

Thomas Benton to discuss art at convocation Sunday

America's most talked-of, and probably most dynamic painter of the American scene today is Missouri's Thomas Hart Benton, speaker at a convocation in the Union ballroom Sunday at 3 p. m.

His subject will be "Contemporary Art." The convocation is sponsored by the university convocation committee, Union, and Nebraska Art association.

Benton comes to this campus from Indianapolis, Ind., where he spoke in the recently dedicated \$1,500,000 auditorium in which are found some of his most recent murals.

Pictures in Union.

"Lonesome Road," one of his better known paintings is hanging in the Union. This scene belongs to the university collection of contemporary paintings.

Benton is the most imaginative and distinctive of the great mid-western triumvirate, consisting of Benton, John Curry of Kansas and Grant Wood of Iowa. He is a natural born fighter and will take up any cause.

Now at the height of his career Benton's easel paintings are priced

from \$900 to \$12,000. His paintings depict true American life as he sees it in the middle west and particularly in Missouri.

Benton was born in 1889 in Mis-



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THOMAS BENTON.
... dynamic painter.

souri. His father wanted him to be a lawyer but he was more interested in nature and outdoor discoveries. Finally he was enrolled in a military school at Alton, Ill., where he stayed until the football season was over.

He then went to the Art Institute in Chicago and his instructor persuaded his father to send him to Paris. He soon began to tire of the type of life he found and returned to the United States where he worked to make a living at al-

(See BENTON, page 5.)

Council changes spring election filings deadline

Date on which filings close for the general campus election this spring has been changed from Friday, April 11, to Thursday, April 10.

According to the Student Council constitution filings are supposed to close on the Friday two weeks before the election, but due to spring vacation starting on this date it was decided at the Council meeting last night to change the day to Thursday.

Plan booking agency.

Plans for setting up a booking agency under Union Director Ayres' management were finally accepted yesterday and submitted to the Union board. Chris Petersen, chairman of the committee in

charge of the booking agency, explained the plan thus:

"All bands for the six big parties of the year (Military Ball, Mortar Board Party, Prom, Interfraternity Ball, Union Birthday Party, and N club dance) will be handled by one man alone—Mr. Ayres. He should be well able to qualify for this position because he has been connected with a band for six years.

"A committee will still select the band, but he will do the hiring, contracting, etc."

All of the groups sponsoring the parties have agreed to the plan, and setting it up will depend on the Union board's decision next week.

Speaker for the Honors Convocation, April 22, was announced as Rabbi Wise; the senior council's constitution was accepted, and announcement was made of the election of holdover members in the next meeting for next year's council.

A motion to have all organizations whose constitutions have not been presented to the Student Council for ratification, and who come under the council's jurisdiction, to either present a constitution or a legitimate excuse for not presenting one next week.

Inquiring reporter finds . . .

Student control of university would change regulations

All students, at one time or another, vainly wish they were in control of their school for a short time so they could install permanent changes. Nebraska students told us what they would do by answering the question, "If you could change places with the board of

and see the show, as one did last year.

Fashion show.

Twenty girls, selected from a group of 44, will model spring fashions at the Follies. Bathing suits, slacks, lounging pajamas, street clothes, date dresses, and campus outfits will be shown. The defeated BDG candidates will model formals. Sororities entering skits are Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, and Pi Beta Phi. Competing for the curtain-act cup are Kappa Kappa Gamma, Rosa Bouton hall, and Sigma Delta Tau. These eight groups were selected (See FOLLIES, page 8.)

Five students attend barb convention

Independent students hold meeting in Austin; Lantz sponsors trip

Five Nebraska delegates left yesterday afternoon for the National Independent Students' association convention in Austin, Tex., beginning today and lasting through Sunday. Representing university barbs are Ruth Huston, Dorothy White, Ellis Ruby, Dorothy Jean Bryan, and Dave Marvin.

Prof. E. W. Lantz, sponsoring the trip, drove the group down in his car. The delegates expect to arrive in Austin at noon today.

Main portion of the program will be held in the Texas Union. Approximately 400 students are expected to attend.

Some of the highlights of the convention are a barbecue, a convention dance, and a banquet.

Discussion groups Friday afternoon will present the subjects of "New Developments for the Independent Social Program," "Co-operation and Competition with Fraternities," "Organizational Problem in Developing an Effective Independent Association," and "The Pros and Cons of Faculty Sponsorship."

Beg your pardon

University convocation, featuring an address by Clifton Utley, scheduled for Friday morning, will be held in the Temple Theatre instead of the Union as was announced yesterday.

Clayberger will discuss effect of draft on women

"How the draft affects women's jobs" is one of the subjects Miss Katherine Clayberger, associate editor of the Women's Home Companion, will discuss in her lecture here Tuesday at 4 o'clock in parlors XYZ of the Union.

Miss Clayberger is sponsored by the AWS and the office of the dean of women as the second speaker on this semester's vocational series, the first being Royer.

