

# EDITORIAL

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## Old Times Again?

With the return to school of many former Nebraska students, the air is once again being filled with talk of "the good old days," along with which the subject of campus politics is not being neglected. In the not so distant future the campus will once again be going to the polls with prom girl, N-Club queen, Nebraska Sweetheart, student council members, etc., among those on the tentative voting agenda. As the situation stands, most of those students who were most active in carrying on a crusade to reform campus politics have graduated or left school in the past two years. Therefore it will be interesting to note the reaction of the new and the old students to the changes which have been brought about during war years.

In many stormy student council sessions of the past two years, mention was often made of the "men who will come back" and their reaction to the reforms which were being considered. Accusations were thrown back and forth at those who were "trying to put something over on them" and those who were "trying to carry on until they got back." Many coeds got their fingers burned at the game of politics which they were sampling for the first time.

In the process, one of the attempted reforms was put across. The Greek vs. Barb political parties were broken up and a plan for new parties, including a combination of Greeks and Barbs, was set forth. The plan, while still warm from vigorous debates, was utilized for two elections before the close of school. The results were not particularly indicative and whether it eliminated the Greek-Barb split is still a fertile field of argument.

The success of the political clean-up campaign will be put to a significant test when elections come around next semester. So far little interest has been aroused in the new set-up and other "revamping" schemes have been mulled over half-heartedly in student council meetings. A few people have made a dejected attempt to reorganize the parties, but little incentive in the way of elections has offered itself yet.

When the incentive comes, there will be fireworks. It is to be hoped that whatever results are achieved, the same spirit of fair play, honesty and equality will reign that brought about the fireworks before. There is always plenty of room for reform in politics and too much room for mistakes. Careful planning, high and sincere motivation, and good practical thinking will carry the next group of university leaders through to a proud finish. J.L.M.

## Dean V. Boyles Urges Women To Use Brains

Urging women to take part in the affairs of their community, the nation and the world, Verna H. Boyles, dean of women, stated that they must concern themselves with world affairs to achieve happiness.

"It's easy to be a good citizen when the nation is at war. The duties are exact and easily understood. But peace is something else, something much more difficult which takes hard work and understanding to keep. Women are saying now they're willing to do anything to keep peace. But I'm wondering how long it will last," she believes.

### Need to Think.

Adding that she doesn't expect women to become militant, band together, pass resolutions or to march about the streets, Mrs. Boyles declared that thinking was the only way to have peace.

"After thinking these problems of ours through then the next step is an exchange of views and this is where the women must stand up to be counted. Women should discover, as men have known for so long, that it's not only appropriate but worthwhile to talk politics. It's good citizenship. Oh, yes, I know the men do not want women around when they talk politics. This gap in the lives of men and women can be closed if women can learn not to annoy men in discussion groups by learning what to say and how to say it and how to argue in good humor and most important know all the facts about what

they believe is right," Mrs. Boyles says.

### Personalized World.

"A woman lives in a world which is highly personalized. She marries a man with whom she is in love. She raises a family of fine children and she must care for her home. This is her principal world. If it is a happy one she is apt to think that all is well with the outside world too," she continued.

Mrs. Boyles concluded, "This apathy is a tragic mistake, for if the small worlds of housewives are to continue, women must take an intelligent interest in the world security. Women are especially equipped to take this interest because they have a greater natural dislike for destruction of life. They have a great capacity for sacrifice and pity and gentle wisdom which the world needs. Women have much to offer a world. If they shrink from it, the next war may leave them without a world in which to be happy."

## Safeway Stores Establish Graduate Ec Assistantship

Safeway Stores, inc. have established a \$3,000 graduate assistantship in rural economics at the University, announced Perry W. Branch, director of the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The problems and research pertaining to the marketing of Nebraska eggs, poultry and cream will be investigated by a graduate student in the Department of Rural Economics to whom the scholarship is awarded.

The research will also include study of production, preparation for marketing, and marketing outlets sought by producers of these products.

## Snipe Huntin'

with

JUDGE MASON

Gum and shoestrings don't mix. Gum softens and gets slimy after coming in contact with coffee. Gum sticks on heels when discarded in the street... We abhor gum, we hate gum, we don't like gum, we ignore gum, we don't think about gum—oh heck, so we CAN'T get any gum!

We finally found out what "facetious" means (look it up yourself, I had to). For example:

**Facetious Question:** (to Union cashier) Do you have any gum today?

**Answer:** (Vi Iverson goes into hysterical laughter and questioner slinks out unobtrusively.)

**Joke:**  
Prof. Bartley: Are you doing anything tonite, Miss Murray?  
Sarah Murray: (hopefully) No, not a thing.

Prof. Bartley: Then please get to class on time tomorrow morning!

