

Eiseley: 'Science Not Unalterable, Absolute System'

Dr. Loren C. Eiseley, writer, noted anthropologist and native Nebraskan held the close attention of his audience at the final 1961 Montgomery Lecture Wednesday afternoon.

Contrary to popular notion, science is not "an unalterable and absolute system," and in this truth lies hope that mankind may escape a dismal fate of complete uniformity or other extinction, indicated Eiseley.

"There is a widespread but totally erroneous impression that science is an

unalterable and absolute system," he said. "It is supposed that other institutions change, but that science, after the discovery of the scientific method, remains adamant and inflexible in the purity of its basic outlook. This is an iron creed which is at least partly illusory."

Speaking on Francis Bacon as a scientist, and in general, on Bacon's philosophy dealing with science, Eiseley offered many such statements concerned with the essence of science today and in relation to Ba-

con's time. He pointed out that some physicists are now "convinced that a principle of uncertainty (rather than certainty) reigns in the sub-microscopic realm of particles and that out of this queer domain of accident and impact has emerged, by some kind of mathematical magic, the sustaining world of natural law by which we make our way to our homes, and finally to our graves."

Human hope for true progress, Dr. Eiseley suggested, rests more with the unusual instances of non-conformity and unexpectedness than with the usual and predictable. He warned, however:

"The scientific concern with mass is in danger of programming the individual out of the universe" even while scientists themselves

"are fascinated by the unpredictability that hovers over the individual and happily erratic practical."

Emphasis in the employment of the scientific method, Dr. Eiseley declared, has shifted from one of solving problems to one of power.

"From a theoretical desire to understand the universe," he said, "we have come to a point where it is felt we must understand it

to survive. Governments expend billions upon particle research, cosmic ray research, not because they have been imbued suddenly with a great hunger for truth, but for the very simple, if barbarous, reason that they know the power which lies in the particle. If the physicist learns the nature of the universe in his cyclotron, well and good, but the search is for power."

Eiseley threw light on Bacon by reminding that the latter was important as a statesman and philosopher of science, but that he was trapped in an age of static ideas.

"Bacon hoped a second world could be drawn out of nature," continued Eiseley, "and to him it led to a perfect Atlantis, but to us it leads to other worlds which do not serve the individual."

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Interest in Corps Grows

Much interest in and enthusiastic approval of the aims of President John Kennedy's Peace Corps program was expressed by several foreign students at a recent discussion of the Peace Corps.

More than 50 persons attended the meeting sponsored by the University Young Democrats and the Nebraska International Association. Jim Hoge, president of Young Democrats, moderated the panel discussion.

In his report to President Kennedy on the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Corps, said, "The first year's projects should be spread through several countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia."

Thursdays night on Channel 12 at 8 p.m. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, R. Sargent Shriver, Senteca Kajubi, professor of the University of East Africa, and Prof. Samuel Hayes, author of the Peace Corps Task Force report recently presented to President Kennedy will discuss the Peace Corps program.

need to give direct material help, such as work, to show democracy's advantages and not give political speeches.

Bryce said he hopes the Peace Corps does not become merely a tool of American political propaganda. Foreign countries would resent it, just as the Americans resent and dislike Communist propaganda.

"Another discussion of the Peace Corps will be held in the near future," said Hoge.

Re-Run

Immediately preceding the discussion Mrs. Roosevelt and President Kennedy will discuss the Peace Corps. For the benefit of those who missed the first show, a re-run will be telecast on April 3 on Channel 12 at 9 p.m.

At the discussion at the University M. Vitall of India said, he was "so enthused about it I think it's going to have far-reaching effects."

The political science graduate student said what India really needs is help in medicine, education, engineering and agriculture which the Peace Corps is designed to give. He said that India did not need guns or ammunition.

Ahmed Ballal of the Sudan said "We need more schools and industries to supply our basic needs."

Only 10 Schools

Sudan, a country in East Africa, has a population of 13 million, but has less than 10 schools. Ballal said, "Much good will come of the Peace Corps."

Africa's most pressing need is for teachers, Ballal said. Yousef Meshiea, a pre-medical student from Libya, said his country also needed teachers.

Meshiea said that the prospective Peace Corps representatives will encounter strange traditions and customs.

