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## Who's Fault . . .

A recent release from the university publicity office has caused a classic tempest in a teapot in the newspapers of the state. For the benefit of our readers who may have missed the stories in this week's daily papers, the general effect was one that condemned university freshmen as having a knowledge of grammar comparable to "fifth or sixth grade students."

The manner in which most of the state's newspapers handled the story was strangely triumphant. Instead of condemning and deploring an unfortunate situation, such staunch supporters of "the white spot" of America as the Lincoln Journal and the Omaha World-Herald reared back on their haunches and pointed a sanctimonious finger at Nebraska students.

We think it only proper to return the pointed finger and remark that the fault does not lie with the university alone. Instead of adopting an "Oh My;" attitude, we suggest that the Lincoln Journal and the Omaha World-Herald take a second look at the condition of education in this state. A campaign to increase state support of education and raise the level of grade school and high school instruction would be far more profitable than needless slaps at a university already overburdened with students and understaffed with instructors.

Apparently a line has been drawn whereby the state's graybeards will sit back, smile complacently and say, "It wasn't that way when we were in school." But let us hope that these same graybeards stop and think that today, the system of schooling in the United States, and more particularly in Nebraska, is laboring under an unprecedented strain. And let us hope that the graybeards of Nebraska wake up and realize that the pitiful conditions brought about by their own actions can be remedied only by further action on their parts. J. H.

## You Can Be Proud . . .

In the past several years there seems to have developed in the mind of the average student a feeling of inferiority and apology in regard to the university. Such a condition does not prevail because of any mismanagement or incompetency on the part of the administrative officials but has been created largely by a steady journalistic and verbal diet rich in criticism. Furthermore this criticism frequently has been petty, misdirected, or based on alarming ignorance of the underlying causes of the situation. The overall effect has been to give the impression that there is nothing about the University of Nebraska of which a Cornhusker may be proud.

In order to offset this condition the Daily Nebraskan is starting today a series of articles designed to bring to light some of the historically interesting points in the university about which anyone may be proud. The series is predicted on the dual assumption that the amount of education and success a person may secure is to a great degree in direct ratio to the amount of effort with which he pursues it, and that the reputation and prestige of a university is dependent upon the success and prestige of its graduates and its faculty.

Therefore a good indication of what may be gained from the university is to be found by studying the lives and the activities of these two groups.

It is not the thought of the Daily Nebraskan to condemn criticism, but to balance the scales between constructive criticism and justifiable praise. J. C. and D. M.

## Classified

TWO STUDENTS want ride to Scottsbluff or thereabouts April 5, or 6. Will share expenses. Call 5-7257 after 6:00 p. m.

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

LOST—Silk bandana with "world" design, between Union and Chi Omega house. Call 2-7913.

LOST—Parker pencil, name, Ted Rothkop stamped in gold. Reward, 2-3129.

RIDE—Wanted to or near Emerson, Nebraska for couple and baby. Call 2-5706.

## Swim Group . . .

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take part in the finale which will be the month of April finishing the year. It will begin with "April Showers" and finish with an Easter Parade.

Spotlights and appropriate costumes are being used for the entire program.

The trouble with champagne is that it makes you see double . . . but feel single.

## Navy Offers Commissions To Engineers

Engineering graduates have an opportunity for appointment to the Civil Engineering Corps with the rank of Ensign or Lieutenant (jg) in the Regular Navy, Capt. M. D. Matthews, professor of Naval Science of the university has been informed by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Graduates having degrees in practically all classes of engineering are eligible for appointment. The Civil Engineer Corps includes not only civil engineering but also mechanical, electrical, architectural and others. All graduates appointed to a commission receive indoctrination and some training prior to assuming active duty.

Men interested should write, or call at, the Office of Naval Procurement in Kansas City, Mo. A pamphlet containing additional information is available at the office of the Professor of Naval Science, Navy Hall, on the university campus.

## Five Counselor Members Take Board Offices

Five members of the Coed Counselor board have been elected officers of the organization under the new regulations of the board.

Lois Gillett has been named secretary, and Marian McElhaney will assume the position of treasurer. Selected as chairman of publicity is Jackie Wightman.

### Hobby Groups.

Nancy Gish and Jeanne Branch will become chairmen of the two hobby groups, Book Review and Charm School. These positions formerly were filled by non-members, but the board recently voted to change the procedure and appoint the chairmen from among the group.

Newly elected Coed Counselor board members are Mary Dye, president and Beverly Jackson, vice president. Senior members are Joan Fankhauser and Marcia Mockett. Shirley Sabin is the junior representative.

Sophomore members include Dorothy Borgens, Nancy Lowry, Janice Cochran and Jeanne Malone.

## Dr. A. Rehwinkel Speaks to Gamma Delta Church Club

Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel, professor of theology at Concordia seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will address the Gamma Delta Lutheran group at the regular weekly meeting, which will be held in the Temple building on Thursday, 7:15 p. m.

His topic will be "The Christian And The World Today."

