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War or No War, Maintain Standards!

Time is growing short. Soon—at the end of this semester at the latest—the great majority of the male enrolment in the university will be in the army.

Some will never come back to the university, for there are those on the campus now who will die on the battlefields; there are others who having "gone out into the world" will stay there. But there are many who will choose to return to the university, to complete their educations, to secure degrees.

For the soldiers who return to school, the state of Nebraska has an obligation: to furnish a highly accredited state university with the best of facilities and instruction.

That is what the state owes to its men who will have fought in the war, and it also is what the state owes itself at any time. The standards of Nebraska university must not be lowered; they must continue in the manner which has raised UN to among the most highly respected state universities.

This week the legislature's appropriations committee has been considering the school's request for an increase of about \$300,000 in its general fund appropriation. Every effort is wisely being made to cut expenditures, but the facts must be faced:

1. Enrolment has dropped 4,500 students, a decrease of 31 per cent in past three or four years.
2. The university has lost some of its best instructors for failure to meet competitive salary figures.
3. The university will not realize a profit from the army schools which may be located on the campus.
4. Other schools have improved their physical plants and have made other changes that have improved their national standing, while UN has comparatively stood still, largely due to the lack of funds.

As appropriations committee chairman Greenamyre stated Wednesday, THE NATIONAL STANDING OF NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND IMPROVED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE UNDER WARTIME CONDITIONS. THAT CAN BE DONE ONLY BY THE INCREASED APPROPRIATION REQUESTED. SUCH ACTION IS THE ONLY WAY THAT THE STATE CAN MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS NOW AND AFTER THE WAR.

Quotable Quotes

"Our folk songs grew out of our national life and are a part of its history. We need to learn and sing them, for folk songs are a tremendous force in making people "nation" conscious. The music capitals of the world have moved from Europe to America, and it is up to us to keep them here. We must encourage and support our serious music, for it, too, helps to make America American." **Dr. Archie N. Jones**, professor of music, University of Texas, believes development of an American music and culture should be a part of the everyday living of the average patriotic citizen.

"Women must prepare themselves for the time—which is not far off—when the manpower commission will assign them to jobs where they are needed. The need for women war workers offers us as never before the opportunity to prove our strength and value to society and to our country." **Miss Dorothy Gebauer**, University of Texas dean of women, asserts college women must rid themselves of the idea that a college education entitles them to occupational prestige that is "above" manual labor in war industries.

Letterip

Dear Editor:

Never before have we seen a criticism of the Rag printed and we hereby usher one which we trust you'll print.

Front page—too unbalanced and inconsistent. Some writing good, other writing is pathetic.

Editorials — Editorials are fair, especially second semester. More school editorials would help. Carton Broderick had a big following. What happened to him? Sprague's column should be used alternately with Chips, by Gene Bradley.

Society—Why not let one person (with some nerve) write this all the while? Use the style Chris Peterson used last year.

Sports—Best part of the paper, writing is best, makup is best. I think the column, Horse Sense, is by far the most readable feature in the paper. You are nearly professional here.

General opinion—a pretty all-around good college paper, but why not try our improvements?

Three Barb Readers.

(Editor's note: 1. Criticism—it's always welcome if it is constructive; 2. Front page—managing editors are still students of journalism striving for attractive makeup, often going off the beam; writing suffers from lack of experienced writers with no males at all on reportorial staff; 3. Editorial—Carton Broderick has retired; Bradley may be back; 4. Society—Chris Peterson's don't come around every day; 5. Sports—thanks; 6. General—your criticisms are good ones; we may surprise you by accomplishing some improvements. We are trying.)

White Space

By Elmer Sprague

For a long time we have been wondering what the horse liniment Norrie Anderson consumes has to do with his sensible column. Yesterday we found out. When the rich yellow liquid finally tickles his trembling brain, it enables him to describe his writer, Gene Sherman, as "replete with fuzz-cut." This "replete" business bothered us; so we crept over to a dictionary to find out about it.

