

## YW to elect officers for 1940 Friday

**Pat Sternberg, Jane Shaw prexy candidates; poll in Ellen Smith**

Y. W. C. A. members will elect officers for the coming year Friday. Candidates, announced yesterday are Jane Shaw, Pi Beta Phi, and Pat Sternberg, Raymond hall, for president; Mary Bullock, Alpha Chi Omega, and Jean Simmons, Delta Delta Delta, for vice president; Jean Carnahan, Chi Omega, and Flavia Ann Tharp, Pi Beta Phi, for secretary; and Ann Husted, Kappa Kappa Gamma, for treasurer.

The election will be held in Ellen Smith from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday. Eligible to vote are all members of Y. W. who have paid their contribution pledges.

## Alumnus contains history of group

Featuring a complete history of the Nebraska Alumni association, the January issue of the Alumnus was mailed out yesterday. Aside from the history, the magazine is devoted largely to personals about alumni and to news from local alumni chapters.

Written by Ralph Reeder, the history reviews the struggling existence of the association for the quarter century after its start in 1874. The first directory of graduates was published in 1900. Since then, the story of the group has been one of growth and organization. During this period, the alumni helped to secure Memorial stadium and other improvements on the campus.

## Business representatives to interview students

Students desiring to obtain positions thru the university committee on placements may now obtain application blanks from Prof. T. T. Bullcock in social science 305.

Plans now being completed by the committee provide for the appearance on the campus of personnel representatives of several large business concerns to interview students. Many of the corporations sending representatives offer special training to new employees.

## One would conclude It must take brains to figure out how not to use brains

With exam week and its doubtful outcome hovering over the campus, students are cramming hard, trying to learn in a few days what they should have learned in the past semester.

Those who are dubious of their brain capacity will soon begin preparing crib sheets—a method of passing examinations in case you didn't know.

Students use almost the same tricks for passing tests from year to year, but occasionally a new one will make life interesting for eagle-eyed profs.

A most charming trick brought over by a coed from Ames is to write your cribs on cigarettes—if you can get rid of practically an entire package of "dope sticks" during the test you might pass the thing. It's a sure way of not getting caught because you burn up the evidence.

Space limits this method. Limited space limits this way to mathematics and chemistry where formulas and equations are the only necessities and to classes where you can smoke during exams.

An older and somewhat hack-

## Jack Bittner plays role of life saver in Players' 'What a Life'

By Fern Steuteville.

Jack Bittner picked up the pieces of the University Players' "What a Life" last night, saved it from utter collapse, and performed an entertaining "Henry Aldrich" amidst such disconcerting drawbacks as sloppy lines and wooden acting on the part of most of his fellow players.

The audience, emitting polite laughs during the first act, gave vent to spontaneous guffaws later on when Bittner yelled "Damn" at his high school teacher and when an unknown "extra" pranced across the stage in gym bloomers. These were the high

points of the play. They served to put the listeners in a lighter mood and consequently the student players warmed up a bit to their job.

**Bittner looks, acts his part.**

Bittner, as the radio-famed trouble-hounded youth whose worries increase as he is smitten by puppy love, caught cribbing in an exam, and accused of pawing the school's brass instruments all on the same day, puts his heart and soul into the part. He looked and acted like "Henry Aldrich."

Miss Barbara Birk took the part of Miss Shea, the superintendent's secretary. She could be spotted in a crowd by her forced manner of speaking. Louis Wilkins as the stuffy teacher of Roman history, Mr. Patterson, did as he should and gained the contempt of the audience. It was extremely disappointing when Grant Thomas, in his first Players' role of the assistant superintendent, didn't poke him when he started to.

**Brutal audience!**

Another disappointment of the play came when Deon Axthelm as George Bigelow the bully went into a clinch with Bittner. They looked like they were having a game of pat-a-cake instead of a good bloody high school boys' fight. Otherwise Axthelm forgot his university standing and acted very much like the prep school letterman.

Virginia Thede portrayed the character of Henry Aldrich's love, the junior class president. She stood by his side during all his difficulties in the superintendent's office and turned out a fairly good performance.

**Grace Hill plays competently.** Grace Hill as Mrs. Aldrich took

## Pre-laws to organize

**Lincoln lawyer will address first meeting**

Bernard S. Gradwohl, Lincoln lawyer and retiring president of the young barristers association, will address pre-law students Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p. m., at the organization meeting of the first pre-law society on this campus.

Interest in the organization of such a group arose out of a convocation shortly before Thanksgiving at which prospective law students showed interest in forming a society, the purpose of which would be to bind together pre-law students, to give proper emphasis to debate and parliamentary law and to bring good law speakers to the campus.

**Form constitution**

At that time an organization committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and to plan the next meeting of the group. On this committee were Ed McConnell, junior; Hugh LaMaster, freshman; Otto Woerner, senior; and Blaine Sloan, sophomore and chairman.

Gradwohl, on "The Young Advocate," will tell the group of the problems confronting a young lawyer, Chairman Sloan announced. According to Roy E. Cochran, adviser to the society and chairman of pre-law advisers, the visiting lawyer is one of the most interesting speakers in Lincoln.

