

News Honorary Discusses Aid To Prep Press

Possible ways Sigma Delta Chi may aid in sponsorship of the state high school press convention in Lincoln Feb. 21 and 22 were presented the journalism fraternity Friday by William H. Hice, university professor and past president of the Nebraska High School Press association.

Fraternity participation in organization and planning of the convention is definitely planned, Scott Greenwood, president, told members.

The group will work with Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary, under auspices of the School of Journalism. Convention planning is directed by the Nebraska High School Press association.

Officers of both journalism honoraries will meet Wednesday to map final plans for the event, it was decided.

Alumni Speaker

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson will speak at the Lincoln Alumni Club's Charter Day dinner, Monday, Feb. 17, at 6 p. m. in the Union.

Fred Williams, president of the club, said reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Association office, 2-7181, Ext. 58.

Knapp Appointed To Librarianship

Paul Knapp has been appointed as Divisional Librarian in Science and Technology of the University Libraries Friday according to Frank Lundy, Director of University Libraries.

Before coming to the University of Nebraska Knapp was librarian of the Research and Development Library of the Owens-Corning Fiberglass corporation in Newark, O. He has previously served on the staffs of the public libraries in Toledo, O. and Jackson, Mich., and as chemistry librarian at the Universities of Cincinnati and Illinois. The new librarian holds bachelor and master degrees in library science.

Pre-Med Group Taps Nine Men

Theta Nu, honorary fraternity for pre-medical students, has tapped nine university men for membership.

They are: Frederic Ware, Omaha; John C. Schutz, Steinauer; Ernst A. Yeck, Lincoln; Milton L. Kaiser, Humboldt; Roger E. Wehrs, Milford; Harris W. Barber, Omaha; William C. Allen, Lincoln; Hans Roth, Jansen; and Leo Hmnick, Lincoln.

Two Wesleyan students were also tapped.

'Daily' Application

Applications for assistant business manager and special feature editor positions on the Daily Nebraskan will be accepted until noon Wednesday, Feb. 12. Interviews will be held Feb. 13 at 4:00 p. m. in Dr. Fellman's office at 108 Social Science building. Salaries for assistant business manager and special feature editor will be \$20 and \$10 respectively.

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BY DON AMSDEN.

Thursday's column was quite a success!

When I mentioned that your opinion and suggestions on what you wanted to see discussed here would be welcome and desired, I didn't really expect that results would be immediately forthcoming. I didn't think you'd respond with practically an avalanche of notes, letters and memoranda. And I was right—you didn't.

Your silence was deafening—unless I could count the scribbled postcard that blew into the Rag office during Thursday's dust-storm. And all its illegible scrawl said was, "Who are you, writin' a column, ya bum?". Touching, hm?

Now, if my illiterate friend meant by what authority was I writing, I have the Innocents' permission to make this my class "B" activity. And never mind what I consider class "A!"

On the other hand, if that billet-doux really meant literally, "Who are you?", all I can say is "Nix." I'm saving the story of my delinquent childhood for another column. Suffice it to say that I was born of parents. Also you may say that I started to school at the early age of. And it's no use thinking of revenge. My parents (rest their souls) are beyond retaliation. No, not dead—just committed by a friendly psychiatrist.

As for the epithet at the end of my fan mail—obviously hurled by a frustrated columnist.

If I asked you to sit down and, in one continuous uninterrupted speech, tell me all you knew about any one of the subjects you took

last semester, what would you think? Well, you'd expect me to realize that you might momentarily overlook some things. You'd expect me to realize that it might take considerable prompting to elicit all the information you actually did absorb about the subject. In short, you wouldn't want me to base an opinion of what you knew on that one monologue even if I gave you three hours, would you?

All of which is simply my approach to this examination question. (Everyone else has taken a shot at it. Guess I'll just "fire one" and retire.)

I won't take a chance on giving free rein to my thoughts on three-hour exams! Unless it's simply to say that I know of at least two universities from personal experience that shun the marathon quiz. And they seem to get by. Three-hour quiz! I can't help thinking there must at least be a public health law against such prolonged restraint of movement. Even David O. Selznick had to split Gone With the Wind into two sessions—and all his audience had to do was sit!

Yet every person reading this has sat in class while the instructor was bombarded with "How many questions will there be on the exam?", or "What sections of the book will the exam cover?", or "Do you expect us to remember that for the exam?" Those are the most common responses an instructor gets when, after putting forth considerable effort on an enthusiastic lecture, he asks if anyone has anything to add to the

topic or a question.

It must be disheartening, particularly to an instructor who happens to have a desire to really teach his subject. And, to their credit, a lot of them have. But it must be discouraging to face this constant preoccupation with examinations. And yet you can't really blame the student. If the exam itself is given such all-fired importance, who's to criticize if he sets his sights on the exam it-

self and is inordinately proud of any knowledge he happens to pick up in the process? The majority of persons enrolled here are far from stupid. They know that anything they memorize in a few hours' cramming will be gone in a few days. But they know too that it's a time-tested way to pass the all-important exam. With so much emphasis on the mechanics of examinations, that's more important than learning!



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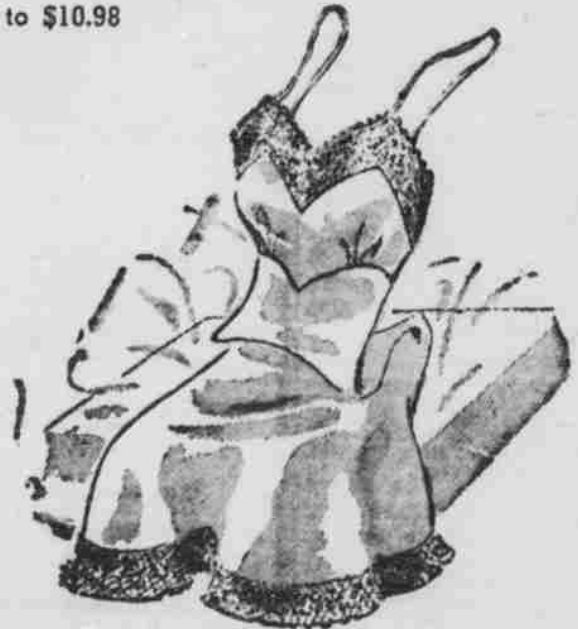
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