"They will have to forget themselves for quite a while and respect their host country's traditions. Otherwise the program may fail," he said.

"Mind of Curiosity" The Peace Corpsmen must go abroad "with a mind of curiosity" said Roy S. Bryce of Panama, a graduate assistant in Spanish doing advanced work in secondary education and sociology.

He said that "too often Americans go with the idea of crusading." To accomplish anything the Peace Corps volunteers will have to understand the foreign country's values, traditions and ideologies and mix with the common people, not just the elite.

Bryce said that the Peace Corps program can reduce Latin American skepticism of U.S. motives by helping the common people build roads, schoolhouses and recreation centers.

Ballal said that the Peace Corps representatives will

IFC Sees Fraternity Rush Film

First Showing Set For April in Beatrice

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) rush film was shown for the first time Wednesday night when it was presented to the IFC representatives in the Student Union's Little Auditorium.

The half-hour film, depicting fraternity life on the NU campus, still has some additions and corrections to be made, according to Jim Hoge, IFC rush chairman.

He explained that a musical background will be added to the silent black and white film. The film will be shown to high school students at several places yet this spring.

This first showing is set for April 21 at Beatrice, Hoge said.

In connection with next year's Rush Week, the complete Rush Week schedule was released by Vice President Ron Gould and Jerry Gale reported that the Rush Book is finished with the exception of three caption headings.

The book will go to the printers at the first of next week, according to Gale.

In other business, Roger Myers, chairman of the affairs committee, announced that the convocation speaker for Greek Week will be Herbert G. Wunderlich, Dean of Students at Kansas State University.

Wunderlich, who is an alum of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, will speak at the April 20 convocation for all fraternity and sorority members.

Myers also suggested that house parties not be mandatory on Friday, April 21 due to the conflict that some houses have their spring formal planned for that night.

A motion to have 15 men per house help on the Greek Week community services project was also passed unanimously at the meeting.

Any disciplinary action against two fraternities who reportedly violated the IFC pledge training code "has been delayed pending further investigation," said IFC president Don Ferguson.

Dooley To Attend Washington Meet

John W. Dooley, assistant professor of journalism at the University will attend a Foreign Policy Briefing Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of State on April 3-4 in Washington, D.C.

Professor Dooley was invited by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. He will be one of 300 news directors, public affairs program directors, editors and commentators from all parts of the nation who will participate in the program.

According to Secretary Rusk, the purpose of the conference is to examine a number of current international issues and to provide opportunity for discussion by the participants.

Legislature Examines Finances

Committee Considers Faculty Retirement

The Legislature's budget committee, headed by Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings, is taking a long thorough look at University finances—one of the more sizable items under consideration is a proposed \$900,000 for faculty retirement.

This proposal, made possible by enabling legislation passed in 1959, would provide a vested, pay-as-you-go retirement plan should the necessary funds be appropriated during the current session of the legislature.

Beginning Sept. 1, all faculty members 30 years of age or over with at least one year of service would receive retirement contributions from the University not to exceed six per cent of their salary.

Specific details, such as changing the accounting machinery and choosing an agency to administer the retirement annuities, remain to be worked out. But certain advantages of the plan are already apparent to University administrators.

Comptroller Joseph Soshnik believes the University will be able to compete more favorably with other schools in the region because "faculty members will no longer be forced to sacrifice potential retirement benefits when changing jobs."

Under the present plan benefits do not become available to faculty members unless they are teaching at the University at the time of retirement.

"By making the benefits the property of a professor as soon as accumulated, we can expect to attract younger faculty members and to finance the project on a far more business-like basis," Soshnik said.

"The instructor will own the benefits and nothing which he owns can be taken away from him. In addition, survivors benefits will be granted up to \$200 per month.

Cecil E. Vanderzee, professor of chemistry and chairman of the committee on retirement and insurance said the plan will prevent shifting expense to future generations by "paying for the retirement fund as it is earned rather than all at once when the age of 65 is reached."

NU Foundation Names Trustees

University Foundation trustees have been announced by Perry Branch.

New members of the board are: W. E. Barkley, V. J. Skutt and Col. Leonard Densmore, one-year term; William Gold II, three-year term.

