

## NSFA Delegates Declare . . . Convention A Success; War Attitudes Many and Varied . . . On Different Campuses

BY ART RIVIN.

Fertile territory for interviewing purposes was the Union yesterday. We managed, during the time out periods of football games, to question a number of student council representatives from a cross-section of mid-western schools.

Consensus of opinion was that the convention was a great success, an educational institution in itself. But in the responses to the second question asked there was definitely no consensus of opinion. Replies to the query: How is the war affecting student thinking on your campus? were as many as the people interviewed.

University of Kansas representative Willis Tompkins felt that students on his campus were "having their fling while there was still time." "There is less studying" he said, "but more interest in extra-curricular activity and in discussion groups."

From a smaller school, Kearney State Teachers, is Jim Ranz. Surprising reaction to the war on Jim's campus is a revitalized school spirit. Ranz attributes this phenomenon to a general unrest, a confusion.

"Most of the students on our campus are in a stupor," declared Carleton's Flossie Wood. She was referring to a disinterested attitude of Carleton toward world affairs. "It's because we are so small and so isolated" explains Miss Wood. She told of the existence of a Committee on Social Relations which promotes student-faculty roundtables, engages outside speakers, and holds discussion groups on national and international problems.

At Iowa State, according to Dick Mathison, students have not yet sensed the seriousness of the world situation. Only particularly noticeable evidence of reaction to war, Dick points out, is greater action in the ROTC.

At the University of Minnesota students have grown more serious in everything they do. That from representative Ed Van Housen. "Discussion of foreign relations, something not even considered a

few years ago, has become popular on our campus," declared Mr. Van Housen. "It has even come to the point," he says, "where fraternity houses turn on news broadcasts."

Ellsworth Woestehoff from St. Cloud Teachers discussed the enrollment problem in his school. Said the Minnesotan: "The war comes close to us because we're a small school and the draft and defense industries have cut our enrollment sharply."

"At the University of Wyoming," stated Darwin Solomon, "we don't talk about war very much, we don't get excited very often or very easily." "Of course we are interested in the war, but the question of whether or not we enter the war is not a pressing one," Solomon pointed out.

Why all this difference in student reaction? Why should persons in a small college in Nebraska think differently about the war from persons in small Minnesota college? In the opinion of most of the people interviewed the reason is this: that thru bringing in outside speakers and holding discussions on the world crisis, some schools are more exposed to the situation than others.

## Discussion Groups Highlight Student Council Convention

Nebraska has been a most wonderful host and this has been an excellent convention," declared Evelyn Petersen, University of Minnesota, general chairman of this meeting of the National Student Federation of America.

For the past two days representatives of 16 midwest universities and colleges have been discussing problems of student government. This is the largest convention in the history of this region's NSFA.

The conclave got under way with a general session Friday morning. Following that, Hugo Srb, secretary of the Nebraska Unicameral, led a clinic on parliamentary procedure. Programs of student councils, their aims and purposes were discussed in the day's first discussion group.

### Elections of Interest.

Election of the various schools took precedence over other matters of discussion at the afternoon meeting. Minnesota, which uses the Hare system, startled the group with an estimate of election cost—\$300 per election. The council relations with the student newspaper was also a matter of controversy in many institutions.

Saturday morning meetings were concerned with discussion of a satisfactory demarcation line between student government authority and

faculty and administration authority.

Charges were made by Iowa State and Carleton representatives that faculties are too high-handed in their policy of changing rules without consulting the student body. Some members questioned whether the administration really understood the students.

Much was made of the topic of the selection of speakers for campus convocation. It was the consensus of opinion that students should be represented on whatever committees exist for the selection of speakers. The meeting revealed that in no school, with the possible exception of the University of Minnesota, do students have a voice in deciding who shall be barred and who shall be allowed to speak at college assemblies.

### Thompson's Rebuttal.

After listening to the students' opinion, Nebraska Dean of Student Affairs T. I. Thompson presented the administration angle. He declared that the first aim of student councils should be to deal with strictly student affairs—to handle such affairs as cribbing and buying and selling of term papers. He said: "If student councils show that they are something besides privilege-seeking bodies, I'm sure that the faculty would respond to their wishes for a greater share in governing the university."

Institutions represented at the convention were: Kearney State Teachers, Mankato Teachers, Iowa State, Kansas State Teachers at Pittsburg, Chadron Teachers, St. Cloud Teachers, Carleton College, University of Wyoming, University of Minnesota, Macalaster College in St. Paul, Kansas University, Coe College, York, Wayne Teachers, Nebraska Wesleyan, and the University of Nebraska.

## While Working on Thesis . . . Grad Student Finds Method Of Determining Cleanliness . . . Of Eating Utensils

By Mary Kierstead.

Who has not sworn at finding a lipstick smudge on a drinking glass or at getting a dirty knife or fork? Who has not seen the meticulous old gentleman at table wiping off each piece of silver with his napkin?

Improperly washed eating utensils have long been known to carry bacteria responsible for trench mouth, diphtheria, influenza and many other respiratory diseases. But no one ever seemed to know how to tell if eating utensils were clean or not—that is until a graduate student in the department of bacteriology, Kenneth Rose, and Dr. C. E. Georgi, assistant professor of bacteriology, developed a method.

Only last fall, Rose, working on his senior thesis, struck upon the notion of not looking for the disease-producing bacteria or eating utensils but rather for a harmless bacterium which is found abundantly in the human mouth—*Streptococcus salivarius*.

It was reasoned that if this bacterium was found on the so-called "washed" eating utensils, it was certain that the micro-organism came from the mouth and not from any other source, and that the likelihood of disease germs being associated with *S. salivarius* from the mouth of the previous user of the utensil was very high. If these things were true, the utensils upon which this bacterium would be found was improperly cleaned.

