

Editorial Comment

Better Convocations . . .

People aren't going to convocations. Why? When asked by Prof. S. J. House, students presented a variety of reasons ranging from "it isn't stylish" to "I didn't know there was one."

school year. She was interesting, both as a speaker and as a personality. She was the first Negro woman appointed to the United Nations delegation.

If the University could get two or three top-flight speakers to address University students at a convenient time, and with faculty encouragement, perhaps there would be better attendance.

'AWS-Ignoring Coeds' Plea?

The women's campus leaders have been chosen. The boards of AWS, Coed Counselors, BABW and WAA are ready to work. The presidents are ready to put their campaign policies into effect.

Or are they? Just how much does a statement from an office hopeful mean? Can the University women rely on the officers they elected to fulfill their duties and represent the coed attitude?

Nancy Button stated that she is in favor of a "point system, but if a coed can maintain a high enough accumulated average she should be allowed more points."

The campus is losing its women leaders. In order to fill two offices any girl must decide what activity position to forfeit. Is this fair? If the girl can maintain an average acceptable to AWS and still adequately fulfill her duties in more organizations than the required 20 points permits will the new AWS regime make allowances?

If, in their answer to the questions presented here, the AWS officers reply "Consider the source" they will be sidestepping and ignoring one of the vital campus issues with which University women are concerned. They will be shutting their eyes to a system which is outdated, restrictive and much in need of repair.—r. r.

One-Two-Three . . .

Quite often this office receives copies of the writings of Raymond E. Manchester, dean of men at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. In a series called "The Saturday Letters", Manchester offers his philosophy of life and explores problems pertaining to students. This example should hold interest for readers, young and old.

"I become confused. I become irritated. Why? Because folks (all kinds) start the first, second, third, etc., routine in connection with my responsibilities, my loves, my rates and my interests.

"Probably it started with the learning to count project way back when men were boys, gals were girls and bull-frogs were polly-wogs. Probably, each little mind was filled to saturation with the idea that one comes before two, two comes before three and the thought remained that when we have a group of things they must be sorted and numbered. Maybe this explains the fact that

folks feel it necessary to say that my first loyalty is to some one thing, my second loyalty to some one thing, my third loyalty to some one thing and so on.

"It seems silly as it would be to attempt to pick the most important organ in the body. All are necessary and each depends on all others.

"From top to bottom of the scale folks seem to have phobias centering around the sorting trick,—the one, two, three, football players,—the ten best dressed,—the best radio program,—the horse of the year or the prettiest girl. Since this is a time when these same folks create resolutions, why not suggest that one be that of forgetting the 1, 2, 3, tags? Wouldn't it be nice if every man could marry the nicest girl, have the best house on the street, be the best in the profession, live in the best town, play the best golf and obtain the best haircut?"

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Grass Roots Speakers

To the Editor: I have noted with interest the article published in the "Rag" recently, by Mr. S. J. House, regarding the laxity of the students in attending convocations and lectures sponsored by the University, and the recent editorial comments by Raymond McConnell, Jr., in the Lincoln Journal, concerning the "Creeps," whatever they are.

Is it possible that the "hierarchy" of the University might schedule a lecture or convocation without considering actually what the student really wants to hear. Admitting that there has been a fair sampling of the various fields at the recent lectures and convocations, does the faculty know that this is what the student wants, or do they assume that it might be worthy and then rebuke him for not attending.

The present lecture series on "Communism-Threat to The American Economy," being presented by Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity, is a grass roots program which came up from the students, not from the University "hierarchy" down. It is a student promotion which grew out of the desire of the students to learn more about a subject which vitally concerns every one of us, not one which is not concerned with any of the University students, or at the most, only a select group of them. It is not another of the "hysteria" programs which seem to prevail on both the national and the local level, but instead is a constructive analysis of the actual threat of communism to our economy, our Christian faith, and our American Way of Life.

The attendance at the first of these lectures was encouraging to say the least. The Love Library Auditorium was filled. Could it be that the students would like a little promotion of the social sciences rather than the natural sciences all of the time? It might be worthy of some consideration in arranging for future speakers.

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Drinkers Anonymous?

TO THE EDITOR: I had occasion recently to read The Daily Nebraskan, and enjoyed very much the debate about drinking joined by Rod Riggs and Beth Randle.

I agree with Mr. Riggs and am convinced that the other writer must be using an alias. (Editor's Note—She wasn't.)

By Miss "Randel's" somewhat familiar and practiced command of the King's English, I take it that she is clever, witty, fun and quite "modern." Sure of herself, too. I'll bet she doesn't even look under the bed every night to see if there's a stranger there.

But she is all wet—at least in her solution to the problem. As Mr. Riggs points out, education and not legislation is the solution to it. Maybe experience and common sense are better terms than education.

Let me be looked on as a prude, I may as well admit I think everybody ought to get really inebriated once a month—just so they don't commit any felonies. I like people who enjoy a good drink, and distrust (as does Mr. Riggs) those who force them down to be "one of the fellows."

There are two possible solutions regarding Miss "Randel's" attitude. (Please do not refer this letter to the logic department.) If she is serious, she should no longer foist her ill-advised inanities off on The Daily Nebraskan. If she is not serious, she should make her style as absurd as her subject so that your readers will understand.

