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There's Something About a Soldier



Theodore Kamas, 17, Wood River, completed his prep school training at Shelton high school last spring and came to the university for higher learning in the Bizad college. But Theo never dreamed he'd get started in such an abundance of khaki as pictured above.

R. O. T. C. uniforms are being issued this week to undergraduates taking basic military science, which calls to mind the story of the gruff quartermaster who growled at recruits, "want your uniforms too large or too small?" Nebraska supply department employees thought they'd have some

Inquiring Reporter

By Merrill Englund.

A recent innovation on many campuses—the prohibiting of driving by students—has brought forth a flood of comment, both pro and con, on the part of those concerned.

We asked the man-and-woman-at-large, "Do you favor this policy of denying students the privilege of driving their own cars?" As usual, as you shall see if you bother to read further, the replies were pretty evenly distributed on both sides of the fence.

It is not our policy to shape student opinion. We merely attempt to reflect it, but we'd like to stick in our two cents now that we have a chance. We would like to see a fellow get a date without said vehicle!

Anne Vanden Bark, Bizad sophomore:

"No, but I do think that students on a carless campus are brought into closer contact with each other than those at a school at which student driving is not prohibited. Of course, having a car is fun, but the fun you can have with a car is nothing when compared with that which you can have without one.

In the matter of dating, a car is not exactly a necessity, at least for those living fairly close to the center of things. For students who live away from the campus, however, one is almost a necessity in order to reach social functions."

Charles Tanton, Bizad senior:

"In one respect it's good, and in another it isn't even practical. If done at all, it would be best to prohibit students owning cars entirely. The gain in this respect would be equality in dating. The way things are now, certain inferior individuals can, by wrapping themselves in a shiny car, get a date with anyone. Take the car away from them and date getting would be done on a basis of masculine appeal.

"On the other hand, things here aren't centrally located enough. If all facilities for social events were close together, it would be all right, but with the present set-up nothing would be gained."

Imogene Holster, Teachers college junior:

"No, I live too far from the campus, and I would dislike very much to walk 16 blocks two or three times a day. Of course a car is a nice thing to have on a date, but it's far from being absolutely necessary."

Joe Stephens, Arts and Science junior:

"They might as well. Today I had to drive for 20 minutes trying to find a place to park. About half the time, the only place available is a faculty parking space.

"On other campuses, however, you find more students living close to the school itself. Barbs usually live in quadrangles and in dorms right on the campus. Here, with the majority living a long way from school, it would be impractical."

Doris Woodford, Teachers college junior:

"Personally, I don't. Students from Ag college and residents of Lincoln must get back and forth, and an automobile is cheaper and to government forces or interference with insurgent acts will be resisted."

Y.W.C.A. Cabinet Plans Program, Staff Set-Up

The Y. W. C. A. cabinet met for the first time Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall.

Plans for the fall program were discussed and definite staff times set up. Women interested may watch for the announcement of freshman commission groups and staff groups. All freshmen are invited to participate.

200 Dead at Nanking.

Flaunting defiance at United States and British warnings against the unrestricted bombardment of Nanking, more than 50 Japanese planes hurled destruction upon the city yesterday. Over 200 Chinese non-combatants are dead as a result of the aerial onslaught on the capital.

Reports from Canton bring the tale of 300 dead following six attacks within 24 hours. In Shanghai an unchecked epidemic of cholera is spreading terror throughout the international settlement and the French concession. A major battle is believed imminent in North China as Chinese forces are pushed back by an overwhelming Japanese advance.

Wounding of the British ambassador to China in an attack outside Shanghai brings a note of apology from the Japanese government. But hopes of the League committee for a speedy settling of far eastern difficulties grow hourly more remote as reports pour in of Japanese attacks in every sector, of mounting tolls of dead and wounded.

Roosevelt Launches Exploratory Tour.

Into the heart of the enemy's country, into states from which some of his biggest opposition comes, goes President Roosevelt on a tour which started yesterday and will extend to the west coast. What the president hopes to gain by the extended tour is an accurate slant on the attitudes of the westerners, whose support helped to swell the election votes of 1932 and 1936. He is in a measure "feeling his way around," since the fight over court reform has brought striking changes in political lineups. Whether he will attempt to bring pressure to bear on opposing senators through plays for popular support cannot be predicted, but some attempt at strengthening of administration power is expected.