After careful research we have discovered that Norrie might have meant that Sherman is either filled to capacity, or copiously supplied, or bloated with fuzz-cut. But none of these meanings satisfied us; and we were about to give up trying to figure out Norrie's meaning, until we noted a quotation from Owen Wister, some fellow who probably never heard about fuzz-cuts, that read:

A family of replete and bilious ogres. Then we understood what Norrie wanted to say. He and his staff are a family of replete and bilious fuzz-cuts.

We sat in on last Wednesday's council meeting, but we did not find the proceedings too exciting. The council was still wondering what to do about assuring its survival into the next school year, when Dave Marvin moved that the six council members returning next fall be nominated as hold-over candidates.

Dave said something to the effect that he thought he had better do something toward getting the hold-over members elected while the greek-barb ratio was four to two; and suggested that if he did not hurry the hold-over election the greeks would be having some greek council members resign who were not returning next year and appoint some students to the council who were returning, thus increasing the number of Greek hold-overs, according to the plan to accept as a hold-over every returning council member up to the number of eight.

However, the nominating motion was passed; and Dave felt that he had at last kicked some kind of ball away from the greeks. But just as President Harnsburger was about to call time and send the players home, council adviser E. W. Lantz jumped into the game and returned the ball to play by saying that even though the hold-over election was held at the next meeting, the council could elect two more hold-over members as the constitution permits, anytime up to the end of the semester.

After this quick play by Prof. Lantz, we could not tell whether he was either refereeing, or cheering, or playing water boy on a one man team; so we strolled away from the field, wondering who would try to add the score for this game.

Nuts From McNutt . . . To Study or Not?

BY BOB M'NUTT.

Wonder when they want us. Don't mind if they take us now but why don't they let us know where we stand. Haven't got much interest in school anymore. Don't know how much credit we'll get if they do want us now. Shall we go out for spring practice or study a little harder on military science?

Shall we buy that new sweater or will we have enough time to get any good out of it? What will I tell the folks when they want to know whether they are getting their money's worth by keeping me in school under such conditions or not.

ERC Students Wonder.

These are as ample of the many questions that the members of the ERC are constantly worrying and talking about. Probably questions similar to these are the biggest source of worry to some 200 men on this campus.

Added to this is the fact that no matter how callous a man is, or pretends to be, it makes him feel like something of a heel to walk down town and see so many men

DePauw university men have volunteered their services to meet a threatened shortage of labor in the locality.

A Fordham university graduate schol seminar is studying the role of congress as a wartime legislative body.

in uniform when the best he can do along the same line is an ROTC uniform that he wears on the average of three days a week.

Certainly Helps.

I just received a letter from my brother, who is in the naval ROTC at Northwestern. According to that letter, those men know exactly where they stand. Because they do know, they have an added incentive to study since their school record will have a bearing on their ability to become qualified officers.

It is a shame to see these men remain in school when they are not taking full advantage of its facilities and of the opportunities that it offers.

Two Alternatives.

If men concentrate on army life, they become good soldiers. If men concentrate on college life, they accumulate a surprisingly well-rounded education. But the average male is so constructed that when his attention is divided between the two, he becomes efficient in neither.

The foregoing is the humble opinion and musings of just one member of the ERC whose sole hope is that the good old USA wins this war in the shortest possible time so we can get back and plant the corn. However, that same member is tired of watching other men go off to do the fighting while he stays safely behind, not at all sure in which direction to turn next.



Launching 63,000 Telephone calls

It has been estimated that 63,000 telephone calls are necessary in the building of one 10,000-ton cargo ship. And America is sending these vessels down the ways by the hundreds.

We cannot build additional facilities because materials for telephone equipment are going into war weapons. Yet today the men and women of the Bell System are handling more telephone calls than ever before—about 90 million conversations a day. It's an important wartime job. It will continue to be done well.