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KNU BROADCASTING SCHEDULE

- 3:00 Especially For You.
3:30 Disc Jockey's Jamboree
3:45 Johnny's Pop Shop
4:00 Women's Show
4:15 Final Sports Edition
4:30 Platters From the Past
4:45 Blues and Boogie
5:00 Sign Off

University Receives Research Contract Grant for Neutro Irradiation Study

A research grant-contracts of \$13,878 was made to the University this week by the Atomic Energy Commission. Dean R. W. Goss of the Graduate College said the grant will help finance a study of heredity characteristics of crop seeds. The research will be supervised by Dr. E. P. Frolik, University agronomist and Mary Rosalind Morris, agronomy cytologist.

An attempt will be made to determine the effects of neutron irradiation of seeds of such crops as corn, mustard, alfalfa and soybeans. The research, which Dr. Frolik began four years ago in cooperation with the A.E.C. Argonne Laboratory near Chicago, is a basic study to determine how atomic irradiation effects the growing characteristic of crop plants, and if these changes are passed on to future generations of the parent irradiated plants.

Three to Five Years Dr. Frolik said that the project will take from "three to five years" to complete. "Certain work has already been completed and two preliminary reports have already been published."

The two publications appeared in "Science Magazine" and "Agronomy Journal." As the project progresses, more reports will be published.

A majority of the research will take place using University facilities.

Actual irradiation work will be carried on at either the Argonne laboratories or at the National Atomic Energy laboratories at Oak Ridge.

Irradiation Work Irradiation work will take several months, Dr. Frolik said, and a member of the University staff will supervise the work at the laboratories.

The University is the only institution receiving a contract for thermal neutron irradiation of seeds.

The contract calls for a cooperative agreement between the University and the AEC for a one-year period.

After the termination of a year, the contracts will "probably be renewed" and another grant will be made, Dr. Frolik explained.

Up to this year, the project had been financed entirely through University funds.

Comedy of Errors

By Donna Prescott

Now that Easter and spring vacation is all over, students from all parts of Nebraska have again assembled on the campus with memories of all the sleep they caught up on or all the parties they attended.

According to these people, Scottsbluff is a pretty terrific place to spend a vacation. The pan-handle town may see more of Judy Wiebe, Mary Mackle, Erv Thode, Sydna Fuchs, Mary Hubka, Jim Munger, Paul Pfisterer, Chuck Burmeister and Nita Helmstadter.

Poor Stu Reynolds! He and his Beta buddies went on a skiing trip to Colorado and Stu returned to his 11 o'clock looking like a tomato. The trip served a duo purpose—sun bathing and skiing.

Mimi Allen and Cherla O'Brien, Chuck Hughes, Jim Stroud and Al Curtis, also vacationed in Colorado.

Monday night the Grand Island Country Club was leaping with University students. Some of the people there were: Jim Massey and Claire Raish, Butch Wells and Jo Alexander, Gus Lebsack and Kathy Haskal and Ginny Noble and Bobby Reynolds.

Marriages high lighted the Easter season. In Kearney Sally Holmes was married to Jack Campbell of Lincoln. Journeying to Kearney for the occasion were Jerry Desmond, Jackie Hoss, Tish Swanson, Jane Randall, Marlon Beatty, Bob Wolf and Bill Wenke. In Scottsbluff Jim Sullivan and

Donna Barton pledged the wedding vows. After the wedding these people partied at the Stable Club: Dick Skog and Janelle Mohr, Dick Amussen and Mary Ann Lindauer, Dick Stahly and Mary Hubka, Tom Kokjer and Louise Wells, Curk Lewis and Chick Chamberlain.

Exeter was the scene of the wedding of Bill Reich and Dorothy Klinkenbier, Kappa Sig, Kenny Ohmen, Jim Stroud, Bob and George Reichenback, and Keith Young were present.

Before Easter marriage were: Betty Green and Bruce Kennedy who were married in the First Presbyterian church. The reception was held at the Tri-Delt house.

Other marriages were Bob Parker and Billie Albert, John McDermott and Sue Eastergaard, and Mary Ann Borgaard and Barkay Bailey.

Steady twosomes are: Dodie Newman and Jerry Matzke, Barbara Fritchle and Bob McCune, Clyde Moore and Mary McCutcheon, Jinx Dreyck and Tom May, and Jody Grogen and Levis Pennoek.

The party-line for the week-end is:

Friday: Alpha Xi Delta dinner dance, Cornhusker. Phi Delta Theta house party.

Saturday: Sigma Alpha Mu formal, Cornhusker. Farmhouse dance at Cotner Terrace.

Applications for Advanced ROTC Courses Due April 1

Applications for the next advanced course in ROTC are now being accepted. Deadline for applications is April 1.

Application forms may be obtained in Room 110, Military and Naval Science building. Courses open to students are: Artillery, engineers, infantry, military police and ordnance.

Requirements for enrollment in the advanced course are:

- 1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. Be less than 27 years of age at the time of initial enrollment.
3. Be physically qualified under standards prescribed by the army.
4. Be a regularly enrolled student of the University.
5. Pass such tests as may be prescribed.

