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## Censorship? . . .

Under consideration of the state legislature is an amendment to a bill concerned with the state's school laws. The amendment would have every school board of every Nebraska school appoint a committee of three to approve books on history and government. This same committee would also make sure of the character of all teachers employed and provide a curriculum so that "the love of liberty, democracy and America be instilled in the heart and mind of the youth of the state."

The amendment has already stirred editorial comment. The Lincoln Star commented dryly, "It would be difficult to see where anyone could have an objection to the amendment except that it is silly, hysterical, and an echo of mass hysteria. If school boards do not satisfy themselves now as to textbooks and as to the character of teachers they deserve a kick in the pants. Possibly there may be some merit to the proposal if it forces board members to read a little history and a little government; or for that matter why not make it apply to all of us?"

Our feelings on the matter are pretty much the same as the Star's. Undoubtedly the legislature's actions are in good faith, but it would appear that they have lost sight of one of the greatest aspects of Americanism: educational freedom. The move is obviously an anti-communistic one. While we endorse the move to rid the U. S. of its communistic elements, we can not condone those means when they are no better than tactics of the communists themselves. And it's pretty well known that students in the schools of communistic Russia read only "approved" texts.

We need not be told that the committees appointed by the school boards would not in all probability become agencies of any one group or aligned with any one particular political philosophy. We do feel, however, that educational objectivity would be endangered if committees were set up for the purpose of examining texts to make sure that they taught the "right" things. A concept which should not be too difficult to grasp is that an individual may be a loyal and ardent supporter of the American way of life and still be a severe critic of some of the aspects of that way of life and one who realizes that the U. S., like all nations, has made mistakes faults and has faults. If such a person happens to be the author of a text written with objectivity as a goal rather than propaganda for Americanism he may find his work suppressed by well meaning but narrow thinking text "approvers."

What is more important is that school boards themselves, as the Star pointed out, should be capable of handling the matters of what is taught in the school system and the kind of persons doing the teaching. Certainly some faith should be left in the school superintendents who usually have a broad background in educational matters that they can tell when a textbook author is being objective or when he is injecting un-American thinking into his writing.

## Neckerchief Sale Will End Friday

The new look on Ag campus—Farmers Fair neckerchiefs—will remain on sale till Friday.

The brightly colored western neckerchiefs are being sold at the Ag union under the supervision of Betty Beckner. They are hand made by the Amikitas and sell for only 20 cents. You can have your choice of color as there are plenty of red, blue, and yellow neckerchiefs left.

## Comenius Dance Profits Aid DP's

Benefits from the Comenius club dance Saturday evening will help bring D. P.'s from Europe to study at the University.

Open to all students the party will be held in parlors XYZ of the Union. There will be no ad-

## YW Cabinet Plans Advisor Luncheon

Members of the Advisory board are to be guests at a luncheon given by YWCA cabinet members. The luncheon will be held in Ellen Smith hall, Monday, April 25, at 12 o'clock.

Both retiring and newly elected members will attend. Newly elected are Mrs. Albin Anderson, Mrs. Evar Anderson, Mrs. Robert Baker and Miss Lois Oppen.

During the luncheon retired presidents, Barbara Speer and Mrs. Karl Quisenberry will be honored. Janice Hufford, social chairman of the YWCA, is in charge of the affair.

mission charge but a free-will offering will be taken. Old clothes, textbooks and supplies will also be donated that evening for the foreign students. Besides dancing there will be entertainment, prizes and lunch.

## Fashion Plate

By Carolyn Bukacek

Spring weather has encouraged coeds to display their cotton finery, and the change is welcome and refreshing. In step with the switch to lighter attire, Lincoln stores are displaying a most provoking array of cottons and light weight silks. Several of the larger establishments held spring showings for the coeds, thereby offering many interesting suggestions for novel wardrobes to all corners.

For casual daytime wear, materials seem to be of one type. They are smooth finish broadcloths, sharkskins, and light weight wools. Styles are anything but conformative. The slender silhouette vies for honors with softer, fuller lines. In the past, it has been the privilege and/or responsibility of the daring few to wear the extremes of fashion. Not so, this year! Fashion authorities recommend that each woman find at least one trend on which she can enlarge, and that she use it like a trade-mark, something as individual as herself.

Evening clothes have the widest range of color, line, and fabric. The conventional blacks and neutrals are matched in number by bold off-tones of high colors. Of the variety of styles that stand out, the most noteworthy is that created of chiffon in soft folds or gathers which are capable of billowing into a cloud-like skirt. Sturdy cotton and light-as-air silk are represented in clothes of this type.

Bev Deal wore the ideal traveling costume of worsted sharkskin in one of the showings. The three piece suit is capable of accommodating many types of weather, for it is light weight, and changeable. As a reminder that the classics are always good, Myra Maupin modeled a blue and white striped chambray. Others modeled dresses featuring the highly publicized metallic cottons.

The general belief that skirts would assume altitude with the new season was not carried out in the showings.

## Palladian Stages Mystery Show

A surprise package of entertainment will be opened Friday night when the men of Palladian Literary society take over the meeting for the annual Boys' Program.

