooked the stupidity of the questions thrown at him and even answered a couple of them, though not without expressions of deep pain.

He was reminded, he said, of an interview with a Detroit reporter while he was teaching at Michigan. It was soon after a fake Berlin air-raid and Winnacker remarked that the picture of Berlin citizens scurrying madly to shelter, when there was no war, was rather funny.

"Too cute."

And there appeared in a Detroit paper a large picture of Hitler with the caption: "Too cute," says Michigan professor."

So Winnacker looks at reporters with suspicion.

Your first impression of Mr. Winnacker is that he is too young to be a professor and that you have probably made a mistake and are talking to one of his students. This effect of youthfulness is evident in his speech and manner and has helped to make him popular with his classes.

He is youthful in his thinking as well as in appearance. His attitude toward his work is that of an inquiring scholar. He looks at a subject from all angles, refusing to accept any definition of conclusion until it is proved.

Big and blond.

He is a blond Nordic, of heavy build, quite a handsome fellow, with a friendly smile and a manner of looking intently at the people with whom he talks.

He says he hates to buy a suit, smokes Phillip Morris, speaks with a slight German accent, is somewhat egotistic.

He started out to be a doctor... went to Harvard med school... swears he didn't flunk out, just decided that being a doctor wasn't worth all the sacrifice.

He wanted to do something that would give him some independence, some freedom of thought, the chance to express his own ideas. Teaching seemed to supply the answer.

Before Harvard, he had attended Wisconsin, was graduated in 1928. There he met the late Hartley Burr Alexander, famed Nebraska teacher, and the two went to New Mexico and "dug Indians."

In French history.

After med school, he entered the Harvard graduate school, studied French history for two years, and obtained his doctor's degree.

He got the "last job of the depression" at Michigan in 1931. There he weathered the economic slump for five years. Then, in 1936, Dean Oldfather "made his big mistake," invited him to come to Nebraska, and has regretted it ever since, Winnacker says.

Besides Harvard, he has attended school at the Universities of Paris and Munich. He thinks that education is more thoro in Europe, that its great fault is that students are told what to think.

"They have all the answers. Here, when the student is graduated, his mind is open, he will listen to discussion. But European students think they know everything. They don't. In America, on the other hand, the students' minds are sometimes empty, but at least they are open."

Not broadening.

He has returned to Europe 14 times, thinks that traveling is more narrowing than broadening. "People think that because you have traveled a little, you know something. It is not where you have been but what you are doing that counts."

A woman student drops in to discuss a term paper on Lady Jane Grey. "Have you made it nice and gory," Winnacker asks, "with the blood all trickling down? Ah, good!"

A young man arrives to discuss Phi Beta Kappa. "You're working for it? Ridiculous. You should not work for Phi Beta Kappa—it should come to you as an unexpected honor."

Foremost function.

He thinks that research is the foremost function of a university. "A college is just to train students. But a university is founded on the ideal of research. A teacher must do both jobs to be any good."

He thinks a teacher does better work if he knows little about the subject. He plans to teach ancient history to freshmen next semester, says that the lectures should be interesting because he knows so little ancient history.

He is working on a new book, subject: "History and Development of the Third French Republic," his specialty. He has published a "number of piffling articles."

"It's part of the racket. You have to get them published. But you keep them hidden from your colleagues." An article of his on the Dreyfus case is widely known.

There is 'always room for improvement' in the university. "In Europe, they send the young men to the army for a couple of years. We send them to the university. I prefer our way."

His sense of humor is put to good use in the classroom. A favorite gag in History 117: "They put Napoleon on the Isle of Elba but he didn't have enough Elba room so he went back to France."

## Regents elect Thompson

### Bengtson heads junior division

Board names West Point man president; Devoe is vice-president

Members of the Board of Regents at a regular meeting, held here yesterday, elected Charles Y. Thompson, of West Point, president and R. W. Devoe, of Lincoln,



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CHARLES Y. THOMPSON  
... president for a year.

vice-president of that body. Thompson is president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation and Devoe is a Lincoln attorney. The men were elected for one year.

First move of the board, taken at yesterday's meeting, was to reduce dormitory rates. New rates, becoming effective the second semester, lower the cost of living. See REGENTS, page 4.

### Senior Fair board masks six juniors

Over 200 attend annual presentation party, blow whistles, throw confetti

More than 200 students watched six members of the senior Farmers Fair board mask the six ag college juniors, chosen as members of the junior board, with the traditional Farmers Fair bandannas at the board's annual presentation dance in the activities building Friday night.

Presented to the ag students attending the party were Jane Brinegar, Sylvia Zocholl, Betty Jo Smith, Kieth Gilmore, Robert Wheeler, and Ganis Richmond as Junior Farmers Fair board representatives.

Rousek heads seniors.

