

Briggs Cites 'Plus-Abilities' For Engineers

"The needs of today require practicing engineers who are capable of applying engineering training to most of the problems of modern life," Gerald F. Briggs told University engineering students at the annual Sigma Tau convocation in the Stuart Theater Wednesday.

Briggs told approximately 1,000 students and professional engineers that "this day requires the engineer in unusual fields." He outlined five skills which the engineer needs in addition to knowledge of science and mathematics. They are: (1) ability in management and organization; (2) economic perception; (3) technique of leadership; (4) understanding of public affairs, both foreign and domestic; (5) discernment of human values.

'Plus-abilities'

"Most of these 'plus-abilities' have to be acquired after college years," Briggs said. "The groundwork should be laid in college however, thru liberal arts courses included in engineering curricula.

"In our technological economy, we need spiritual leadership that will help men to turn their experiences in their jobs into satisfactions. This leadership will develop the most from human 'motive' power. The motive to produce has become more important than the physical ability to produce."

"Intelligent engineering in advancing underdeveloped areas of the world is another application of the 'plus-abilities.'

"We have the technical knowledge, but can we apply it judiciously? We are prone to use the big-project approach, but this may be unsound. The proper approach must recognize the economic realities of the backward area.

Proper Balance.

"These are only two of many examples illustrating the engineer's need for proper balance in his mental equipment. His scientific thoroughness must be counterpoised with the unique art of detecting the place where the mathematical equation recedes and the human equation emerges," Briggs said.

Following his address, the speaker was presented with a small pyramid, a Sigma Tau symbol, which was inscribed "Sigma Tau Convocation, Gerald F. Briggs, speaker, University of Nebraska, Alpha chapter, Dec. 7, 1949."

Lobingier...

Continued from Page 1. time he was also a lecturer at the Nebraska Supreme Court, during which time he was also a lecturer at the University law school. He has taught law at seven different institutions in the United States, China, and the Philippines.

Judge Lobingier went to Manila in 1904 as one of the judges of the Court of First Instance and later was appointed judge of the United States Court of China. His court had jurisdiction over all cases in China, civil and criminal, where United States citizens were defendants.

While at the University Judge Lobingier was a Palladian. He will address the Palladian homecoming banquet in the Union ballroom Friday, December 9.

The Avery lectures are an endowment of Palladian Literary Society, named in honor of Samuel Avery, former Chancellor and Palladian alumnus.

MAIN FEATURES START

STATE
NOW PLAYING
"Red Shoes," 2:00, 8:00.

STATE: "Lost Boundaries," 1:26, 3:29, 5:32, 7:35, 9:40.



Tryouts Urged For Theatre Production

"We urge every regularly enrolled student in the University to read for us regardless of their major or minor."

This statement was made by Dallas S. Williams, professor of speech and dramatic art, in regard to the third major University Theater production of the year, "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams.

Production of "The Glass Menagerie," a Pulitzer Prize play, is scheduled for February 20, 21, and 22.

Only 4 Characters.

Williams stated, "Since there are only four characters, two men and two women, we must devote a lot of time to tryouts in order to get the best possible cast. For four people to carry a play for two and one-half hours they have to be not only good actors, but must be perfectly typed for the role."

Since this is true, every student is a possible candidate, whether he has had formal dramatic experience or not.

Scripts for the play are available in Room 105 Temple for anyone wishing to read parts before trying out.

Tryouts will be held in room 201 Temple on the following days: Sunday, December 11, from 7 till 9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, from 7 till 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, from 8 till 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, from 8 till 9:30 p.m.

Karl Arndt Calls Union 'Living Thing'

"The Union is a living thing—not just a structure. It's the people in it, not the building."

Those were the words of Dr. Karl Arndt to some 200 Union activities workers at the group's chili feed Tuesday night.

Dr. Arndt served as a member of the Union board from 1937-48. He told the Union workers about the student-initiated plan for a Student Union on the campus.

It was a struggle against a completely academic picture of college, said Dr. Arndt. The students took the issue to the state legislature and the political parties of the state.

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"Research today increasingly shows that students who took a well-rounded part in college life, are successful in careers and community life upon their graduation," commented Dr. Arndt.

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