After a year of study, Rose and

Georgi developed a method for the detection of this organism. They then went out in the field and actually employed the method to prove it satisfactory and to demonstrate the presence of *S. salivarius* on improperly washed eating utensils.

They discovered that this oval streptococcus was present on 94 percent of human lips, on 45 percent of the unwashed glasses, and on 10 percent of the supposedly washed glasses tested. Their findings have been published in the June issue of "Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine."

The method may be of value to public health authorities in enforcing sanitary legislation near army camps and in congested areas.

## Betty Holtorf Weds Paul Brown

Betty Holtorf was married yesterday to Paul Brown. The ceremony took place at a church in Alliance. E. J. Petty of Red Oak and Polly Wendell were bridesmaids.

Mrs. Brown was a member of Delta Gamma and he belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The bridesmaids are sorority sisters of the bride and attended school here last year.

## Prof, Grad Student . . . Pharmacy Men Investigate Treatment for Vein Disease . . . Aided by Fellowship

Men of science who are constantly seeking to improve present medical treatment aren't confined to books and far away institutions.

Prof. Paul J. Jannke of pharmacy college and Howard Jensen, graduate student, are now investigating the possibility of an improved medicament for treatment of varicose veins. Altho thus far, their efforts have been limited to research, they plan to begin laboratory tests soon.

Jensen is being aided in this work by a \$400 research fellowship from the American Pharmaceutical association which announced the gift Oct. 1. This is the first time that any UN student has ever received a fellowship from the association.

### Started from Scratch

Since this is also the first time that pharmacy college has ever made a study of treatments for varicose veins, Prof. Jannke and Jensen have had to start from scratch. They both agree that there is plenty of work ahead. In the case of varicose veins,

the walls of the veins collapse. As a result, the flow of blood is retarded, the veins enlarge and lose their ability to carry blood. The disease often develops into ulcer trouble.

Treatment now includes injection of irritating material into the veins. This causes the veins to harden and the course of blood to be rerouted. Sodium morrhuate is now being used extensively, but many other materials are also used.

### Analyze Present Treatment.

Prof. Jannke and Jensen plan to compare the various irritating materials in an effort to find the most efficient medicament. Their study will even include analysis of the different kinds of sodium morrhuate. They don't expect to discover anything new; their main interest is in finding the best of the present materials.

Jensen will probably incorporate photography, one of his hobbies, into his study. He plans to make photographs of a rabbit's ear after various irritating materials have been injected.

## Army Offers Five Aviation Cadet Courses to Students

Five aviation cadet courses are now available to U. S. male citizens who are of good moral character, unmarried, and between the ages of 20 and 26 inclusive, according to a report received by the university military department.

The courses and brief minimum qualifications are as follows:

Pilot training—50 percent of col-

lege credits leading to a degree or pass a mental examination, and excellent health.

Navigation training—50 percent of college credits leading to a degree with credits in college algebra and trigonometry.

Engineer training—At least senior standing in an engineering college.

Meteorology training—College graduates specializing in sciences or engineering.

Communications training—Satisfactory completion of two years of college leading to engineering degree, or college graduate with amateur radio license.

Dr. Hooper, dean of the dental college, left last Saturday for Houston, Texas, where he will attend the National Prosthetics Meeting this week and the American Dental Association convention next week. The entire dental college faculty attended the ADA convention, presenting a clinic on Saturday.

The National Prosthetics Association, a limited organization of 50 members, requires all prospective members to present a paper for admittance into the association. Dean Hooper has been a member of this organization for a number of years.

The Clinic to be presented by the dental college faculty will be a repetition of the clinic they gave at the state dental convention held in Omaha last spring with a few additional displays. All phases of dentistry will be featured in the displays.

All dental classes and the clinic will be discontinued from October 25 to November 3.

## Miss Powell Gets Post on School Of Nursing Staff

Miss Frances Lear Arlene Powell has been appointed assistant professor of nursing in the university school of nursing in Omaha, according to announcement Monday from the chancellor's office.

Professor Powell received her B Sc degree in 1936 from the University of Chicago and her G N degree in 1931 from the Cook County School of Nursing in Chicago. She has also taken graduate work toward her master's degree at the University of Chicago. Her experience includes ten years in administrative and teaching positions.

## YW Girl Reserve Staff Will Hold Meeting Tuesday

The second regular meeting of the YWCA Girl Reserve training staff will meet Tuesday at 4 p. m. in Ellen Smith. Miss Mimmie Schlichting will speak on the work of the counselor in planning programs.

Anyone desiring a certificate at the end of the course must attend five of the six regular meetings. If there are any women students who have not attended the first meeting, but desire to join the group, they must attend this meeting.

## Party Platforms Appear Tuesday

Both union and barb party platforms will appear in the Tuesday issue of the Nebraskan because of lack of space in today's paper. Copies of the proposal to amend the student council constitution may be obtained in the Nebraskan office for those who wish to study it more closely before the election Tuesday.

## ASME, AIEE Members Visit Bomber Plant

One hundred and five members of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and American Institute of Electrical Engineers will travel to Omaha Wednesday to inspect the Martin bombing plant located there.

Before the inspection trip a dinner will be given for the students by the Nebraska section of the ASME and AIEE, and the Omaha Engineers club at the Omaha chamber of commerce. The inspection trip is an annual affair, but each time a different place is picked to visit.

Before entering the plant each student must have a permit which will entitle him to stay in the plant from 1:30 to 4 in the afternoon. This trip will give the students a rare opportunity to see the plant as no visitors are allowed.

The student branch of the ASME and AIEE will leave Lincoln Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. in private cars. All students that are going are asked to report at the E. E. building before 10 a. m.