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White Tie or No?

Faculty members have left themselves wide open. Students coking in the Union last Saturday night saw faculty couples dancing in formal attire—the same attire ruled out for students as being unpatriotic and contrary to university policy of maintaining a good reputation throughout the state.

A Letterip in the adjacent column crystalizes opinions which have been circulating about the campus in the last few days. Students, who questioned the policy of giving up formal attire in the first place, are bewildered by an apparent about-face in faculty circles.

Now the subject has come up again. All winter, organizations have been requesting permission to have formal affairs. This permission has been granted, with the restriction that all formal affairs must be held within a house, and that no member may appear outside the house in formal attire. Naturally, the appearance of faculty members in public places causes student comment.

Originally, the idea was to cut down on elaborate parties to show university participation in wartime living. Letters from servicemen overseas were filled with comments indicating that the so-called "sacrifice" was merely laughable. Still the campus maintained its policy, while smaller colleges, some of them stricter religious institutions, kept up the formal social functions.

Now, with faculty members apparently adopting a new policy, students want a clarification of the issue. Pan-Hellenic Council and Student Council are the obvious organizations to ask an explanation. Perhaps there is a legitimate one; if so, the students want to know it. Here is a question of student-faculty relation which could be and should be cleared easily.

Postwar Planning Contest Awards Total \$50,000

Prizes amounting to \$50,000 will be awarded April 12 to seventeen college men and women who enter the Pabst Postwar Employment contest.

Entries in the contest consist of plans for postwar employment and ways of overcoming the difficulties which will be present at such a time. Winning plans will be turned over to proper government agencies and research bureaus on postwar employment.

Dr. Frederick C. Mills of Columbia University heads the faculty members who are acting as consultants to the board of judges.

The first prize is \$25,000; the second, \$10,000; and there will be 15 prizes of \$1,000 each.

Bengston Speaks To State English Teachers Group

Nels E. Bengtson, dean of the junior division, will give a ten-minute talk at the meeting of the Nebraska Council of Teachers of English at the University of Omaha Saturday, March 4. He will speak on "What we should like students to know about English when they leave high school."

Letterip

Dear Editor and UN Studentss

Hail, fellow sheep of Nebraska!
So we're griping because we can't wear formals out of our houses. We're griping because we didn't get any voice in the decision to suspend formal parties until after the duration. Well, it's our own darn fault, so let's do something about it.

What if that all-powerful faculty committee did take it upon itself last fall to decide that the students could not wear formals, and has since held a party once every month to which many members came in long dresses. Don't start cursing the faculty—They can't help it if the students allow themselves to be led around by the nose like a bunch of sheep!

On July 10, 1942, the military department started making arrangements for the next military ball, and decided that it could not be formal due to the expense involved. Later, the senate committee on student organization and social functions, acting upon comments received from townspeople concerning the unpatriotism of formals in wartime, banned formal parties on this campus to protect the reputation of the university in view of future appropriations. Since that time, the faculty has shown by its action in holding semi-formal parties in the Student Union ballroom (the latest one was last Saturday night) that they do not agree with their former decision that being seen in formals is detrimental to the university. The students are in perfect accord with the attitude of the faculty on this point because both USO groups and respected town groups have had enough formals this year that one can go down town almost any Saturday night and see couples attired in formal dress.

Yet, the students still abide faithfully by this obsolete rule like good little children. Tassels are mad because they can't hold a formal initiation. All the sororities are mad because they can't have their traditional formal banquets. Every group is mad because if it has a closed formal the members aren't allowed to run out of the house for a minute to get a coke without changing their clothes. A few of us are mad because the students don't realize that it is toward themselves that anger should be directed.

Here is the plan, and no one who loves fair dealing can read it and promptly forget the whole thing. Each Pan-Hellenic delegate in her own house should bring up a discussion on formals and ask where the line is drawn. Then each delegate should take the decision of her group to a Pan-Hell meeting where all the decisions will be tabu-

V . . . — Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Second Lt. BILL ROBINSON, of the famous Kappa Sig Robinsons, is back on a short leave before reporting to Indian Town Gap, somewhere in Pennsylvania." He has been transferred from tank destroyers, Camp Hood, Texas.

Second Lt. JOHN JAY DOUGLASS, ATO Innocent and man-about-Lincoln-Omaha-and parts-east-and-west last year is now instructing in the academic department, anti-tanks, at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Who knows, Lt. Douglass will probably run into some of those UN fellows who recently left Love Library for OCS at Ft. Benning. There's BILL GIST, CLYDE IRWIN (Delta Sig), JOHN BOTTOROFF, FRED CASSIDY (DU), JOHN AFFORD (Beta), BILL McBRIDE (Beta Innocent), ERNIE SMITHERS (Beta), and CHARLES DUDA of the football Dudas. Classes start March 2.

Cpl. BOB SCHLATER, under whose editorship the Nebraskan won an All-American first honor rating from the Associated Collegiate Press, and who was another of those ATO Innocents, has been transferred to the ai corps. He is now facing batteries of tests during the next six weeks at Keesler Field, Miss. He went to Keesler from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

The third in the Big Three of Last Year's Senior Innocents composed of Schlater, Douglass, and Malcott, Second Lt. DAVE WALCOTT of the Phi Psi Theat hut has been sent back to Ft. Sill, Okla. where he will take a specialized course for three months before returning to Ft. Bragg, No. Carolina. In the meantime he has been visiting his new home in Waterville, Maine.

Second Lts. TIM MORSE and JACK STEWART recently ran on to each other while "doing" the town of Nashville, Tenn. Lt. Morse is on Maneuvers. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, and Lt. Stewart belongs to the ATOS. Wonder just what the latter was up to in Nashville?

