

Editorial Opinion

Bigger Names and Crowds

Someone made a mistake last week and only 400 students, faculty and townspeople turned out for the third lecture in the University Lecture Series by Sen. Styles Bridges.

And the fault—the mistake—lay in the choice of the speaker, Sen. Bridges.

Granted he is an excellent politician, an important member of the Republican party and heads its Senate Rules Committee, but he cannot compare with the two previous speakers in the series.

Schwab Auditorium was filled for both Eleanor Roosevelt and Clement Attlee. Tickets for the lectures were gone soon after they were made available, proof that students will turn out for someone they consider important.

In a broader sense the lecture committee is not to blame. It should schedule speakers who are interesting, even if they are not world famous.

Yet, the committee owes it to the student body to make every possible effort to obtain for the series the best known and most important speakers it can.

One mistake out of three attempts to provide important speakers is an admirable record, but future mistakes of the type made last week should be avoided.

Think It Through

After last week's installation and get acquainted session, the Student Government Association Assembly should be ready to get down to business tonight.

But before getting started, assemblymen must ponder well their responsibilities and take heed to the frequent warnings against jumping into new ideas blindfolded.

The Assembly must be quick to realize that any proposals sent to the administration will have to contain sound thinking or it will be rejected flatly.

The best way to this end is for all members to background themselves before meetings on any upcoming issues. Good discussion will result and the best possible programs will be presented for higher approval.

This Assembly will be setting precedent in almost all of its actions. The last Cabinet spent many long hours establishing the new system to give the students a better government.

Assemblymen must think over all issues and then act accordingly.

Interpreting

West Coast Big 4 Talks Suggested

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst Every now and then someone revives the idea of holding the next summit conference in San Francisco.

The thought is that a visit to the birthplace of the United Nations just might revive some atmosphere of a mity among the leaders of the Soviet Union, France, Britain and the United States, and that it would be a good opportunity to show the country to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Some of the memories connected with San Francisco are not, however, entirely happy ones for the Soviets, entirely aside from their contempt for the UN.

Mention of the famous Presidio as a possible meeting place reminds that, whereas now it is a military establishment, it was once an administrative and prison center for the Spanish rulers who took a very dim view of Russian attempts to penetrate the new world.

Indeed, the Spaniards paid little attention to the upper part of California until the Russians began to explore Alaska and establish themselves as far south as Fort Smith.

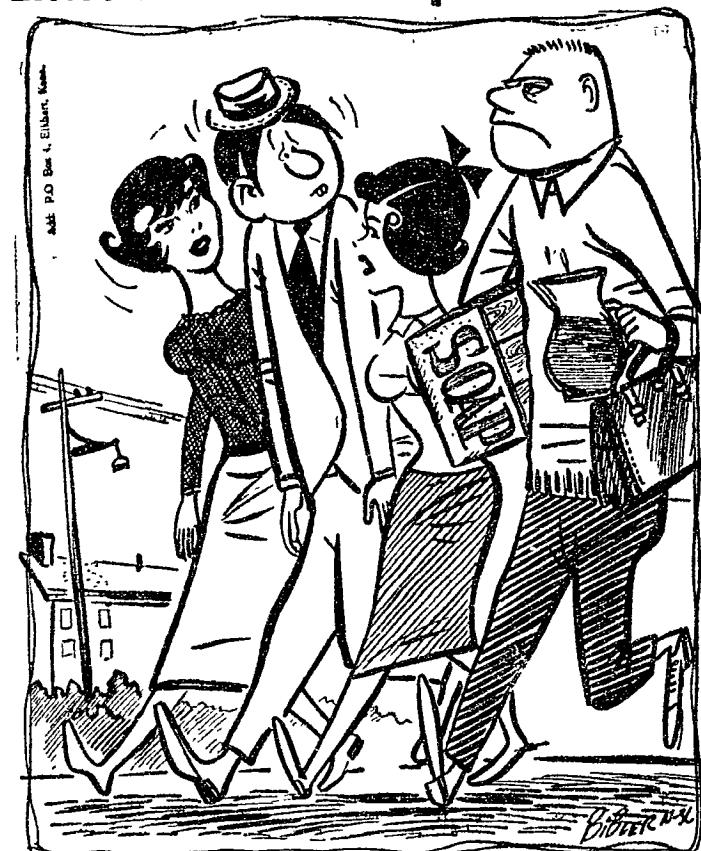
More than one Russian trader and fishing captain felt the heavy hand of Spanish justice, and relations with the American colonists a little later were similarly unhappy.

There was trouble right up to the time of the Alaska purchase, although the Russians abandoned their California base in 1806. Quarrels over fishing and sealing regulations continued until the very recent past.

The "no trespassing" signs put up for the Russians—and indeed for all other foreigners on the West Coast—have continued almost until this day.

