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"Dance Symposium"

- Allen Miss Dunkel, for the past three weeks or so I've been hearing fragments of conversation from girls dashing through the halls with practice clothes in one hand and a roll of adhesive tape in the other. I've heard scattered references to "symposium", "Tau Sigma", "Manhattan", "lecture demonstration", "dance forms", and so forth. So I think now is as good time as any for you and Alice Bauman to tell me what it's all about, for I'm well aware that something either has happened, or is going to happen.
- Dunkel You are exactly right in both of those suppositions, for something has happened, and something more is going to happen. And you doubtless realize by this time that I'm like the doting mother when it comes to talking about the things my girls in Tau Sigma are doing. - Oh, it just occurs to me that perhaps I should explain to our listeners that Tau Sigma is our honorary dance organization at K.U. But now to get back to what's puzzling you - between Alice and me you should be able to satisfy any questions you may have. Where would you like to start?
- Allen Well, Miss Dunkel, we are very proud of the things that Tau Sigma has done, and I believe it definitely has an important place at the University. But let's get right to that word - symposium - is it a new dance step, or a successor to the Big Apple, Mrs. Bauman?
- Bauman Well, it's not quite either. A symposium, strictly speaking, is a conference where ideas are exchanged on some one subject of general interest. I guess the references to symposium which you heard were from conversations over the Dance Symposium which was held in Manhattan a little over a week ago and in which Tau Sigma participated.
- Allen That's some help, but tell me more about it. Is it usual to hold such a meeting? Who is invited? What do you do? And what happened at this particular conference?
- Dunkel Wait - wait- wait- one question at a time. Such curiosity deserves reward, and I'm going to start immediately answering your first question. But before I do, I must tell you a little joke about this word - "symposium". Alice was absolutely right when she gave you the definition of the word, but a few of us had to go through considerable kidding over it before we made the trip to Manhattan. One of the clever young professors here at the University, who possesses an unusually good sense of humor, like you was a little nonplussed over the talk of the dance symposium. So he took recourse to the dictionary. Imagine my surprise when he dropped in on a rehearsal one day to tell me in sepulchral tones that he felt he could not approve of 22 college women attending the sort of meeting we were planning. Whereupon he informed me that he understood a symposium was a convivial meeting for the sake of rowdy entertainment. So he had a good laugh at our expense until I hauled a dictionary in to dispute his contention. And sure enough he was right. The first meaning given was the one he had used to twit us - but immediately following it was the very sober definition Alice has already given you - and we will both