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Snooper Crashes Show Rehearsal

BY NORM LEGER,
(News Editor)

Strains of a beautiful ballad, "It's hell without the boys!" sung by melodious, feminine voices, floated through the transom above the doorway to the Studio Theatre, and, having a cat-fate-defying curiosity, we opened the door and peered in.

Expecting to see a group of sad, forlorn, and man-less coeds, we were perplexed to see nothing but men. There was Jack Carson, strolling back and forth upon the stage, with not even a silk hat out of which to pull a rabbit. Could this be? Carson turning strictly thespian? No, from his coat pocket he took a deck of cards and in no time at all gave evidence that the prologue to "Aksarben Nights," the Kosmet Klub spring review, would be strictly Carson. But he was not fooled by thinking that Carson's appearance to give the prologue will be his last. Hardly a scene goes by that "Newsie," (that's right, Carson), shows up, whether it be in the midst of a secret fraternity meeting or on the shores of Catalina, thoroughly drenched after his long swim from L. A. to try to sell his newspapers.

Chi Iota Omega fraternity (commonly known as the CIO) on the Aksarben U. campus has its troubles, too. Seems as if one of its returning vets (a navy man who participated in one of the island invasions—Catalina) while still on the island wrote a letter back to the boys which disapproved of some of the aspects of Aksarben U. campus life. CIO

is given to debate—shall we or shall we not claim Horace Biskett (Bruce Coffman) as a brother when he returns?

Becoming interested in the thickening plot, we were somewhat perturbed when Max Whittaker, who is directing the show, called for the rehearsal of another scene. (Just because we haven't bought our ticket yet . . . we are going to, but for present we just like to play hide-and-seek with the eager KK workers.) Next thing we knew a secret and important fraternity meeting was in session, discussing many grave questions, one of which might be, "But do we have to have chaperones at our spring, outdoor party (in the words of the censor) with the Kappas?"

That's the scene—an orderly fraternity meeting with the president (John Andresen) keeping things under control, mug in one hand and a 45 in the other.

As we were being escorted to the door after the discovery had been made that we were not a member of the pony chorus, we heard the shrill and gleeful voices of two Aksarben U. coeds, Flora and Tallulah (who, in the actual production, may look a bit like Jerry Johnston and Dick Mock), welcoming their long-gone-but-now-returned pinmates, steadies, and what-have-you at the railway station.

Well, we're ready to give in, we're tired of playing hide-and-seek, and what's more we will buy a ticket because we want to.

Dauntless Daily Editor Foils Administration; Lifts Files

Due to the quicksilver thinking of a Daily Nebraskan editor, a secret file of the department of English which was "under no circumstances to be made public until 1950," can be revealed today to the student body.

Contents of the Blue Paper, which was labelled "Top Secret," are so explosive that their publication in full might result in suspension of the Daily or expulsion of its editors from school. Nonetheless it is felt that its contents so directly affect the University itself that the Daily is under moral obligation to report them.

Not That.

Following a lengthy prologue in which the instructors making the report wear their findings to secrecy ("our lips are sealed"), the Blue Paper states boldly "Twenty-five percent of the University of Nebraska entering freshmen students possess about as much knowledge of the English language as the average fifth or sixth grade public school pupil."

Again quoting the Blue Paper, "The figure is based on a study of entering students for the past decade made by the English department, which has revealed 45 percent of first year students prepared to take only courses in high school grammar."

We're All Morons.

"To stem a steady decline in the use of our language," the Blue Paper continues, "The University has devised a new laboratory system of teaching English to the lowest ranking bracket of students—the 25 percent who spell

poorly, have a small vocabulary and possess slight knowledge of the simple sentence."

Publication of further findings of the survey cannot be made today, but the Blue Paper did implicate Nebraska high school teachers as responsible. They are charged with being "poorly qualified."

But How Come?

How the report fell into the hands of the Daily Nebraskan must remain secret, but it can be revealed that an editor, while at the English department's office perusing illuminated manuscripts of the thirteenth century, caught sight of the report, lying unguarded, on the desk of the secretary. Asking the secretary to find him a certain edition of Rabalais, the editor beamed her with an Unabridged and fled the building with the Blue Paper.

It has since been returned to Dr. Frantz.

Education Majors Will Hear Paine At Annual Dinner

Prospective teachers majoring in Agriculture and Home Economics will be guests of the Vocational Education department at a banquet Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p. m. in the Student Union.

Sponsored annually by the Vocational Education department, the banquet is open to Junior and Senior students only.

Bayard Paine, Nebraska supreme Court Justice, will be featured speaker. His speech will be entitled, "Skin Games."

BULLETIN

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL. Members of the Interfraternity Council will meet tonight to discuss plans for contesting today's election and are reminded to

TNE and RED DOTS.

Members of TNE will hold a meeting with prospective members of Red Dots to discuss plans for re-organization at 5 p. m. today in the Union. Dean T. J. Thompson and Dean Marjorie Johnston will address the group on the benefits of these societies.

TESTS.

Announcing cancellation of plans for six weeks exams, the Faculty Senate has started work on a new system of testing students. Any complaints on the abolishment of tests may be turned in to Chancellor Gustavson's office before 6 a. m. today.

STUDENT FEDERALISTS.

Student Federalists will meet at 7 p. m. tonight to hear an address by Norman Thomas on the "Benefits of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat." A discussion of the policy of the organization will follow the speech.

CORN COBS.