France Strikes—Insurgents Retaliate.

Arrest of the insurgent major, Julian Troncoso, by French officials marks one of the opening events in the enforcing of the anti-piracy patrol agreement. Occasion of the arrest was the purported capture of a Spanish government submarine by insurgent forces. Insurgent General Franco is reported to have taken steps toward retaliation on the French consul at Malaga. France has renewed her guard on the Franco-Spanish border. Europe awaits with some anxiety the turn which events will take, with major powers bent on wiping out Mediterranean piracy and General Franco showing plainly that aid

Timely Topics For Freshmen

Things to remember—for freshmen:

1. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of every fraternity and sorority house on the campus.
2. The name of every building on the campus, every teacher in every building.
3. The names of every pledge brother or sister in your house, also the last names of the actives. You shouldn't call them by their first names.
4. The names of at least four girls in every sorority house, (boys only), and the names of four boys in every frat house, (girls only).
5. To carry matches with you at all times so as to please upperclassmen who desire lights.
6. To (this is most important) wear at all times your freshman cap or girls '41 button. This identifies you as Nebraska posterity. (Prosperity for the book-store and other places.)
7. To forget everything told you in this article.

a great deal more convenient than a bus or a taxi. Then, too, in a co-educational school, a car is necessary for social life.

"There should, however, be more restrictions. Students, or a great number of them, run wild with cars, giving police officers a lot of trouble. There should be closer supervision over student drivers."

Earl Snell, Bizad sophomore:

"As a car owner, I say leave things the way they are. If I didn't have a car, I'd probably advocate a change. As the university is located near the business district and most of the organized houses are fairly close, the plan would offer many advantages.

"As it is, my car is an asset, but only for amusement—you can go to the park, the Turnpike, and just lots of places. But we didn't come to college to be amused, or did we?"

"It isn't, however, any help in dating—it doesn't shine, it just roars."

Jean Sanders, Arts and Science sophomore:

"It would be a good idea in that it would cut down on the reckless driving in Lincoln. There should, however, be special permits granted to those whose work or whose place of residence makes it imperative for them to drive."

Bernard Ingram, Bizad junior:

"Personally, I don't think so. If a fellow is lucky enough to have a car, power to him!"

Lois Owens, Arts and Science sophomore:

"It would improve the appearance of the campus, but the inconvenience would far overbalance the benefits in so large a city as Lincoln.

"Personally, I can't imagine walking very far on a date."

Bob McGeachin, Arts and Science junior:

"It's not a good idea—lots of people would have to resort to other means of transportation, much more expensive and much less convenient.

"A car is a help on dates, too. Without it, taxi fees would really mount up."

Dear Mr. Bengston,

It has been brought to our attention that you took occasion in one of your classes to present what you considered the professor's angle on the book situation. In yesterday's paper we offered a program for saving money on used books. We suggested that the price on such books could be lowered, a better market for them established, and more of them used.

You threw a bomb at our plan by stating that more money would be saved if second-hand books were not used at all. It was reported by members of your class that you feel that if all used books were kept off the market, the volume of new books sold would be sufficient to permit a reduction in price. The price on new books would then approximate that on used books now. We understand that you have acquired this opinion from conversations with the presidents of several large publishing companies.

Mr. Bengston, we question your neat solution of the problem of high prices on new books and the inconvenience of using old books for these reasons: There is no cause to believe that publishers would reduce the price of new books if their turnover increased; moreover, there are one and quarter million students in this country who will be hard to convince that they should not sell their used books for what they can get out of them.

Book publishers are in the business for the money. They make no money on the sale of used books. Of course they want this sale stopped. The NRA gave them a chance to get together and agree on the highest possible price quotas to be established as list prices, prices which are made mandatory by the U. S. Trade commission. If the use of secondhand books were stopped, the volume of new books sold would increase. The publishers could print and might sell books cheaper. There is no reason to believe that they would do the latter.