The meeting will be presented at the Temple building and all entertainment will be in the hands of the male members of the club.

## Legion Officials Abandon Plans for Youth Building

The proposed youth activities building on the Ag campus has been "definitely abandoned" by sponsoring American Legion officials.

A high-ranking Legion executive told the Lincoln Journal recently that the \$250,000 project was dropped last November by the state executive committee, but no public announcement had been made until this spring.

MEMBERS OF THE committee feared the cost of financing a subscription campaign would be excessive, the official reportedly said.

Although he opposed the abandonment, the official, who declined use of his name, estimated the campaign would have cost about \$9,000, and said that the Legion had this amount on hand last fall.

He said a number of business interests and philanthropic organ-

## New Language Teaching Plan Employs Radio

A new way to teach foreign language is being used in the modern language department takes strange words out of books and makes them familiar thru the use of radio.

Patterned after the system the armed forces used to teach languages, the new method gives ear-training in the language which helps students improve their conversation and also their composition.

The new technique was demonstrated to over 100 Nebraska public school and college language teachers which recently met on the campus.

DR. JOSEPH E. A. Alexis, chairman of the department of modern languages and literatures, says, "Too much language study has been thru the eye only when it should be studied thru the tongue. But the tongue method can't be used unless someone teaches it first thru the ear."

The new technique is offered as a supplementary service, but it is popular with students. An average of 80 students a day voluntarily attend the laboratory sessions. At work, they look like radio operators receiving code by earphone.

The language labs resemble miniature radio stations. Three sound-proofed rooms—one each for Spanish, French and German—are equipped with earphones, microphones, wire, and tape recorders, as well as a control booth.

EACH DAY instructors prepare special tape or wire records for "broadcast" to the students. This gives a variety unmatched by phonograph records and Dr. Alexis points out that wire and tape records have a clearness not found in wax records.

The control booth helps increase the efficiency of the lab. The professor in charge can break in on the record with a hand microphone to explain a special point. He can also conduct three or four different classes in the same room by means of multiple channels.

Tho the whole system is still on an experimental basis according to Dr. Alexis, "It looks good."

Friday, Pershing Rifle cracked squad for Kosmet Klub show will have a brief rehearsal at 7 p. m. in the Temple building. All members must be present.

All Tassels will wear uniforms Friday.

## As I Was Saying . . .

BY PAT NORDIN

With the coming of another week-end the campus has that certain air about it—and I don't mean the atmosphere about the Sosh lawns. No, it's more parties—a variety of picnics, costume parties, informal and formal dances—in the offing.

Reverting back to childhood, the K. D.'s are throwing a "Kiddie" party for all campus cases of arrested development Friday night. Donna Pratt will attend with Herb Reese who is looking forward to a strenuous round on the imported teeter-totter. Pat Horstman and Bob Reifschneider plan to spend the evening hopping scotch (sorry, beverage lovers, it's a new game), Betty Guidinger will dress as a girl scout, and for her good deed for the day has invited D. Villars, boy scout first class.

Voo le Voo

Decending to the under-world with the K. Sigs (no harm meant) we find the old chapter house with all the aspects of the French

### SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday  
Alpha Xi Delta formal  
Cornhusker ballroom  
Towne Club formal  
Lincoln ballroom  
Kappa Delta party House  
International house House  
Delta Sigma Phi Sailor's Ball  
Antelope Park Pavilion  
Saturday  
Alpha Gamma Rho formal  
Cornhusker ballroom  
Kappa Sigma party House  
Delta Delta Delta party House  
Intetrvarsity Christian Fellowship picnic Pioneer park  
DU-ATO Free-For-All Pen Woods

waterfront in keeping with their Pig Alley party Saturday. Guests are urged to polish up their French so they can read the nasty signs—work of the illustrious pledges. On hand will be Virge Adle and Dot Worden, Bill Dody and Mary Mieke—all looking the part, and how.

The TriDelt Spring party is shrouded in mystery. All I could dig up were dates: Marilyn Voorhees and Ralph Wells, Pat Lanin and Jerry Berrigan, Jan Fairchild and Frank Kinsey. It's to be an informal surprise party from pledges to actives.

This is It

A new and thriving little body on Ag campus is the "U Name um, We Fix um" committee made up of Bob Sim, Bob Raun, Lloyd Wirth and Phil Keeney. The fellas are hard at work arranging dates for 35 visitors from surrounding states who will arrive this week-end for the AGR Regional Chapter Officers school. The boys mailed descriptions of their ideal blind dates, and the committee states that Nebraska girls measure up very nicely.

Event in mind is their formal Saturday. Local talent attending will be Jack Sauder and Evie Young, Frank Sibert and Jo Raun, Bob Voigt and Jane Bridgeman.

Time out from soshing to announce the engagement of Jean Eckvall and Gay King. The diamond changed hands on Good Friday—nice timing.

Knots to Tie

Ahoy, avast, etc., Seaman Don Peterson just reported the re-establishment of the "Sailor's ball" as an annual N. U. occurrence. John Scharf will social chairman the affair which will see Ardath Wilcox and John Hausner, Jeannette Mundhenke and captain Bill Mundell dancing the hornpipe.