Second appearance.

This will be the second time Miss Clayberger has spoken to U. N. students. Last year she delivered an address in the same series, and because she "enjoyed talking to N. U. students so

much," as she herself stated, Miss Hosp, dean of women, has persuaded her to come back again.

Students may arrange appoint-



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KATHERINE CLAYBERGER.
... talks at vocational series.

ments with Miss Clayberger about opportunities and abilities necessary in the magazine field this week or on Monday or Tuesday (See CLAYBERGER, page 5.)

Barb Council plans April Fools dance

Barb Council will initiate its new policy of barb dances with an April Fools' dance Saturday night in the Union. Barb officials believe that by spending more money on the affairs a greater turnout can be expected.

The Barb Union-Interhouse Council dance of March 15 paved the way for the new series and the committee which sponsored this dance will help the Barb Council members plan their dances.

These affairs are expected to increase general interest in the barb program and it is hoped that by getting larger crowds the barb group will be able to obtain a big name band to play in the Coliseum, climaxing the barb social season.

Lab assistant experiments on rotifera

By Mary Ellen Sim

"Rotifera," emphatically stated E. W. Hertel, biology lab assistant, "are not turtles. (Whatever gave me that idea!) They are, instead, tiny many-celled animals which thrive in stagnant water and reproduce bisexually and parthenogenetically."

That definition was this reporter's introduction to rotifera as Hertel knows them and, for his doctoral degree, is experimenting on their reproduction.

Cause of increased vigor

What causes an increase in vigor when weak, inbred strains are crossed is the problem on which Hertel is working. The answer may lead to more successful inbreeding of domestic plants and animals.

At present, four unrelated strains of rotifera are being inbred to produce weak strains. The cross breeding of the resulting weak strains will produce a vigorous rotifer "if," qualified the researcher, "the experiment gives similar results to the inbreeding of, say, corn."

Each rotifer strain is kept in a water-filled cabinet in the zoology laboratories and is fed a certain food. For the production of females, polytoma, a one-celled animal is used as food. If males are desired, chlamydomonas, a one-celled plant, is fed to the rotifera.

Student relief funds maintain life for thousands of Europeans

This is the first of a series of stories on the condition of European students prepared for the DAILY and the Intercollegiate Washington News Service by Everett K. Melby, assistant general secretary of the European Student Relief Fund. The ERSF is a branch of the WSSF on this campus, which just finished its campaign. Melby is writing the series from Geneva, Switzerland.

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As the second winter of the war draws to a close, thousands of students in war-stricken areas in Europe look to the European Student Relief Fund as the organization which has helped them to pull through bitter months, helped them to relieve the long monotonous hours of internment or captivity, and in many cases given them the most necessary means of livelihood.

Relief work expensive.

Student relief work today is be-

ing carried out on a greater scope and with more effectiveness than ever before. It is proceeding on three broad areas. In Germany thousands of English, French and Polish prisoners receive books and study materials, and new type of institution—the "University of Captivity"—has been born. In France, the ERSF has saved more than 100 students from internment and returned them to universities; while those remaining in the prison camps have been encouraged to continue study. And in Switzerland more than 900 French and Polish prisoners are benefiting from the "internee universities," which have been organized with the help of Swiss authorities.

Conditions beggar description.

For three weeks after the opening of the fall term I traveled in university centers in unoccupied France investigating the needs of

stranded foreign and French students. There I found at least 250 students whose condition begged description. Half of them were Polish—mostly young officers who had been the cream of the Polish army. The rest were students from practically every country in Europe at war or occupied by an invader. Czechs and Slovaks who had fought valiantly before the armistice. Germans and Austrians who had been studying in France before the war. In Montpellier there were Rumanian and Dutch students; Hungarians and Lithuanians in Marseille; Lebanese and Indians in Toulouse; and Spanish students in Perpignan.

Papers mean life.

For months these students lived in real danger, for they had no "papers." American college students who have never had papers (See DRIVE, page 5.)

regents for one day, what permanent alterations would you install in the university?"

Pi Phi Shirley Wiley: "I'd abolish all outside preparation."

Students should be allowed to smoke in all buildings on campus, thinks Bud Johnson, Phi Gam.

Lois Scofield, Alpha Chi Omega, comes forth with two suggestions which include no Saturday classes or "better still" no 8 o'clocks.

Lucille Jennings: "I don't believe in semester grades. A student should only take an exam before he is to get his degree (this practice is used extensively in the European colleges)."

ATO Bob Schleh desires a free cut system, while brother John Stalder wants odorless fertilizer to be used on the mall.

"Physical education for women should be optional," says Alpha Phi Nell Reece.

Marian Linch, Kappa Alpha Theta, says, "I desire a uniform system of grading to be used by all professors."

Don Nilsson: "I want a system by which the student assumes more responsibility than he now does."

If these students are ever in full charge, our university will undergo many changes (for better or for worse.)