Senior board, elected last spring, is composed of Edwin Rousek, manager, Will Pitner, Fred Whitney, Ellen Ann Armstrong, Annabelle Hutcheson, and Peggy Sherburn. The twelve students in the senior and junior boards are in charge of the Farmers Fair, largest event of the spring term on the ag campus. The Fair is scheduled for the first weekend in May.

Theme of Friday's party was a carnival with confetti, paper streamers, horns, and whistles given as favors. Faculty sponsors of the board are Prof. F. E. Muesel and Prof. Ross Miller. The two professors and their wives were chaperons at Friday's party. Music was furnished by Tommy Anderson and his ten Tomcats.

The weather

Weatherman's prediction remains snow for today as well as last night, despite the warming up in east and south portions of the state.

### Aestheticist will address convo Jan. 11

Dr. Eames to suggest unification of arts in student's curriculum

Every man has the right to the beauty, power, truth and health of music, says Dr. Henry Purmort Eames, professor of aesthetics and musical art at Scripps college,



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DR. HENRY P. EAMES ... everyone has a right to music. Claremont, California, who will deliver the convocation address at 11 a. m. Thursday in the Temple.

Dr. Eames, who was chairman of the piano department of the old Lincoln school of music from 1898 to 1908, has based his life on this ideal. When given the opportunity See EAMES, page 4.

### Ag extension workers hear Bunce, Hoor

Guest speakers endorse reciprocal trade policy as help to agriculture

Union of the democratic and republican parties on a permanent foreign trade policy was urged and a keen analysis of modern educational shortcomings were presented Friday to the "school" for agricultural extension workers held this week here, by Prof. A. C. Bunce of Iowa State college and Dean Marten Hoor of Tulane university.

Professor Bunce endorsed the attitude of Col. Frank Knox, who has declared his stand in favor of the reciprocal trade agreements, and cited benefits which have come to the farmer through the trade agreements. He expressed his belief that the United States will "go into a tail-spin with a very serious depression if the reciprocal trade program is repealed now, breaking down the start we have made toward re-establishing our foreign trade."

Old program idiotic.

The Iowa economist also asserted that much of the depression can be traced to the "utterly idiotic and insane foreign trade policy followed by the United States during the post-war period."

The modern belief that knowledge in itself is desirable was described as a tragic mistake by the Tulane philosopher, and he also declared that we must have moral education if science is to help men instead of to be used to destroy them.

Whether desirable or not, the church is a declining influence in moral education of children, the dean declared, saying that he believed the family is the only institution which can do an adequate job of moral education.

### Variety show has film, vaudeville

Students will gather in the Union ballroom this afternoon at 4 for the second in the series of Sunday afternoon Variety hours sponsored by the Union.

This afternoon's show will feature a full length talking motion picture, "East Meets West," three vaudeville acts, and George Gostas as master of ceremonies.

The film, starring George Arliss, is the story of a British-Indian intrigue. Arliss plays the part of the Raja of Rungay who attempts to block the aims of the British imperialists.

Vaudeville acts on this afternoon's program include piano numbers by Mary Elizabeth Stuart, accordion offerings by Eldred Winters, and the tap dancing of Norma Patterson, 14 year old Lincoln dancing star. Admission is free.

### Grad college reveals 100 awards open

Dean announces filings due Mar. 1, most prizes carry fee remission

Graduate scholarships, fellowships and assistantships in several departments of the university will be available to approximately 100 graduate students next year, according to an announcement made yesterday by Dr. Harold W. Stoke, dean of the graduate college. Application blanks, available now in the graduate office, must be filed not later than March 1. Most graduate awards carry remission of course fees.

Eight fellowships are provided for advanced chemistry students. As a perpetual memorial to the late Chancellor Samuel Avery the board of regents has established two research fellowships valued at \$500 each. Six research fellowships of \$500 each have been proposed. See GRAD SCHOOL, page 4.

### Cathedral choir opens 20th series

The Lincoln Cathedral choir will open its 20th choral vesper season today at 5:30 p. m. in the ballroom of Hotel Cornhusker. Warren Jensen, Council Bluffs sophomore, is the speaker of this afternoon's concert, and Houghton Furr, Lincoln senior, will be at the organ.

The theme which the choir will develop this season is "The Saints of the Past and the Present." This afternoon's program, the first of a series of eleven, takes up the definition of a saint. The following vespers in the series will be presented each Sunday afternoon in the ballroom at 5:30, lasting half an hour.

Directed since its beginning by John Rosborough, the choir numbers 65 voices this season. The vespers are open to the public free of charge and students are invited to attend.

### Dewey to speak here on March 1

Nebraska's republicans will meet at the coliseum on March 1 to hear an address by Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential nomination candidate, on the occasion of the annual republican Founder's Day meeting here in Lincoln.

Word of the Nebraska speaking engagement was announced Friday by Lloyd Kain, of Lexington, National Founder's Day president. Dewey's talk will be broadcast on a national hookup and will follow the state republican central committee meeting and a banquet that day.