

# Pet Peeves Become 'Pepeeves'

### ... American Idioms Confuse Foreign Students

By Pat Bradley  
American idiomatic words and phrases can present difficulties for the international students here at the University.

Business Administration student Jean Gee, a Chinese girl who has difficulty with her "r's" and "l's", has found this to be so.

#### Assignment Problem

What was no doubt an easy assignment in theme writing for the American students in her English class turned out to be rather bewildering for Jean. And all because of an idiomatic expression, the exact words and spelling which Jean did not understand in the first place.

Jean's instructor told the class to write a them on "pet peeves". This registered with Jean as being "pepeeves".

The result? The dictionary was of no help. Neither was her roommate.

The next time the class met a fellow student explained the meaning to Jean, but still didn't spell it for her. Nevertheless, Jean finally got an idea of what was expected and found out how to spell "pepeeves" correctly.

#### Beatnik?

In spite of the "pepeeves" experience, Jean seems to think that she's not having too much trouble here at the University understanding professors and students, although "beatnik", "making sheep's eyes" and perhaps other expressions have been a bit puzzling.

She said that her use of "ok" "bothered her for awhile. She explained that it is "not really a bad expression" but that it took her some time to get used to it. She can understand stu-

dents well "when they use a nice vocabulary," or in other words, correct English.

When asked what she found difficult about our language, she said "of course the idioms". She also mentioned verb tenses and use of prepositions. But she added that some Americans also have difficulty with using the proper prepositions.

#### Sophisticated

Jean described the language that is spoken by people from the East as being "so sophisticated". She de-

scribed the Texans as speaking "freely". She said that they "tell you what they think."

The people in her present hometown of Salina, Kan. speak "not too rude nor too sophisticated." The language that she hears here in the business world at her job as cashier at the Congress Inn she described thus: "They say what they really mean."

Jean, a freshman in business administration, is originally from Hong Kong but is now a U.S. citizen.

# Student Union Needs Committee Workers

The call for Student Union committee workers is out once again.

Students may sign for committees in the north party room of the Union on Thursday and Friday from 1-4 p.m. Persons who have been on Union committees this semester but find they can no longer meet at that time of the week are invited to sign for a new committee at this time.

#### Personnel Committee

The personnel committee, headed by Sallie Markovitz, is in charge of the recruiting project. The main function of this committee is the matching of people with activities. To do this, committee members conduct interviews, evaluate and assign students to Union committees.

The committee roster of the Student Union numbers 13.

The Hospitality committee helps open the fall social sea-

son on the campus with the foreign students party and with coffee hours in the Main Lounge of the Union after the football games.

The Public Relations committee, which informs people of the many events in the new Union, publishes "Inside Info," a guide to the Union and its activities, in addition to the Union activity calendar and several other publications.

#### Ski Trips

The Recreation committee starts its socializing with the All University Stag. Ski trips to Colorado and travel in Europe are other aspects handled and organized by this committee.

The small dance committee holds dances for students in conjunction with sports rallies and its counterpart. A large dance committee holds the College Night Dance and the Football Dance as a few of the activities designed to bring enjoyment to University students.

Inter-campus bowling, chess, billiards and table tennis tournaments, as well as entries in the National Inter-Collegiate Tournaments in these sports are sponsored by the Games committee.

The Special Activities committee decorates the Union during the Christmas holidays and enters a float in the Homecoming parade each year. This committee is also in charge of the annual Union Birthday Party.

The music committee sponsors the fall concert of the University Orchestra, the University Singers, the traditional Christmas Carol Concert and Madrigal Christmas Concert as a few of its activities.

The Arts and Exhibits committee has a 200 print picture lending library which University students have access to and also sponsors a photo contest each spring.

The Talks and Topics committee cooperates with the All University Convocations and departmental forums of the University as well as helping in the presentation of debates and panel discussions.

The General Entertainment committee sponsors the fall variety and talent show.

Film Society, which tries to bring to University students the best in foreign films is sponsored by the film committee.

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



I DON'T CARE HOW BAD YOUR PENMANSHIP IS - YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO TAKE YOUR OWN LECTURE NOTES!

# CU Profs Get Revenge, Stage 'Faculty Follies'

—On Other Campuses—

Colorado State University faculty members, nearly 100 of them, got a bit of revenge on the students last week.

They staged their annual satire on typical collegiate life, called "Faculty Follies." Seven departments offered skits for the show.

#### FarmHouse Fire

A Friday fire at FarmHouse fraternity at Iowa State University caused 43 students to flee from the four-story brick building.

Other fraternities are housing FarmHouse members until future building plans are made.

The group is still attempting to remain together by eating together in the Memorial Union.

#### Math Requirement

Starting in September of next year, all students entering Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will have to have high school courses in algebra and plane geometry, or an equivalent.

mathematics courses at the University to make up the deficiency.

#### Colorado U Expands

Colorado University regents have approved the first step in a long-range land acquisition program for expansion of the Boulder campus.

Plans call for drawing up long-term land purchase contracts for about 250 acres of raw land in the vicinity of the present campus.

The board also may enter into options for the acquisition of up to 1,280 acres of land within a 10-mile radius of Boulder for research and associated purposes.

#### Student Center Plans

Bids finally have been advertised for Colorado State University's student center, which has been more than five years in the planning.

The center, which is expected to cost about \$3 million, should be ready for occupancy by 1962.

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DEAN BELLOW'S WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO OWNS THIS LITTLE FOREIGN JOB PARKED IN THE HALL!

# KUON-TV Announces New Series

A new children's program will be seen on KUON-TV beginning Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The series, "What's New," is designed to develop well-rounded interests according to a carefully devised and balanced plan.

The program makes use of a limited introduction to each of five categories of material for which short series of programs have been provided.

These categories include the child's interest in the everyday world, in using his own body, in the world outside his environment, his ethical relationships and in creating and appreciating aesthetic materials.

Aerospace Power, will be the subject for a special program on KUON-TV at 8 p.m. February 19. Local Air Force personnel will be featured in this hour-long program as they explain the mixed-force concept of both aircraft and missiles.

#### Graduate Club

The graduate club will hold a coffee hour Friday at 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

Plans will be discussed about having a representative from another country come to Lincoln from Washington, D.C.

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# Applications Due For Rodeo Club

Applications for membership in the University Rodeo Club may be made at the Feb. 10 and 17 meetings.

This will be the last opportunity for those who wish to take part in the Nebraska Collegiate Championship Rodeo May 6 and 7 to join.

Interested people may come to the meetings which are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Union T. V. lounge on Wednesdays or sign up at the Ag Activities Mart, Feb. 17.

# Ag Contest Entries Due On Thursday

Registration for the Block and Bridle showmanship contest must be made by Thursday.

People may sign for the entries on the Animal Husbandry bulletin board for showing of cattle, hogs, or sheep. The show is scheduled for February 27 at 2 p.m. in the Horse Barn.

Trophies given to top showmen will be presented to the winners at an awards banquet April 27. Ribbons will be presented to class winners during the show.

"I would like to urge all livestock enthusiasts to register for the event as assignments will be made after registration Thursday, enabling participants to have two weeks to work with the animals", said Roger French, chairman of the annual event.



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