Today on Campus

Friday: Faculty Club Dance, 9 p.m., Selleck Quadrangle

Saturday: Spring Vacation begins, noon "Astrology—Fact or Fiction," 2:45 p.m., Planetarium Ceres, transparent woman, 10:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., Health Galleries, Morrill Hall

Sunday: "Astrology—Fact or Fiction," 2:30 and 3:45 p.m., Planetarium Ceres, transparent woman, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Health Galleries, Morrill Hall

—Sigma Delta Chi— Dilliard, Scripps To Attend Meet

By Dave Wohlfarth

Three past and present national officers of Sigma Delta Chi (SDX), professional journalistic society for men, will speak at the SDX banquet April 7 at the Cornhusker Hotel.

E. W. Scripps II, Irving Dilliard and Warren K. Agee will be present at the Nebraska SDX banquet, according to Herb Probasco, SDX president.

The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m., following the initiation of SDX pledges at 5:30, Probasco said.

Scripps, the grandson of the famous E. W. Scripps, is vice-president of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain. The chain, one of the largest in the nation, was originated by his grandfather.

Scripps, who graduated from the University of Nevada School of Journalism, formerly worked on the copy desk of United News International in Washington D.C. and is currently the national president of Sigma Delta Chi.

Dilliard is the past national president and still a member of SDX. Now retired, he was a member of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch staff for nearly 33 years.

He received honorary degrees from Colby College, the New School for Social Research, MacMurray College, Brandeis University and Southern Illinois University.

In 1959 the American Bar Association cited him for outstanding contributions to public understanding of the judicial system, in recognition of a series of articles he wrote for the Post-Dispatch on the Supreme Court.

The third speaker for the banquet, Warren Agee, is the national executive officer of SDX. He was a newspaper man for 11 years and a university journalism teacher and administrator for 12 years before assuming direction of the Chicago office in November, 1960.

The 44-year old Texan was selected unanimously by the Board of Directors of the 16,000 member society to direct a reorganization program approved by delegates from the 60 professional and 75 undergraduate chapters at their annual convention in New York City early in December.

A reporter for the Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram from 1937 to 1948, Agee headed the department of journalism at Texas Christian University for eight years and was dean of the school of journalism at West Virginia University for almost two and one-half years.

Coed Athletes Go To Chicago

The Women's Athletic Association (WAA) executive officers and representatives of the WAA Board will travel to Chicago, Ill., for the National Convention of Women's Athletic Associations on Saturday.

The girls will be accompanied by their sponsor, Miss Mary Jean Mulvaney. The group will tour Chicago for four days and go to the University of Illinois on Wednesday for the convention.

Shirley Parker and Fran Johnson, as past and present presidents of the Nebraska organization, are the official delegates.

Also attending the convention are the executive officers, Mary Drishaus, Judy Knapp, and the board members, Patty Knapp, Mary Roper, Judy Skinner and Jo Rowden.



WHERE BOOKS AREN'T

Ready for a vacation? Shown above are four University students preparing to go "as far south as we can." More specifically, these winter-weary collegiates are

heading for Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the annual migration to this spring vacation spot for thousands of college students.

U.S. Students Flock to Lauderdale To Escape Books During Holiday

By Janet Sack

Where the girls are? Where are the boys? And where are the boys? They're following!

Ft. Lauderdale will soon be teeming with masses of book-tired, lethargic-eyed college students from all over the United States.

A 2 a.m. exit by four students yesterday typifies the

intense spirits of the vacation bound collegians.

But Ft. Lauderdale is not the only place the students are heading. The vacationing students will invade New Orleans, Colorado, California, Arizona and New Mexico.

With nine days of freedom countless students are just going home no matter where home is — New Jersey, Washington City, Texas, Washington, just 30 or 40 miles from Lincoln or clear across the state.

Many students not traveling to one of the resort areas will take home loads of books to study or read, but something happens to those books after reaching their destination.

Usually they are stored on some back shelf until the night before the students come back to the campus.

The forecast calls for the temperature to run about five degrees below the seasonal normal of 48-53. If old man sun should come out to brighten and warm up the cool breezes, many hours will be spent playing tennis or trying to shoot that seemingly impossible hole-in-one.

The highways in Nebraska and to all points north, south, east and west are normal, said Colonel C. J. Sanders, chief of the Nebraska Safety Patrol.