Cpl. BOB LICHTY, Beta about three years back, recently returned to the states from two long, dusty years in India. He was stationed at Delhi with a photographic squad, and made frequent trips into the Chinese and Burma sectors as well as covering India. He was sent back to attend a new OSC school in air corps administration in Miami, Fla.

lated and the majority will rule where the majority is affected.

Come on, you delegates! What say we get on the ball and kill off the Nebraska sheep. —JANET MASON.

New Activities Call for Additional Funds

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in the series of articles in the university bulletin of postwar plans for UN which was prepared by the chancellor's faculty advisory committee, the administrative council of deans, and the board of regents. It is hoped by The Nebraskan that these articles may acquaint the public with the university's need for more adequate appropriations.)

New Demands.

When it is suggested that the University's program of activities should be kept within the resources available for maintenance of creditable quality, it should be realized that the university almost every year is requested to undertake one or more new activities. At the present time three interested groups in the state are asking that the university undertake two new programs of research and one new instructional program. The university would be glad to add each of these three activities to its current program if sufficient money were provided.

Difficulty Exists Today.

When the university indicates that it now has great difficulty in operating its current program with the resources available, a group interested in a new type of activity is likely to indicate its willingness to endeavor to get a special item placed in the university appropriation for its specific activity. But there is an inherent danger in such procedure. It would serve no useful purpose if a special item were inserted in the university appropriation for a new activity, but with an accompanying reduction of like amount in the university general fund (which supports all the colleges) and with

no increase in the total appropriation for the institution. This would force the university to make a still greater variety of bricks with no more straw.

Such procedure—the designation of funds for a specific program—might lead to an ever increasing itemization of the appropriation at the expense of the non-itemized bulk of the university program in the university general fund. An increase of itemization in the university appropriation would be wasteful and educationally because it would make the use of funds less flexible. The members of the Board of Regents, elected by the voters of the state, are responsible for the wise administration of the funds appropriated for the university by the legislature. Meeting every month they are able to keep in touch with the changing and emergent needs of various parts of the program and allocate funds accordingly. The possibilities of efficient administration by the Board of Regents are in inverse ratio to the amount of itemization in the biennial appropriations. Current practice is sound and should not be changed.

If the university is to be expected to operate a program after the war as extensive in scope as before the war and maintain creditable standards of performance, an appropriation from tax funds not less than 25 percent greater than for the biennium 1941-43 (based on the dollar value of 1941) will be needed. This would be an increase of only 11.6 percent in

the total university appropriation which includes Federal funds, fees and cash collections. What stage current inflationary trends may have reached by the end of the war cannot now be foretold. If the current trend in the cost of living is not soon brought under effective control, all salaries should be increased. If the Legislature, after the war, should believe that the state either cannot afford or does not want to increase its investment in higher education as much as indicated above, then it would seem that the Board of Regents will be confronted with the necessity to consider ways and means of reducing the scope of our activities in order to have creditable quality of performance in what we attempt to do, and still operate, as we must, within the limits of the funds made available for our use.

BULLETIN

- AIKANE.** Aikane, the VN-SW inter-racial club, meets at 7:30 Thursday evening at the home of Dr. O. H. Werner, 1814 Lake street.
- COED FOLLIES.** Participants in the Coed Follies style show will meet Wednesday afternoon at 5 in Ellen Smith hall.
- STUDENT COUNCIL.** Student Council meeting will be held Wednesday at 5 in room 315 in the Union.
- FIRST AID.** Red Cross first aid class will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Union faculty lounge.
- RED CROSS.** County solicitors of the Red Cross will meet at 5 o'clock Thursday in room 315 of the Union.

Society . . . There's Nothing Like It

Leap Year day, Feb. 29, took society editor Laura Lee Mundil to Chicago to visit pinmate, Cliff Lind's folks, so the old maids sit in the manless Rag office and write about spring, candy passings and weddings.

Janet Gibson, Gamma Phi, has redecorated her room with a picture of Dorsey Kindler, Sig Gamma. Too bad, ASTP Bill Burns wasn't more photogenic!

Some get around, others know their way around, but Mary Louise Goodwin hunts her way around. Goody, who was taking a gang of Pi Phi's to Shirley Johnson's wedding at David City showed them half the state of Nebraska before finding David City. For details of the ride home see Jo Martz.

Rumor has it that Betty Mahan, Alpha Chi, evidently believes in leap year, as Bob Smith, Beta, was wearing her diamond. This week poor pledges will have something else to polish!

Thetas House Warming. Thetas house warming showed big changes in the Phi Psi house. Ernie Larson's room showed a new brand of perfume on the dresser. Marty Malster and Dorothy Gallup showed the new bedroom attire, even to blue boots. "Must be the Thetas as the Phi Psi's never dressed like that," quote Pete Anderson. Someone who bears watching is "Cap" Theisen, Sig Ep—does he

go in for arrow hunting or key snatching? Either game sounds fun!

Johnny Green is teaching Joyce Steuver, Alpha Chi, new navy maneuvers. The army can also be mighty cagey when it comes to operations. For additional information see "Press" Cochran, ASTP, school Nina Scott, Delta Gamma.

The reason the Beta's phone isn't busy and the house is so quiet is that Johnny Dean, Tom Hoard, and Bill Olson have become Uncle Sam's noise makers. Poor Jim Borgoff is losing all his buddies.

If on these lonely afternoons or evenings you have nothing better to do, listen to the corncrib's arrangement of "A Good Man Is Hard To Find."

War Loan . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) vealed Mary Louise Goodwin, chairman of the blood donors committee at the war council meeting yesterday afternoon. Students will go to the bank at the St. Elizabeth's hospital after they have made the necessary preparations, which will be in the near future. Wednesday and Saturday mornings will be set aside for university students, who will register beforehand through war council representatives in organized houses.