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Nebraska's Finest...

Today's announcement of the retirement of Dean Rufus A. Lyman of the college of pharmacy and Dr. C. W. M. Poynter, dean of the college of medicine, brings forth deserved praise from faculty members and present and former students for the work the two men have done. As one faculty member expressed it, "We are sorry to see them go. Both of them have done noble jobs at the university."

Dr. Poynter has faced particularly unusual problems in heading for 16 years a branch of the university which must be administered both as a college and a public eleemosynary institution. He has been in the difficult position of having to conduct himself and the medical school in a manner satisfactory to both the practising physicians and the lay public. He has done a magnificent job in both instances, turning out good doctors and at the same time educating the public to the need for medical education and hospital service.

He is first a physician and secondly a research scientist and is held in the highest respect by both the physicians and research men on his Omaha staff. According to the members of the administration, the dean of the medical school has to handle one of the most difficult budgets in the university. As an executive, Dean Poynter has always made certain that the medical school got its money's worth and more out of that budget.

Dr. Lyman stands out as a national leader in pharmaceutical education. In his 38 years as head of the pharmacy branch of the university, he has brought it up from a trade school to a bona fide professional school. He has stimulated research in the field and ranks high nationally among scientists and educators in pharmacy. He is also highly thought of by practising pharmacists over the country.

As senior ranking dean of the university, Dr. Lyman's associations with his students has been unusually close. Jokes about the condition of his office, his preference for the Presbyterian church and certain of his courses are among the beloved campus classics.

Both Dr. Lyman and Dr. Poynter have known and followed their students closely. During the war Dr. Poynter corresponded with medical students scattered all over the world.

The university is losing two deans who have for many years given of their best to the school. In doing so they have added immeasurably to the spirit and tradition of Nebraska.

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and Cornell to Chicago, Nebraska, Texas, and Stanford.

"But he had been restless in college teaching, and he was restless during his six-year spell as a liberal editor. At Texas he had been the sort of maverick professor who writes a novel called 'The Professor and the Petticoat.' In New York liberal circles it was curious to see this big, hulking Scandinavian farmer from Nebraska, who told caustic irreverent stories, and who preferred writing semi-fictional ironic sketches to finger-pointing editorials.

New School.

"In 1923 he found his metier and his real life work, and he has stuck to it with massive tenacity ever since. The New School for Social Research had been started a few years earlier as a gesture of protest and freedom in the dreary wastes of academic tyranny. Some of the best minds of the day were behind it—Veblen and Beard and Harvey Robinson. But it took Johnson who took over as director and gave the school a local habitation and a name in the American intellectual world.

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reached the peak of their greatness in the crisis of European scholarship under fascism. When Hitler made life in Germany and almost throughout Europe a Gehenna for free men, the great danger was not that Europe would lose some of the most creative minds and skills in history but that no other culture would find them.

"Johnson was quicker than anyone else I know to take the full measure of Europe's loss and America's opportunity. He quickly sent word thruout Germany and Europe that the anti-fascist scholars would be welcome here. I count this the biggest single educational achievement of recent years, by the side of which most of the controversial storms raging now seem thin-spun stuff."

The convocation will begin at 10:15 and classes will be dismissed from 10 to 12 a. m., according to Chancellor C. S. Boucher.

FREE VARIETY SHOW
Ella Raines
Charles Korvin
Gale Sondergaard
"ENTER ARSENE LUPIN"
3 P. M.
SUN. APR. 14
UNION BALLROOM

The Ash Can

by Marthella Holcomb

"That's a stupid way to come to class," one laboratory assistant told a student who'd forgotten his lab manual this week. After years under a tough sergeant such comment didn't faze him in the least, he just looked up and said, "But I'm stupid." The next session brought the assistant back to his desk again, with an apologetic, "I've thought it over, and I don't think you're stupid."

Remember the good old days, when we swiped golf balls from dad's bag to play jacks, and thought penciled initials were enough to keep them safe from filching hands? Now we can't beg, borrow or steal a first rate one, even to play golf.

Self-conscious and struggling to maintain a fragment of his customary aplomb, one university student sat more or less calmly waiting for a red light to change the other morning, while someone's big yellow dog barked in frenzied fascination at his scooter's tires. No, it isn't a shaggy dog story.

