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Home Ec . . .

Since the first class of two students in 1907, the home economics department has graduated more than 1,500 students, who have, for the most part, remained within the state, contributing to its development as teachers, hospital dietitians, home demonstration agents and extension specialists, food service directors, researchers, and more recently, government and war workers supervising the food service for groups of soldiers or war plant workers from canteens to the huge bomber plant cafeterias.

Wherever in Nebraska a meal is found, generally there is found a woman who plans it, buys it and cooks it. Theirs is an important job, even more urgent in crises such as drouth, depression and war, when the proper care and feeding of American families depends upon the daughter, wife or mother.

Love co-operative dormitory and the new food and nutrition building, recently added to the physical plant of the home economics department at ag college, are tangible proofs that the state has come to realize the importance of home economics to the well-being of Nebraska.

Right now, however, the department is just about working at the maximum efficiency of which it is capable with its depleted and as yet unreplaced staff. Some years before the war, the Nebraska home economics department was rated alongside of leading mid-western home ec departments, such as the one at Ames, Ia., but by now, its reputation has slipped, due primarily to staffing deficiencies. The physical plant problem, which previously seriously hampered the department, has been removed with the recent addition of the two buildings.

A strong graduate department is needed to train home economists in dietetics and research, and to develop such a strong department, graduate assistantships are necessary to encourage promising students. Suitable equipment for research of the staff and of the graduate students will be required if advanced degrees are to be granted, and, in order to answer questions constantly coming into the department from people of the state, additional research staff members are needed.

The department also feels the need for a new home management house to supplement the two already in capacity use. The new house they would prefer in the form of a duplex which will simulate conditions in both farm and town houses of different economic levels.

Additional residence halls are also desperately needed on ag campus. At present there is provision for only about 75 girls to live on that campus, and not taking into consideration the inconvenience to the students of traveling daily from city dorms to ag classes, there is little extra available space for women in the city campus dormitories. With these additions and improvements, the Nebraska home ec department could easily surpass its previous record of excellence.

The Rhythm Front . . .

A real hep band greeted dancers in the Union ballroom Saturday night at the regular Union student dance. Led by Leota Sneed and Bob Evans, and composed entirely of UN students, this band really came in for the superlatives.

The band is a combination of two student bands, the Gamma Phi's and an "assorted" men's group, both of which tried out for war council's War Show separately, and then combined forces. It is the first UN student band ever to have both men and women. Pat Lahr overheard the War Show auditions and promptly signed them up to play for last Saturday, and to judge from the applause from the floor, return performances are going to be demanded.

DID YOU KNOW . . . that the Union ballroom has a "suspended" ceiling and that four people were walking around on "top" of the ceiling at 9:52 p.m. during the dance Saturday night? And that the Union has a secret sub-basement, to which not even P. Lahr has the key?

Les Said The Better

By Les Glotfelty

Much as we enjoy looking forward to Christmas vacation, we can't help, at this particular time of year, looking back, too, taking inventory of the things we accomplished or learned this past year. Most important of the acquired knowledge are the following facts taught us good good old experience.

1. Strawberry jam, when improperly sealed, blows up if kept too long, and spreads itself admirably on curtains, walls, bedspreads, and anything else within twenty feet.
2. Rome may have been conquered in a day but Spanish can't be.
3. Sweet rolls, peanut butter and crackers, slightly turned cider, pickles, cheese and crackers, and cake, in that order, cause acute indigestion, particularly when eaten at 2 a. m.
4. The Lincoln banks do not appreciate drawing money on them after our own is used up. Neither does pop.
5. Our biology book was written in 1908. That is why it says professors are human.
6. The burglar alarm on the fire escape works.
7. Ropes hung from the ceiling make it much easier to get around in an uncleaned room.
8. A college education is extremely important if we want to be a success at crossword puzzles.
9. There's no place like home.
10. Thank heaven for small favors and two weeks vacation, before the students bite off each others heads.

If we started naming the things that were wrong with the class presidents election Tuesday, it would take more space than the Nebraskan can afford. Just a few are: No one watched the ballot boxes as students deposited their votes; ag campus ballots were not validated as they should have been; there are only two ag Student Council members and they cannot, by themselves, regulate voting properly at ag; at least eleveny-six people who had no connection with the Council were running around during the vote counting; and so on. The main point, however, is not what was wrong at that first election. UN had taken a big step toward cleaning up politics

V . . . - Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

GIL RYDER, Sigma Chi, is on campus this week on a furlough. He is being transferred from AST at the U. of California to Med School at the University of Utah.

ART SMALLEY, Phi Gam, was also dashing about campus on his way from Penn State AST to the University of Maryland.

First Lt. BILL LOEFFEL, Farm House, is home on a ten day leave from Spokane, Wash., and is waiting shipment orders.

Cpl. L. L. "STEVE" DEVOE, Phi Delt, is home on a convalescent furlough from the Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah. Steve was wounded in action in Germany. He wears the purple heart and the presidential citation.

Cpl. R. W. "SLATS" SCHLATER, ATO and former editor of the Nebraskan, is "somewhere in England." In New York, he ran into Lt. "CY" ROMAN, Phi Psi, who told him his brother-in-law, Lt. "BILL" GIST, was in town. Since then they have discovered both are in England, but to date have been unable to get together.

MILLICENT PETERSON has just completed her training course as an air forces service pilot at Sweetwater, Tex. She was a senior in home ec at the time she entered training.

Lt. BERNARD E. INGRAM, '39, is "now in France, commanding an Italian ordnance ammunition company. It is a company of prisoners of war that have volunteered to serve the Allies." Lt. Ingram continues: "The American officers life in an old French chateau, which incidentally was a show place in its day. We have a smaller officers' mess presided over by two Italian cooks and the things they do with this G. I. food is out of this world!"

and elections and this election was the first test of the new party system. It is more than fortunate that things had to be so generally messed up. Whether there really was anything dishonest done, or whether it was just a general mix-up will never be known. When UN votes again the Council will do its part to keep things right, and from there on, its up to all of us to play it right and comply with election rules.

Churches . . .

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Union. The Christmas spirit will dominate the service, Rev. H. Erek, university Lutheran pastor, will speak on the topic, "And His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful." The girls' choir will sing and Miss Charlotte Filter will accompany the hymns.

Dicken's "Christmas Carol" and special Christmas music will be played on records at the Presbyterian student house Sunday evening at 5:30, followed by a fellowship supper at 6:30.

Sunday morning at 10:50 a. m. the special candlelight service will be held at First Presbyterian church.

Carol Programs Planned.

Sunday evening at Westminster church the annual Christmas

carol program will be presented by the four choirs of Westminster church.

At six o'clock Sunday evening a lunch will be given at First Baptist church, followed by a Christmas music service.

At 8 p. m. there will be the hanging of the greens at the Baptist student house and at 9 a Christmas play will be presented.


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