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A case of having a cake, but not being hungry

Noticeably absent from the reporters' meeting announced last week on the DAILY front page for two consecutive days were unaffiliated men. For some reason or other, these men, evidently installed already with a dislike for fraternity men and for the fraternity system, failed to ask for beats, failed to come to the office at all.

At large meetings sponsored by barb organizations last week, and before then, barb men, interested in activities, were told they had every opportunity afforded anyone who wants to work on the DAILY.

That statement is the absolute truth. Barb leaders have conferred with your editor for many hours during the past few days and know that their friends, that all barbs interested in activities, especially in the DAILY, are welcome to try their hand at collegiate journalism; those same barb leaders know and admitted to us that the barbs who try working on the NEBRASKAN have as much of a chance for advancement as anyone else work-

ing here.

In the past, DAILY editors have told barbs they could advance if they worked hard enough. In the past, under some editors, that was a bluff.

Naturally, news editors and managing editors aren't going to do their best to favor barb reporters and see to it they get choice stories. The men and women we favor are those who have proved they are valuable to us. At present, there are a few sophomore barb workers on the rag and those few represent, a trusted and capable element of the DAILY family.

Barbs, you have as much of a chance to work up, to earn paid staff positions as fraternity men and sorority women have. The old line about politics and fraternity alignment being necessary to get anywhere on this paper is an exaggeration to say the least. Advancements on this paper are given according to the quality and quantity of work done. Individual ability is the foundation upon which this paper is built.

The DAILY doesn't ask anyone to work on it. It need not, for its needs are almost always taken care of. There is always room for more workers and reporters. We welcome everyone, regardless of affiliation, regardless of experience, regardless of anything that would tend to make this a paper operating in the interests of something else besides the promotion of a bigger and better University of Nebraska.

On The Side

by Bob Aldrich

Tired of being taken for an escaped Russian convict we went to our barber the other day for a complete tonsorial overhaul including haircut, shave, massage, facial, shoe shine, and free oil check.

Our barber is a nice man. He is a proud, substantial, tax-paying wife-fearing American citizen. His one big failing, sometimes thought to be communicable among barbers, is that he talks too much.

This would be all right with us if he would stop once in a while and let us get a word in edgewise or at least cornerwise.

But a barber has two strikes on you before he starts. In the first place he has you practically tied down in the chair with no chance to escape. In the second place he is the possessor of several lethal weapons in the form of shears, clippers, razors, and other instruments of torture.

Our barber's method is to grab a large quantity of our hirsute appendage between his remarkably strong fingers and, giving a twist that all but lifts us from the chair, apply the electric clippers and the monologue at one and the same time.

"Well," he says, "what do you think Willie's chances are now?" (Snip, snip, snip.) "Golly, you have thick hair. Why don't you let me thin it out?"

"Well, frankly, I—"

"That's just what I was telling George. Now the way I figure, the newspapers are just handing out a lot of propoganda, don't you think?"

"Well, perhaps, but—"

"Absolutely! Just like I said to George the other day. George, I said, . . ."

We feel a mild curiosity to inquire who George is but presently our mind wanders to other matters until we are brought to life with a sharp, "Ain't that what you say?"

"Yes," we stammer. "Yes, sir."

Series brings Orson Welles

Orson Welles, acclaimed genius of theater and radio, who adapted H. G. Welles' "Men from Mars" for radio, and caused a nationwide panic as a result, will open the 1940-41 Town Hall lecture series here Oct. 25.

The Town Hall, sponsored by the Lincoln Junior League, will also present during the season Osa Johnson, veteran of many African expeditions, Archduke Felix of Austria, and John Mason Brown, dramatic critic of the New York Post.

that's right!"

There's really no reason why we have to agree with everything the barber says but we have an unpleasant conviction that not to do so would be impolite, not to say dangerous. Besides the man is obviously not looking for argument but for someone to listen. Probably he never gets a chance to talk at home and takes it out on the customers.

"Dear," he says to his wife after a hard day of talking, "I was just speaking to one of my customers and I told him I think—"

"Never mind what you think! What's the idea of coming home an hour late? Do you think I'm running a soup kitchen? Here, I work my fingers to the bone over a hot stove and you in a nice, cool—"

"But, dear, I was only saying—"

"You're always saying some fool thing. If you'd only not talk so much and work a little harder you might earn some more money."

"Oh, so I'm not earning enough money now? So that's it? I come home and start a little polite conversation and it turns out I'm not wanted in my own home! You're always talking about going home to your mother. Well, why don't you?"

"Why, you beast! Take that . . . and that!" (Sound of breaking furniture.)

Anyway, that's the way our barber's situation looks to us.

Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

TETHERED TERMITES.

Dear Chief:

Our favorite diversion being the capitulating thought to the forces of insanity, thought it might be interesting to consider free verse from the point of the insane. "Tethered Termites" is a hearty bit which achieves its best results when recited aloud at the dinner table between mouthfuls of canned crab. Try it in your home after a hard day of trying to find out where the stripes go on the barber pole. There is nothing more refreshing than "tethered Termites" and crab after a hard day.

Tethered Termites.

Ah, but to all of which skyrockets. Worms seeking apples at dusk. Worms finding apples at dusk. Wormy apples. But what of telephone poles so low.

So high, Medium. Purple pumpkins, blue apples, yellow lemons.

That's silly. Yellow lemons. Take a number from one to ten. You have it? Fine!

Now I only have nine digits to figit with. Figit digits.

Hello tethered termite. You want to bore, don't you. And we didn't bring our drills. A hole in one.

No, one in a hole. Terminates the tale of Tenacious tethered termites.

If you were bored by this attempt, chief, don't blame me. After all, what more is there to say other than "Termites involve boring situations."

Your Girl Saturday.

Bulletin

Ballroom dance lessons for all men and women students who want to learn to dance will begin Oct. 1 in the Activities building on ag campus. Classes will be held from 7 to 8 p. m. City campus series will begin Oct. 4, and will be held in Grant Memorial from 8 to 9 p. m. Six lessons will be given for 75 cents.

Ag campus Camera club meeting has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday night.

Barb Men wishing to play in intra-mural touch football should have their teams registered at the Intra-mural office in the coliseum and with the Barb Union before Oct. 8. Registration is now open.

Barb Union will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Barb office.

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All unaffiliated men are invited to the meeting.

7:30 p. m.

Orchesis, university women's dance group, will begin a three weeks probationary period Wednesday. Any woman interested in this group is asked to be at Grant Memorial at 7 p. m. Permanent workers will be chosen after three weeks of practice.

A. I. Ch. E. will hold a dinner meeting Oct. 2 at 6:15 p. m. in parlor X of the Union. The dinner will be free. All Chem students are invited.

Corn Cobs will meet at 6:15 p. m. Thursday in the Union for the Minnesota rally.

All-Republican meeting for students will be held at the Union at

University Democratic club will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in parlor A of the Union. Membership cards and buttons will be distributed. Franze Radke, local attorney, will speak at the meeting.

Condra to discuss state water facilities

Dr. George E. Condra, director of the university conservation and survey division, will speak Thursday on "Water Facilities in North-eastern Nebraska" in connection with a feeders' tour sponsored by the Stanton business men's club in cooperation with the extension office at Stanton.

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