The speaker has in recent months, talked before various groups at the Universities of Wisconsin and Illinois. At present, he is in Lincoln as speaker for the Lutheran noon-day Lenten services held in the Varsity theater on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.

## Gonzalez, McKay Named Bridge Tourney Champs

Kay McKay and Val Gonzalez have been named Union bridge tournament champions. Myron Levinson and Sam Grunger placed second with Roger Garer and John Huston, third.

The champions will represent Nebraska in the Big Six tournament on April 25 and 26.

Pat Lahr also announced today that the Union food departments will close at 7 p. m. Friday for vacation. Following the juke box dance from 9 to 11:30 on Friday, the Union building will close to re-open at 8 a. m., Monday, April 14.

## Letterip

To The Editor:

March thirty-first and Lincoln's blue skies, the nice warm breezes and the sun streaming through the trees reminded me of a typical day in Hawaii. If only I were there now, away from this unreal world where only make believe carries me from day to day. Hawaii . . . my home, was never like this.

Yet, perhaps I am more fortunate than I think for had I remained at home I would never have known what prejudice and discriminations mean, disguised as a wretch in a mansion of democracy. What I can not understand is how people believing they belong to the greatest nation on this earth can tolerate such lowly practices which even in as tiny a place as Hawaii are almost entirely non-existent.

When I arrived here on January 31st, 1947, I hoped and prayed that here I could find some link with what I was told America was like. I am a premedical student and naturally inquired immediately about the College of Medicine. I found that institution likewise polluted with germs, germs of a discriminating nature.

Secondly, I found that the dormitories were not open for people like myself. Luckily the International House was waiting with outstretched arms to receive me and try to protect my interests. A wonderful thing, I say, but not as extensive as it should be.

Lastly I found that affiliation with sororities and fraternities was impossible for anyone with skin any darker than the superciliously arrogant whites.

Ah, but I am glad for as the weeks have passed I have lost some of the bitterness which seemed insurmountable during the first few days here at the University of Nebraska. I hope it is not that I have given up hope and said that it is not my problem because I can always go home. I will always be fighting, for I have found individuals here who do not care that my skin is yellow, that I am of Japanese origin for they delight in the things I can offer and are not merely awed by curiosity that I speak and act as much American as anyone else.

To these persons who have made my adjusting easier I owe a great deal and will always feel indebted to them. For now when I return home I can at least say that there were some true Americans here in Lincoln. It makes my heart swell with a kind of happiness I never felt before. A happiness in the realization that some people look at me and might say, "I hear that girl is from Hawaii and that she is greatly interested in statehood for her people", and not that disgusting statement, "There goes a Jap!"

Signed:

Patsy Takemoto

## Bessey Hall Built for Former Botany Department Head Dean

By JOHN CONNELLY and DAVE MILLER.

No full account of the history of the Cornhusker school and the personalities involved would be complete without full consideration of the life and work of Dr. C. E. Bessey. When Professor Bessey came to the university in August of 1884, he came as dean of the industrial college as well as professor of botany.

He left the fruits of 15 years of labor at Ames college, Iowa, to assume his active class work at a university in which botanical work was practically non-existent. When he entered upon the scene there was no botanical equipment with the exception of a few hundred dried specimens, all of them poorly and many of them improperly named; it would not be deceiving to say that he was the department of botany.

### Herbarium Grows.

But largely because of his tireless enthusiasm for his work, the herbarium has grown to include more than 35,000 specimens in the herbarium of the Botanical Survey of Nebraska and more than 300,000 additional specimens which represent nearly all the floras of the world. The botanical library grew from nothing in the beginning to include a collection of many thousand volumes, thousands of pamphlets, and a complete file of nearly all the botanical journals of home and foreign publication.

It was not long after Professor Bessey's arrival that there were students, microscopes, laboratories, library, herbarium and other equipment in abundance.

The first of the series of newer buildings on the campus was

named in honor of the man who did so much toward molding the structure of future education at the university.

### Bessey Hall.

In the Daily Nebraskan of October 18, 1918, the year of Dr. Bessey's death, Chancellor Avery issued a formal statement of the plans for Bessey Hall. As early as 1911 Chancellor Avery had suggested in print that such a building be constructed.

In his statement, the chancellor made it plain that he felt Dr. Bessey great enough to provide an exception to the rule that no building carry a person's name until that person's life work had been completed. However, Mr. Bessey's death in March of 1918 made that exception unnecessary.

This rule is still in effect and Mr. Avery felt it was "in harmony with the Regents' Act of 1915 in deciding that hereafter the title of Head Dean shall not be awarded." Dean Bessey was the last, and we believe the only person here ever to hold that title. The location of the building met with the critical approval of Dr. Bessey. He asked for only one thing—north light for the use of microscopes. He was, however, pleased that the building was, as Mr. Avery put it, "far from the noise and dust of heavy traffic."

### Original Plans.

The land south of the building was originally planned for the construction of greenhouses which would open into the building proper.

Veterans Administration estimated the nation's veteran population on Feb. 1 at 18,277,000, of whom 14,341,000 were World War II veterans.