The publishers are in as good a position to take the initial step in the matter as the students. Why don't they print a large volume of new books, lower the price to that now charged for secondhand books, and push the used books off the market?

Furthermore, it is impractical to believe that any sizeable reduction on the use of secondhand books could be effected. Students aren't going to keep secondhand books for which they have no further use in the hope that more new books will be sold and in the even more distant hope that prices on new books will eventually be reduced because of this increase in turnover.

No, Mr. Bengston, our hope is still in a better deal on used books. In theory you may have something. In actual practice you must be able to trust your publishers to carry out

their part of the bargain; and you must have the cooperation of upwards of a million college students in destroying or keeping their old books.

And Mr. Bengston, there is still something to be said on that analogy of yours on the farmer and his scythe. You said, didn't you, that a farmer after buying a new scythe doesn't go on using it cutting weeds, grass, grain or what not until it is completely worn out, but that he sharpens it up occasionally to increase its efficiency? And you suggested that a book too must be sharpened at the "new-edition" grindstone to insure its greatest utility.

The Nebraska is not advocating the use of books containing antiquated information or employing worn out methods. But you can take a scythe to the grindstone too often. You can't sharpen a sharp edge. Al Moseman, president of the student council, reported rumors at yesterday's meeting to the effect that certain professors have been collecting royalty fees on the grindstone without even touching their books to the stone.

We asked for discretion in this matter on the part of the professors. That is what you want too, isn't it?

Sincerely,
 Daily "Rag" Nebraskan.

Diversion, Tradition, And Culture.

The University Players, a gang of regulars with a flare for the dramatic, are still cutting histrionic capers on the Temple stage over the spice, wit, and subtle feline nastiness in the lines of their first play, "First Lady." This play, and all those intended for production during the current season, are hot off the Broadway griddle. "First Lady" has just been released for stock company presentation.

The Players are planning "an evening of Noel Coward" a la New York stage where three out of his nine one act pieces are put on in one show. "Tovarich" was a bit of the past season. Claudette Colbert and Kay Francis came near to hair pulling over the lead for the movie of the piece. The Players will use it this season. We feel that, if anything, their menu will offer more diversion than ever.

The Players are a tradition. There will be much talk of tradition over at the coliseum this morning. Most of us took an oath to support all such when we were freshmen; the freshmen are taking that oath this morning. We feel that the Players are worthy of support.

This group of student dramatists offer a high caliber of drama. They represent one of the few opportunities in Lincoln for seeing stage plays. And their work is professional.

Browsing Among The Books

By MARGARET REISER.

When your history instructor eulogizes "Northwest Passage" don't think he's suggesting a diet of dried prunes. Kenneth Roberts has a historical novel spiced with "the perfect antidote to take your minds off present complaints."

"And So—Victoria" is more historical food—but here's a secret—it has a theatrical flare that Vaughan Wilkins, the author, makes you appreciate.

Kathleen Norris says "You

Can't Have Everything" but Cam Kilgarit (she's vivacious, too!) tries to have John and an idyllic family and, well,—everything. If you like divorce stories, the real and human variety, you'll eat it up.

If you seek the favor of your science instructor try "Madame Curie." Eve Curie has a way of revealing the absorbing interest her mother took in science that you can't help but admire.

Journalism students won't feel half so abused after reading "East Goes West." Younghill Kang vividly portrays how he finally arrives as an accepted writer. He took like minus pennies—and just look at him now!

Somebody whispered that A. J. Cronin ("I Swear by Apollo, the Physician") has a notable novel in

"The Citadel." It depicts a modern doctor exchanging his money grabbing methods of "gimme" for a "citadel" of faithful ideals. The story has a Christine—and you know what they are like, or do you?

Dr. Condra Attends Geological Congress

Dean and Mrs. G. E. Condra spent the summer in Europe, traveling about 6,000 miles. Five weeks were spent in Russia where Dr. Condra was an official delegate of the United States at the international geological congress in Moscow. He was a member of the organization's council and chairman of a section of the congress. Fifty countries were represented.

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