There will be an increase in traffic over the holiday period, but the amount of traffic will depend on the weather and other factors, Col. Sanders said.

"Everyone driving should accept the full time responsibility of driving," said Col. Sanders.

Colman to Attend Language Meet

Dr. C. W. Colman, professor of Romance languages, will attend a national meeting of the directors of the Summer Language Institutes for secondary school teachers in Spanish and French at Oklahoma City, March 31-April 2.

The Language Institute will be held at the University beginning June 12 and continuing for eight weeks.

It is conducted under the National Defense Educational Act grants of 1958, one of 6 across the nation.

Corn Cobs Elect Arnold President

Roy Arnold has been elected as the new president of Corn Cobs.

Other officers for the 1961-62 school year are Ron Gould, vice president; Paul Moessner, secretary; and Dan Wehrbein, treasurer.

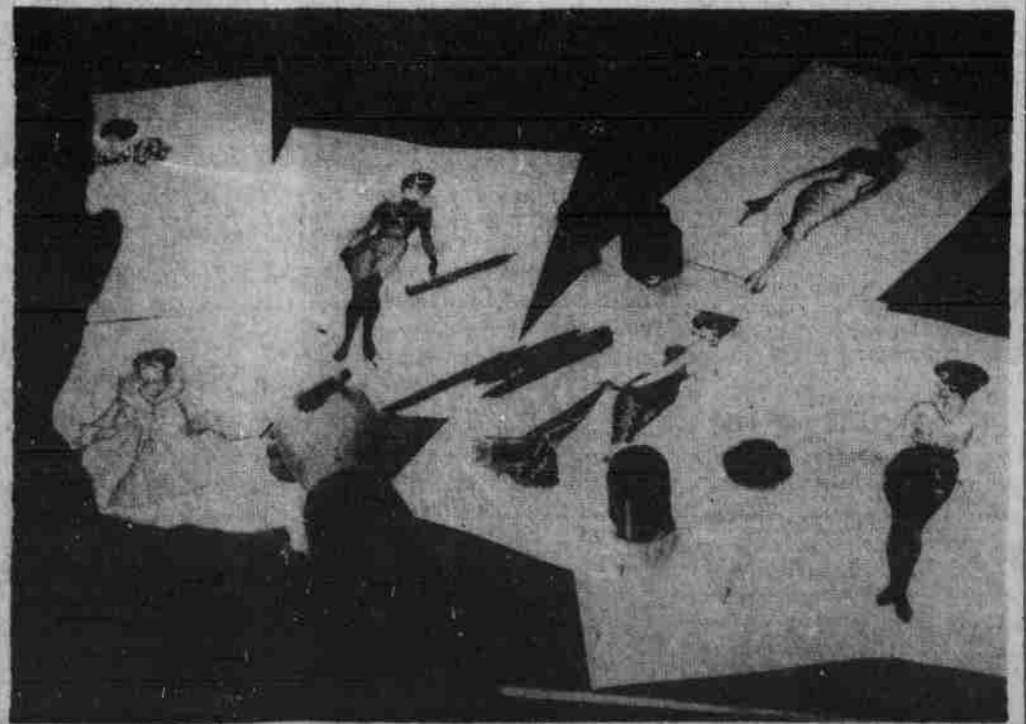
Fifteen sophomores were also initiated into the organization. They are: Leroy Bentz, John Bishoff, Frank Brewster, Jerry Hurd, Larry Ourada, Jerry Rathjen, Marc Samuelson, Richard Slepicka, Stuart Souders, and Bob Wright.

Committee chairmen for the next year are as follows: Leroy Bentz, New Student Week; John Bishoff, publicity; Wes Grady, rallies; Jay Graf, card section; Larry Hammer and Richard Slepicka, Homecoming; and Bob Wright, flower sales.

Cercle Francais To Sponsor Film

Film connoisseurs—Parlez-vous Francais?

Even if you don't, you will still enjoy the French film (with English subtitles!) to be presented in Love Library Auditorium on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. by the Cercle Francais.



DAMN YANKEE FRILLS

The Nebraskan's photographer takes a sneak preview of the costume sketches for "Damm Yankees," Kosmet Klub's spring production.