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Dear Mr. Bengston,

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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 secondhand 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 milion 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.

publishers are in as good a position

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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 Nebraskan 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, isnt 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



-Courtesy Nebraska State Journal. Kamas, 17, Wood | fun when little Theo presented

River, completed his prep school himself for a fitting, so they called training at Shelton high school the camerman and rummaged last spring and came to the uni-versity for higher learning in the Bizad college. But Theo never Theo meekly is peering in a mirdreamed he'd get started in such ror attired in a size 50 coat upon

an over abundance of khaki as his size 32 chest. His shoulders are pictured above. R. O. T. C. uniforms are being issued this week to undergradu-7 inches and the waist is ample ates taking basic military science, enough to go around him twice. the gruff quartermaster who growled at recruits, "want your uniforms too large or too small?" "If war is like this," Theo mur-

Theodore



Reporter

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By Merrill Englund.

Inquiring

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 stick in our two cents now that we have a chance. We would like to see a follow get a date without said vehicle!

Anne Vanden Bark, Bizad sophomore:

"No, but I do think that students on a carless campus are broght 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

a great deal more convenient than a bus or a taxi. Then, too, in a co-educational school, a car have without one. In the matter of dating, a car is necessary for social life. not exactly a necessity, at least for those living fairly close to the restrictions. Students, or a great

center of things. For students who number of them, run wild with live away from the campus, how- cars, giving police officers a lot of ever, one is almost a necessity in order to reach social functions." trouble. There should be closer supervision over student drivers." Charles Tanton, Bizad senior: Earl Snell, Bizad sophomore:

"In one respect it's good, and in another it isn't even practical. If done at all, it would be best to pro- have a car. I'd probably advocate hibit students owning cars entirely. a change. As the university is lo-The gain in this respect would be equality in dating. The way things and most of the organized houses are now, certain inferior individ-uals 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 ap-neal

peal. "On the other hand, things here did we? aren't centrally located enough. If

close together, it would be all roars." right, but with the present set-up Jean Sanders, Arts and Sciences nothing would be gained."

Imogene Holster, Teachers college junior: 20 inches across and the coat is a

which calls to mind the story of The army rifle in his belt and an three times a day. Of course a car is a nice thing to have on a date, but it's far from being absolutely Bernard Ingram, Bizad junior: necessary.

Nebraska supply department em- mured, "then it certainly must be Joe Stephens, Arts and Science junior:

> had to drive for 20 minutes trying to find a place to park. About able is a faculty parking space.

half the time, the only place avail-"On other campuses, however,

you find more students living close Lincoln. to the school itself. Barbs usually "Personally, I can't imagine live in quadrangles and in dorms walking very far on a date.

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

"As a car owner, I say leave

things the way they are. If I didn't

come to college to be amused, or

Timely Topics

freshmen:

the campus.

places.)

For Freshmen

Things to remember -- for

1. The names, addresses, and

phone numbers of every fra-

ternity and sorority house on

2. The name of every build-ing on the campus, every teacher in every building.

brother or sister in your house,

also the last names of the ac-

tives. You shouldn't call them

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 import-

ant) wear at all times your

freshman cap or girls '41 but-

ton. This identifies you as Ne-braska posterity. (Prosperity for the book-store and other

7. To forget everything told you in this article.

by their first names.

3. The names of every pledge

"It isn't, however, any help in all facilities for social events were dating-it doesn't shine, it just

sophomore:

"It would be a good idea in that "No. I live too far from the driving in Lincoln. There should, campus, and I would dislike very however, be special permits much to walk 16 blocks two or granted to those whose work or however, be special permits whose place of residence makes it imperative for them to drive."

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

"They might as well. Today I Lois Owens, Arts and Sciences sophomore

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

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

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. 200 Dead at Nanking. We feel that the Players are worthy of sup-

This group of student dramatists offer a high caliber of drama. They represent one of the few opportunities in Lincoln for seeing be able to trust your publishers to carry out stage plays. And their work is professional.

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Marjorie Churchill

States andBritish 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 resuit of the aerial onslaught on the capital.

Can't Have Everything" but Cam "The Citadel." It depicts a modern 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 ambasspent the summer in Europe, trav- sador to China in an attack outwere spent in Russia where Dr. apology from the Japanese governhourly more remote as reports pour in of Japanese attacks in every sector, of mounting tolls of dead and wounded.

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 po-litical lineups, Whether he will attempt to bring pressure to bear on opposing senators through plays for popular support cannot be pre-dicted, but some atempt 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 surrorized continue arrest was the purported capture. of a Spanish government subma-rine 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 Med-iterranean piracy and General Franco showing plainly that aid .

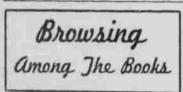
tical..' discussed and definite staff times Doris Woodford, Teachers college people would have to resort to other means of transportation, Plans for the fall program were

watch for the announcement of "Personally, I don't. Students less convenient, freshman commission groups and from Ag college and residents of "A car is a staff groups. All freshmen are in- Lincoln must get back and forth. Without it, taxi fees would really and an automobile is cheaper and mount up. vited to participate.

"It's not a good idea-lots of much more expensive and much

"A car is a help on dates, too.





By MARGARET REISER.

eulogizes "Northwest Passage" her mother took in science that don't think he's suggesting a diet you can't help but admire. of dried prunes. Kenneth Roberts "the perfect anlidote to take your Goes West." Younghill Kang vivminds off present complaints."

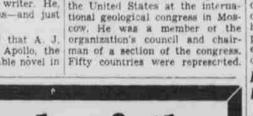
"And So-Victoria" is more -it has a theatrical flare that look at him now! Vaughan Wilkins, the author,

Kilgarif (she's vivacious, too') doctor exchanging his money tries to have John and an idyllic grabbing methods of "gimme" for family and, well,-everything. If a "citadel" of faithful ideals. The you like divorce stories, the real story has a Christine-and you and human variety, you'll eat it up, know what they are like, or do If you seek the favor of your you? science instructor try "Madame

By MARGARET REISER. When your history instructor revealing the absorbing interest Condra Attends **Geological** Congress

Dean and Mrs. G. E. Condra Journalism students won't feel has a historical novel spiced with half so abused after reading "East sling about 6,000 miles. Five weeks side Shanghai brings a note of idly portrays how he finally ar-rives as an accepted writer. He, the United States at the internahistorical food-but here's a secret too, was minus pennies-and just tional geological congress in Mos- of far eastern difficulties grow

Somebody whispered that A. J. organization's council and chair-Cronin ("I Swear by Apollo, the man of a section of the congress. makes you appreciate. Kathleen Norris says "You Physician") has a notable novel in Fifty countries were represented.

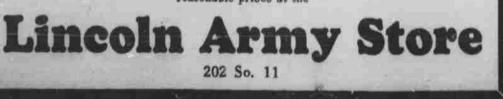


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