With Sloan presiding and DeLore Carter acting as secretary, the pre-laws will pass on the constitution drawn up by the committee and will present it to the Student Council for ratification.

**The weather**

Overcast skies with probable snow flurries today was predicted by the weatherman last night.

too minor a part to gain much glory. The few minutes she spent on the stage, she spent competently. John Guthrie as Mr. Ferguson, the detective, gained laughs with his bellowing voice.

"What a Life," as a University Players production might be whipped up into an acceptable comedy when the actors lift anchor and show some color and action. The Players who take the roles of students all look like they fit their parts. It is easy to believe that their high school days aren't far behind them. Those Players who were in the roles of the high school teachers were less satisfactory, however. They gave the impression that they were "playing school."

## Hanya Holm group dances tomorrow

**Modern interpretation is theme of program by teacher, ten artists**

When Hanya Holm presents her dance group in Lincoln tomorrow night, students will have an opportunity to see dance interpretation as it is taught in one of the leading modern schools.

The program which she will present here is composed of two parts, the first, a presentation of successions of movement based on some of the principles of movement; the second, a presentation of studies which deal with the dance problem itself.

Miss Holm received her training in Europe under the famous Mary Wigman. She came to America to direct the New York Wigman school, and is a leader in the Bennington school of dance. She also teaches at Mills college. This is her second transcontinental tour. Her ten artists are from various parts of the country and are all studying under her leadership.

The concert sponsored by W.A.A. will be presented tonight at 7:30 in Grant Memorial. Student tickets are 40 cents, others 75 cents. Tickets may be obtained from the W.A.A. office or at Danielson floral shop.

## Alexis claims German blood doesn't make Americans back nazi cause

Americans of German descent are interested in Europe's troubles but they have no desire to fight on either side, according to Dr. Joseph Alexis, head of the new modern languages department.

In a written statement for the DAILY, Dr. Alexis answered the question, "What do you think is the attitude of Americans of German descent toward the current war?"

"The attitude of Germans in America toward the war," Dr. Alexis said, "is practically that of all other Americans, they are interested in what is going on in Europe but would like to see the contest ended at an early date. They have no desire to go across the Atlantic to help Germany, nor do they wish to cross the sea to fight the Germans."

**Do Germans in America favor the nazi regime? Dr. Alexis was asked.**

"There may be some Americans of German descent in this country who favor to a certain extent the nazi regime but the great majority do not. They believe in our present

## 1000 finish registration second day

**Congdon announces 20 closed sections; frosh rules won't be altered**

With an unusually heavy second day registration of approximately 1,000 students, following a normal first day, registration for the first two days ended heavier than registration for a similar period in other years, according to A. R. Congdon, chairman of the assignment committee.

At the close of registration yesterday Congdon announced that the following 20 courses were closed:

Bus. Org. 4, II, VII.  
Bus. Org. 150, I.  
Chem. 31, A.  
Commercial Arts 27, I.  
Civil Engineering 219, I.  
Elec. Engineering 198, C.  
Engineering Mech. 4, D.  
Engineering Mech. 226, I, II.  
Engineering Mech. 226, A.  
Mech. Engineering 6, A.  
Mech. Engineering 211, B.  
English 12, I, II, III, IV.  
Geography 61, B, C.  
Geography 72, III, D, H.  
German 4, III.  
Math 2, V.  
Math 40, III.  
Math 104, II, IV.  
Phil. 90, B.  
Physics 4, Quiz II, B.  
Roman numerals represent sections.  
Letters represent laboratories.

Explaining that a "closed section" is one that is entirely filled, Congdon said, that students who could not take closed courses at any other period would be admitted to a closed section if he approved the registration.

Students wishing other exceptions to registration rules must see Congdon before registering. No exceptions can be granted to the ruling barring freshmen from entering specified sections since that ruling was made by the university senate.

No changes can be made in registration until Feb. 5.

## Walter Hansen fills botany staff vacancy

Walter Hansen, Seward high school principal, has been appointed assistant instructor in the botany department to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Joseph Robertson. Irene Mueller, graduate student, pinch hits until Feb. 1 when Mr. Hansen will take up his new duties.

The new assistant instructor took his M. A. at Michigan and is a graduate of Peru State Teachers college.

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republican form of government; that is, an executive branch headed by the president; a legislative branch and the Supreme Court. They are against the dictators but do not feel that they are obligated to rush across the seas to throw out the dictators where they happen to be in power at a given time."

**Will there be a recurrence of anti-German feeling in America as a result of the war?**

"There will not be a recurrence of the same anti-German feeling that prevailed during the World war. We now get news from both camps much more fully than was the case formerly, and we are more on guard against propaganda, no matter what the source may be."

**"How do the majority of such Germans feel about the nazi bund?"**

"The majority of Americans of German descent are not the least interested in the so-called bund, which is known by the fact that they do not belong to it. Only a negligible number are enrolled in (See ALEXIS on page 4.)