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Chance for Seniors . . .

If members of the senior class cooperate in attending the convocation scheduled for Thursday, a new and worthy tradition of the university may be established. Since the return of the campus to somewhat normal activity, there has been a noticeable lack of enthusiasm in keeping up the long-standing traditions.

Yes, functions such as Homecoming, football rallies and dances continue, but the vital element called "school spirit" has faded during the past five years.

The proposed plan for Senior Week will be presented to the seniors and will include social activities for the class during the week before commencement. Possibilities for activities are dances, picnics and dinners, in conjunction with meeting with alumni of the university.

There is a catch in this plan, as in most schemes, but it is easily taken care of. The catch is this: Senior Week will only become a reality if 50% or more of the senior class is present at the meeting Thursday evening, and approves the proposal.

It is a chance to start something because if it is a success, the classes coming up will participate in a Senior Week. It can be the Class of '47's contribution to the university and they can have a lot of fun, besides.

DONATIONS

BY DON AMSDEN.

Humorist Frank Sullivan developed an entertaining idea in a recent issue of PM. Lists of the "Greatest Books" are apt to be misrepresentative and pedantic, he thought. Instead he found what he felt was a more honest indication of readers' tastes—the books filched so far this year from a New York university library.

After deliberating his list, Sullivan decided that "a man who has swiped these books is on the road to a liberal education."

How would a similar search into literary larceny at Nebraska compare, I wondered? Never one to avoid a plagiarism when necessary to keep you abreast of the world, I simply transferred Mr. Sullivan's unique research to this campus with the aid of Miss Patricia Lahr, keeper of the Union's keys.

The Union, as many adventuresome spirits has discovered, maintains a leisure reading room called the book Nook. The Book Nook has no spying apparatus to watch its shelves of books. No X-ray eye inspects the students who enter and leave. The Book Nook has no spying apparatus to watch its shelves of books. No.

Human nature being the warped thing that it is, the honor system did not obstruct my inquiry. Miss Lahr was able to give me a list of pilfered books as long as the one Mr. Sullivan used. All were taken from the book Nook during the first semester.

"Books occasionally disappear for a short while and then are returned," Miss Lahr said cynically. She thinks some books are "just too good to leave unfinished," even though Union rules forbid removing them from the room.

Some of the books that students have acquired for keeps from the Book Nook are: Hervey Allen's "Fortress and the Fort", Asch's "The Apostle", Douglas's "The Robe", Orwell's "The Animal Farm" and the perennial "Gone with the Wind."

A single standard of taste among book-snatchers was indicated when Evelyn Waugh's "Brideshead Revisited" appeared among the missing on both Mr. Sullivan's list and my own. Other best-sellers appropriated from the Union include: "The Black Rose", "The Foxes of Harrow", "The Unwitnessed" and "The Egg and I."

But popular fiction is all that's missing. Nebraskans too are "on the road to a liberal education", Mr. Sullivan. Also gone from the shelves here are "The Anatomy of Peace", "My Three Years With Eisenhower", "The Road Out of China", "Young Man of Caracas" and a biography of George Bernard Shaw. Nor do our book-collectors lack a sense of humor. "A Subtreasury of American Humor" succumbed to a raid too.

Yes, Mr. Sullivan, I can say that Nebraska's bibliophiles are also acquiring a liberal, if slightly illegal, education.

One aspect of the case of the Wandering Books deserves a little more serious treatment than the above, however. Union book purchases from the Book Nook are financed by the J. C. Seacrest fund. About \$100 is available each year to be spent for new books, according to Miss Lahr. The list price of the books that have disappeared during the last semester amounted to \$54.48.

It doesn't take a mathematician to see that, at the present pace, the Union's reading room will soon be just a sitting room.

Letterip

Madam Editor:
The students of this university are surprisingly indifferent to the things that affect their school and themselves. The university is in great need of buildings, equipments, and an increased staff. The student body must support the Chancellor in this matter.