All Corn Cob workers are invited to an all-day picnic beginning at 9 a. m. today, sponsored by the Tassels. Transportation will be provided by the WAA Bicycle Club.

INNOCENTS.

Innocents will meet tonight at 12:23 to cast final votes on the Mortar Boards who will be selected on Ivy Day, according to Dr. William Thornberg, president.

KOSMET KLUB.

There will be no Kosmet Klub rehearsal tonight as all members are working on their annual spring picnic plans.

Y.M.C.A.

Y. M. C. A. members are requested to attend the all-membership meeting tonight. Suggestions for a new financial enterprise to replace the funds formerly derived from the Student Directory will be accepted.

STUDENT COUNCIL.

In order to prevent 72 of the 78 candidates for Council positions from withdrawing, Helen Laird has issued the statement that intelligence tests will positively not be required for Council members or faculty advisors.

ENGINEERS.

Students of Surveying 134 are requested to meet at Carrie Bell Raymond hall at 7:30 tonight. Extensive surveying projects have been planned.

VETERANS ORGANIZATION

All members of the Veterans Organization are to meet at the Union at noon today, equipped with brick bats and old copies of the Daily Nebraskan, prepared to march on the state capitol to remove the sore from the top of that building, since bronze has been proclaimed by the organization as an undemocratic color.

AWS.

AWS Board has scheduled a meeting at 4 p. m. today of all women students at Ellen Smith to adopt new rulings. These rulings include 7 o'clocks for all women on weekends, except members of the AWS Board, who will have automatic all-nights.

PORRIGE CLUB.

Members of Porridge Club are asked to assemble outside the Campusline tonight with bowls and spoons. Professor Ceres Buckwheat will address members on "The Grains and Their Nutritive Values." Gruel will be served.

NAME HILL.

Jack Hill has been named campus representative of the Spud and Viceroy's cigarette companies it was learned today. He will also assume editorship of the Weed, trade journal of the associated tobacco companies' campus representatives in America.

ADOPTS CONSTITUTION.

Student Constitutionals adopted a constitution for April 1947 at a regular parliamentary session last night. Eugene Burmese, district representative, pointed out flaws in the March constitution and said "We can only hope thru diligent perseverance and communal action to affect more perfect constitutions." No bombs were reported thrown at the stormy debate session which preceded adoption.

G. Cronquist Will Present Slide Show

Gustaf W. Cronquist, master of Swedish color photography and former president of the Swedish Photographic society, will deliver an illustrated lecture, "Sweden in Color Photography," in the Union ballroom tonight at 7:30 at a university convocation open to students, faculty members, and Lincoln residents.

Mr. Cronquist, who has taken more than 40,000 color photos since his first experiments in 1906 with the Lumiere's color plates, has brought 11,000 color slides for showing in the United States.

The colored pictures will show views of the mountain of Lapland, portraits of miners, herds of reindeer and iron mines at night. Winter scenes photographed in Stockholm, glimpses from the Archipelago and views of the Gothenburg harbor will also be included in the lecture.

UN Debaters Win Honors At Arkansas

University debate teams won top honors in the Missouri Valley Forensic League's annual conference held last week end at the University of Arkansas, Coach Donald Olson announced Monday.

Two Nebraska teams won nine of ten debates to place first ahead of Arkansas which won eight of ten. Leo Ramer and Jack Solomon won four of five contests to tie with Washington University of St. Louis for first place among affirmative teams. Mary Dye and Helen Plasters won five of five debates to tie for first place among negative teams with Kansas U. and Arkansas.

Ramer and Miss Plasters won top ranking as the best debaters of the conference. Ted Sorensen placed second in both oratory and extemporaneous speaking.

U Hall Finally Gives Up Ghost In Loud Crash

A volunteer crew of WAA workers and Innocents continued to search thru the rubble of University hall for the bodies of three journalism students lost in the basement when the building, one of the prides of the campus, collapsed yesterday.

Repercussions were immediately felt in the state unicameral when Sen. Fred Mueller branded the collapse a "plot to make the 1945-46 legislature look bad." Don Kline was not on hand to answer this comment.

An investigating committee made up of Prof. L. B. Smith, L. C. Wimberly and L. D. Plotz announced that they could find no logical reason for the "unlooked-for collapse" with the possible exception of an overloaded bookshelf in Prof. J. E. A. Alexis' office.

Plans are being carried forward at the present time to preserve the remains of the building and rebuild it, using whatever happens to be lying around. When asked if this had not been the original procedure in the building of University hall, Building Superintendent Seaton declined comment.

Official work from the faculty senate reports that a heated debate is underway on the subject of the new "university landmark." With the sudden demise of University hall, the senate has divided into two armed camps, one group holding out for Grant Memorial and the other grimly claiming that A. J. Lewandowski's office should receive the title of "University landmark."

Classified

WANTED—Ride to Chicago or northern Illinois, Indiana or Ohio for two passengers Friday, April 4. Please call Hank Anderson, 2-7831, after Sunday evening.

LOST—In or near library. Sheaffer pencil, silver cap and gray-black barrel. Call 2-5560. Reward.

LOST—In Social Sciences building—blue Parker "51" with silver top. Joe Shultz, 2-7926.

BICYCLE renters wanted. Tandems or singles. Phone 5-9129, 25th & N Street. "Ted's Rent a Bike."

BEN SIMON & SONS

"Why's everybody running?"

"Ah, I just tipped 'em off that it's not too late to buy their Easter Clothes at SIMONS!"