As for showing Khrushchev the country, trying to impress him with both the ethical and material strength of the United States, it always sounds like a good idea. The theory is that more knowledge of the United States might cool some of his antipathy for the American system and remind him of the dangers of trying to compete with it.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibles



"Be careful what you say to Fred—He's a political science major."

from the desk Was She Blind—Or Were You? by lolli neubarth

So you accepted a blind date last weekend and she wasn't so bad? You might even consider letting yourself be "fixed up" again some time?

Now that the ordeal is over and you didn't end up bored or bombed, let's be objective about it. Was she the blind date—or were you?

We had never thought about it before a radio entertainer known to his followers as "Shep" threw the searchlight of intellectual clowning on the old story of "The Blind Date."

Let's suppose it's 6 p.m. Saturday, and you're dateless. Resigned to an evening of philosophical pursuit, you settle down with some new copies of "Gent" and "Playboy", and a history book to read when you get tired of concentrating.

"Whaddayameanyourenoitgoingout?" your roommate asks incredulously. "Listen there's this kid that needs a date, cute kid, she's really neat, I mean really neat..."

Somehow you find yourself standing in McElwain lobby in your ivy, ivy shirt and white ducks. You really look neat, boy. Don't know why you bothered shaving. After all, she'll probably have stringy hair and wear glasses.

But look at MISS NEUBARTH the doll coming down the stairs. She's Miss Penn State material. Well, at least Froth Girl stuff. She's walking your way, the kid really swings. Wait a minute—she's your date.

An uneasy thought slowly penetrates. You're the blind date. Not her, you! Suddenly your ivy, ivy shirt has two buttons instead of three. Your socks don't even match. Those ivy, ivy slacks have last year's buckle, and you can almost feel whiskers bristling out on your chin.

Of course we admit this thing works both ways. We guarantee you our lovely coed spent one hour and a half dressing for the date she was talked into. She didn't really want to go out that night. Well, not with some guy who obviously couldn't even get a freshman to date him.

make sure every guest has a good time, even if she does have a "way out" date.

Then she waited for 10 minutes so she could be a carefully calculated five minutes late. After all, she can't let a mere blind date think a girl in her position is eager to go out with him. Let him know from the start that he's just a convenient way to get out of the dorm for the evening.

Did you wonder why she looked a little uneasy when you introduced yourself? Why she nervously ran a comb through her hair and glanced in every mirror you passed.

A sociologist might say she found herself suddenly thrust into an unfamiliar role. Psych 2 professors could no doubt find some technical term for it. All we know is suddenly she was the blind date. Her borrowed shoes had last year's points, and no one else on campus was carrying an umbrella, although it had rained all weekend.

Let's face it, this is probably the one situation in life where a person is egotistical enough to think only of his own likes and dislikes. It never enters his mind to suspect that a blind date may not find him the most irresistible hunk of man to come her way (and vice versa).

We leave the paradox for you to ponder. Was she blind or was he? But let's face facts. If both parties open their eyes to reality, neither one will be a blind date.

Gazette

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Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Collegian Circulation Staff, 6:30 p.m., business office
CPIC, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Folk Festival, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
Grad Student Association, 8 p.m., HUB cardroom
Junior Panhellenic, 7 p.m., Phi Sigma Sigma suite, Cooper
Outing Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Phi Eta Sigma Initiation, 6 p.m., HUB ballroom
Pre-Vet Society, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
SGA Assembly, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
WDFM staff members and candidates, 6:30 124 Sparks
WSGA Publications Committee, 5 p.m., McElwain lounge.

HOSPITAL
Azberuddia Ansari, Susan Beck, Richard Bone, Edward J. Dempsey, Terence Dill, Marvin Dunlap, Barbara Fried, James Gotsick, Paul Graham, Frances Griffin, Glenda Grimmer, Thomas Hamer, William Hillwig, James Holter, Janet Howard, Stephen Howard, Paula Jerto, Ronald Kohler, Kenneth Lange-McGill, Jack Lesyk, William Naaman, Lynne Oberman, Helen Onufrak, Martin Phayre, Orlando Pride, Kay Sheldon, Charles Stean, Lois Rosenberg, Walter Volght, Liselotte Weihe, Michael Willard.

Canadian Consul To Give Lecture

Charles J. Woodsworth, consul of the Canadian Consulate General in New York, will speak on the St. Lawrence Seaway at 8 tonight in 214 Boucke.

His lecture, which will be illustrated with films, is sponsored by the College of the Liberal Arts' Social Science Research Center, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Woodsworth was a leading Canadian journalist before he entered the diplomatic service. He earned his doctor of philosophy degree in Far Eastern affairs from the London School of Economics. During World War II he spent 18 months in India for the British Ministry of Information.



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