The students are either grossly indifferent or criminally lazy for they do not realize the responsibility that is theirs. The people of the State know nothing about what is needed by this university except what finds its way into the newspapers and the information they get from the student body.

In his recommendation to the legislature the governor saw fit to cut the appropriation requested by the Chancellor for "reasons of economy," yet the legislature has a bill under consideration to pay veterans of Nebraska bonus based on length of service. As a veteran of Nebraska with over three and a half years of service, I can see no real benefit to myself from the four hundred or so dollars which I would get. This same appropriation would do a great deal of good if applied to the school system in this state. Contrary to Colliers, the schools of this state are not so good compared to many others.

Let us hope that one who is more interested in an education than in social standing and having a good time will be moved to take an interest in what is happening to his school. The staff needs support from the students, why not give it to them?

JAMES B. KILE

Theater Holds 'Craig's Wife' Tryouts Today

Tryouts for the Experimental Theater's production of "Craig's Wife" will be held today from 3 to 6 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. in the studio theater, Temple building. Additional tryouts will be held tomorrow from 3 to 6 p. m.

Open April 2
Scheduled to open April 2 for a two night run, the play is under the direction of Miss Margaret Servine, speech instructor. A Pulitzer prize winner, "Craig's Wife" has a cast of six women and five men.

All regularly enrolled students in good standing are eligible to try out.

Coeds Shown Hair-dos

Ben, Your Hairdresser, discussed and demonstrated hair styles at the dinner meeting of the Kernels Monday evening.

Fifteen girls were entertained at the dinner during which Leila Molthan, Joyce Marshal and Kay Donovan furnished music. Mrs. Elvera Christiansen, sponsor of the group, was a speaker. A business meeting followed the program.

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American Youth Hostels' Return to Europe Asked

BY EUGENE BERMAN.

As a result of their first post-war journey abroad, the American Youth Hostel has been asked to return to Europe again to help war-torn countries. For their work in helping Europe last summer, which entailed many privations for the American volunteers, each individual was given a citation from the International Youth Hostel association in Amsterdam in which the appreciation of the people of Europe was expressed.

Hostelers will do actual reconstruction work side by side with hostellers from various countries in Europe. The work does not require expert craftsmen but includes plastering, painting, gardening, clearing away rubble, etc. The minimum age limit for these work projects is 17.

French Project.

Altho the French have hostels in all parts of the country which have been destroyed, the greatest number and the greatest need can be found in the high mountain land. Climbing trips are organized on week-ends for relaxation.

Last year American hostelers worked on three French projects; one in the mountains near the Spanish border which was used as a school for war orphans, another near Italy high in the Alps, which had been used at several different times as a nazi army camp, and a third only several miles from the Swiss border which was to be used as a ski hostel in the winter time.

Belgium.

Unable to fill Belgium's urgent request for AYH construction groups last summer, the organization is particularly eager to send hostelers to help this year. Visits to Brussels, the "Little Paris" of Belgium, and hostel journeys

through Bastogne, the battlefield of World War II, will show the country to American travelers and work groups.

Germany.

During the summer of 1946, military leaders approved an AYH work project into Germany. "We must foster in every way," said General Joseph McNarney, "the development of sound youth activities as a strong contribution to the regeneration of a peaceful democratic Germany." Working with German young people on a youth hostel project will be an unusual experience for hostelers because until now only military government or civilian war department employees have been allowed to carry out this reconstruction program.

Holland.

Although Holland, torn by bombs and flooding seas, has recovered to a great extent during the past year, there will still be dikes to build and hostels to repair.

The summer might end with a bike trip through Rotterdam, The Hague and out to the famous Walcheren Islands or a boat trip through the Amsterdam canals. This past summer the AYH working crew spent most of its time on a bombed hostel at Bergen-ob-Zoom and the Nijmegen hostel, used as a German SS prison camp, doing such things as removing barbed wire. The cost is \$200 plus transportation from New York.

Russia.

Russia is a land of mystery to most Americans, therefore the need is great to make some constructive effort to bridge the gap of strangeness and misunderstanding that exists between the United States and Russia.

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