We have another joke in mind but can't decide whether to pass it on or not. We'd like to, but... well, it's not exactly the kind of thing one would expect to read in The Nebraskan. It is kind of funny though... No, we just can't do it!

Perhaps we had better divert the mind with the latest academic news about the campus. In the psychology department, for example, prospective majors have recently been horrified at being unable to answer a question on an intelligence test for six year olds. It seems Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and Baby Bear were going for a walk when suddenly they chanced upon a bench. The Baby Bear exclaimed,

"Oh good, now all four of us can sit down."

The great problem is why did the Baby Bear say, "Now all FOUR of us can sit down?"

Relax—the answer is really quite simple; the Baby Bear just couldn't count.

... can't get that funny joke out of my mind! Oh well, as that outstanding laissez-fairest of our day, Representative Buffet, would probably say: "If we mustn't, we mustn't!" Speaking of Omaha's prodigy, Buffet, it is currently being rumored that since voting against U. S. participation in the United Nation's organization, the representative from Nebraska is now considering retirement to devote his full time to a plan for building an impregnable atomic wall around the United States.

Gosh, I wonder if people would be too upset if I told that joke—hate to get in bad around here, but... well, good jokes are so scarce nowadays. Bet it would be appreciated—no, huh, uh, no can do.

This little incident came out of

## Foreign Students Enter Air Classes At Texas School

(ACP). Air minded students from Iceland, Argentina and Turkey give a cosmopolitan flavor to the air transportation course taught by Dr. John Frederick, professor of transportation at the University of Texas.

Sigurdur Matthiasson from Reykjavik, Iceland, is majoring in air transportation on a scholarship from his government.

**Means a Great Deal.**  
"Travel by air means a great deal to my country, where isolated sections 30 hours away by boat can be reached in one and one half hours by plane," said Matthiasson, whose ambition is to become an airport manager.

Four commercial airports are now in use in Iceland, in addition to one maintained by the U. S. army as a refueling unit point between the United States and Europe.

In spite of overcasts, glaciers and lava formations, Iceland is proud of its aircraft accident record of only one crackup with loss of life since 1936.

"Use of the airplane for spotting herring has increased production of the fishing industry 33 percent," Matthiasson said. "Planes fly 50 to 60 miles off coast, spot the school of fish and contact the fishing vessels."

Vonnie (looking through telescope): "God!"  
Mary Lou: "Oh g'wan—it ain't that powerful."

Then there's that one about—about—aw heck, there goes my nerve again! If I don't get that joke off my mind my job will be. But if I tell it my job will be also. It kind of reminds me of the conversation I overheard at the ATO house the other night: Kenny Younger on telephone: "Is this the Salvation Army?"

"Yes."  
"Do you save be..."  
"Yes, sir, we do."  
"Well, save me one for Saturday night."

There is no earthly reason for thinking about Ruth Korb at this point—but she comes to mind in that strange way that characterizes the entrance of an unusual thought... always without provocation. Now we remember that she wanted us to plug the new Awgwan Valentine girl. She is sponsoring a contest for Valentine girl, in which the most popular choice gets a cover shot on the Febr. Awgwan.

Valentine girl, where are you going?  
Upstairs to take a bath.  
Valentine girl stepped in the bathtub  
Pulled out the plug and then—

## Faculty Notes

Two Nebraska professors, on leave of absence during the war, will return to the campus in January. They are A. H. Schmidt, chairman of the prosthodontics department in the college of dentistry, and Joseph B. Burt, chairman of the department of pharmacy and pharmaceutical chemistry in the college of pharmacy.

Professor Schmidt, who entered the service in December, 1940, has been a major in the army dental corps. Prof. Burt has been assistant chief of the Office of Civilian Supplies in the OPA for the past two and a half years.

Dr. Eric Kneen, associate agricultural chemist and assistant plant pathologist at the university, has resigned to accept a position as professor in the milling industry department at Kansas State college in Manhattan. Mr. Kneen, who came to Nebraska in 1936 from Minnesota university, will begin his new duties this week.

Oh my goodness, oh my soul  
There goes Valentine girl  
Down the hole  
Glug, glug, plug!  
We'd better stop before we tell that joke!

## Telephones



## on Wheels



## and Afloat

The Bell System plans an extensive trial of two-way radio in providing telephone service to vehicles in a number of large cities.

Connections with other telephones will be made through the nearest of several receiving and transmitting stations operated by the telephone company. It is generally similar to the existing ship-shore radio telephone service for vessels in coastal and inland waters.

The main job right now is making more telephones available for those who have been waiting for regular service. But as soon as the new equipment can be built the Bell System will begin extending telephone service to vehicles.

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