Thursday one of the FFA boys down for their state convention stopped at the Union office to ask where the banquet would be held. Betty replied, "In the ballroom." He looked a bit confused, murmured, "Barroom?" and was away before she could set him aright.

There's one English 2 class which makes noun clauses, dangling participles and adverbial appositives sound really inviting. Held at 11 a. m., it's 100 percent navy, and has a male teacher. Darn this heredity, why did mother have to be an English teacher.

Even the Thin Man doesn't have a chance on the early morning busses for school. Tho most people look forward to Friday as the end of the week, bus-riders with 9 o'clocks long for Thursday, when stores open an hour later, and they can breathe on the trip downtown.

Ever since the beginning of this semester we've gazed in rapt admiration at the A-2 jackets flashing around the campus with silver rows of bombs, sexy Petty girls, Jolly Roger emblems and miscellaneous selections from Disney painted on them. Epitome was reached Friday, however, when we found staring us in the face down the aisle, the boldly painted assertion, "Gentleman Jim." Glad they told us. Never know when you might want to know that.

Religious Council Elects M. Davis As New President

Martha Davis was elected president of the Religious Welfare Council to succeed Bill Miller, at the regular meeting Thursday evening.

Other officers elected are: Gordon Lippitt, vice president; Alice Rife, secretary; and Miss L. L. Runge, treasurer.

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News in Brief

WASHINGTON.—A veterans' housing bill designed to speed the construction of 2,700,000 new dwellings by the end of next year passed the senate Wednesday and went back to the house for consideration of numerous amendments. As the senate passed the bill, it will provide for six hundred million dollars in subsidies on scarce building materials so that more houses can be built sooner.

The government has relaxed its construction controls to permit construction of some non-veteran housing projects. Heretofore only discharged veterans could qualify to build new homes.

President Truman reports an improvement in world food prospects. Congress has moved to secure more meat and grain from this country to be sent overseas.

The senate atomic energy committee have unanimously approved the atomic control bill. The bill gives the government absolute control over the production, ownership, and use of materials from which atomic energy is derived.

General George C. Marshall has concluded his conferences with President Truman, and is on his way back to China.

The senate banking committee has approved the proposed \$3,750,000 loan to Great Britain.

Renewal of contract negotiations next week between John L. Lewis and the soft coal miners is forecast by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, young Russian naval officer arrested on espionage charges, has protested his innocence and agreed to return to Seattle for trial.

Change To Be Proposed In Surplus Property Act

The War Assets administration will be requested to change its manner of disposing surplus property among educational institutions, according to a statement made Saturday by Dean Roy M. Green of the engineering college.

The 1944 Surplus Property Act broadly provides that educational institutions may receive surplus war property for instructional purposes at a cost of "packing and shipping," Green declared. A subsequent ruling held, however, that surplus property to schools would be sold at the "current market value less 40 percent."

"Know How."

"Nebraska's educational institutions simply can't afford to purchase this much needed surplus property at market value less 40 percent. At the university alone the purchase under present policy of vital teaching materials now available in surplus property depots would amount to several hundred thousand dollars," the engineering Dean said.

"We believe that our country was victorious in the war because of our outstanding capacity to achieve results in the fields of science and the technology of production. Education certainly had much to do with creating this pro-

ductive 'know how.' We also believe that the ability to solve the technological problems of peace can be greatly strengthened by properly equipped agencies of education."

Program.

Green was in Washington, D. C., last week representing the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education in a conference of 21 educational groups.

The conference drafted a four point program which provided: (1) a policy of nominal pricing (cost of care and handling) of surplus property which would be of public benefit; (2) provide a 30-day period of offering to permit fair distribution of property; (3) reservation of property in terms of estimated quantities required by educational institutions; (4) revision downward of minimum purchase quantities to permit smaller schools to fulfill their needs.

Green also emphasized that he would urge all Nebraska schools and colleges to petition the War Assets administration to revise its policy. If this were accomplished, educational institutions could obtain much needed equipment at a tremendous saving in cost, and indirectly improve the quality of instruction to students.



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