6. Be selected by the PMS&T.

Other Requirements

7. Execute a written agreement with the government to complete the course, to devote at least five hours per week to military science, and to attend an ROTC summer camp for six weeks.

8. Have completed the basic course in ROTC or received credit in lieu thereof for service in the armed forces or other military training.

9. Be enrolled in the proper academic field, if admission to the corps of engineers is desired.

10. Have at least two academic years remaining at this at this institution.

Debaters Travel to Oklahoma For Mizzou Valley Tourney

University debaters are traveling southward this weekend for the Missouri Valley Debate Tournament at the University of Oklahoma.

The debaters, Doris Carlson and Joan Krueger and Dale Johnson and Wayne Johnson, and their coach, Donald Olson, left Wednesday noon by car for Norman, Oklahoma where they will be one of the 12 participating schools in the annual tournament.

A new question has been adopted for this trip outside of the regular debate topic for the year. The two teams will consider the proposition: Resolved: That the investments provision of President Truman's Point 4 Program should be enacted, Miss Carlson and Miss Krueger will uphold the affirmative and the two Johnsons, the negative. They will debate the same side for all five rounds.

First round of debate is scheduled for Friday morning, and the last, Saturday. Individual speaking events will be held Thursday and Friday.

Number 36 Miss Krueger will participate in the oratorical contest with an oration entitled "Number 36." Her speech concerns communist activities and attitudes and possible hysteria in Nebraska.

See the Film "GOD OF THE ATOM" STUDENT UNION Room 315 Thursday 4:00 & 7:00

Farmers' Fair Queen Election Slated Today

Election of the Goodness of Agriculture will be held Friday, March 30, in the Ag Union from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All Ag students are urged to vote for the coed they choose to reign over the 1951 Farmers' Fair.

Candidates are senior women enrolled in Ag college who have been active in campus activities. A scholastic average of 6.0 or better is required of all contestants.

It was announced that the girl receiving the most votes will be the Goddess and the four next high attendants.

The Goddess and her four attendants are scheduled to be revealed during the Cotton and Denim dance. It is scheduled on Saturday, April 28, in the coliseum. At this time, the whisker king will be named also.

Seventeen girls from a class of 45, are the highest ranking women students on Ag campus in the senior class of 1950-51. The candidates are:

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Sweet, Hot, Dixieland Music Included in Ellington Concert

By Art Epstein

Which way do you like music? If you like it sweet, hot, dixieland, or any combination, then the Duke Ellington Concert that will be played here on campus the 11th of April is a must on your musical calendar.

Last Monday I had the fortune to meet and talk to Duke Ellington about his forth coming campus concert. Ellington was really enthusiastic about the numbers that he will be playing. Duke comes from the school that to play music is the most important part of the business. This, I believe, was proved when Duke gave all of his net proceeds of his first concert to charity.

Duke feels that the blending of the men that he will have for the concert are the best that he has ever had. I suppose that it is only natural for a band leader to think highly of his crew, but Duke isn't exactly that type of a man.



While I was interviewing him he also talked to his manager, John Celley, telling Celley how certain sections could be improved. It is the Duke's aim to present to the public only the finest in the music that he does.

Believe me that best in music is just what he gives the public in his concert. According to "Down Beat" this Ellington program is "The best in years." After hearing his band in Omaha I can understand this high praise for a group that is so well coordinated and truly well balanced.

A great deal of the music that will be heard at the concert will be scores that Duke has written himself. "Harlem" is the one that Duke likes the best. It is truly 14 minutes of solid listening. Another great piece that was written by Ellington is "Controversial," a two part thing, that has the first labeled as a "fourth dimensional," which tells what is going on in music at the present time. The second part: retraces the steps of jazz.

Chills, Drama, Philosophy, Excitement Feature Laboratory Theatre Presentations

By Phyllis Chubbuck

The weird ramblings of Til Jesup, played by Nancy Dark, sent chills up the spines of the audience at the Laboratory Theatre's present March 21 of "The Giants' Stair," written by Wilbur Daniel Steele and directed by Nancy Miller Darst.

Abbie Weatherburn, portrayed by Betty Lester, is alone on a stormy night with her sister Til. Til adds to the onely and eerie atmosphere as she rants about John, Abbie's husband, who has disappeared, being dead. Til thinks that John will come back that night because "all dead things walk on nights like this."

Ken Clement, as Sheriff Bane, gets Til in a dither as he accuses first Abbie and then Til of murdering John. Til's wild, yet prophetic, ravings prove to be too much for Sheriff Bane as he breaks down and confesses the murder just as Don Darst, portraying Prosecutor Cantpole, walks into the room.

Production manager for "The Giants' Stair" was Jan Klone. "Thompson's Luck" The old saying that "money isn't everything" proves to be true in the one act play "Thompson's Luck," directed by Myrt Suverkrubbe.

Through his fiendish delight in collecting mortgages, Thompson cheats a poor farmer, played by Charles Peterson, of a dollar bill and indirectly through the dollar bill episode, brings about the death of his own son.

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