

# EDITORIAL



# COMMENT

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## Must We Gripe?

In a statement released Sunday, Chancellor C. S. Boucher pointed out the need for future legislative appropriations to insure the maintenance of the past standing of the University of Nebraska.

It is encouraging to see the school officials putting out factual information about the institution. Perhaps release of more such information, giving both the encouraging and discouraging sides of the present status of the university, might help eliminate the endless and often ill-founded habitual griping of Nebraska students.

The editor of the school paper is in a position to hear everyone's troubles and gripes, real and imaginary. Frankly, we are weary of hearing nothing but student complaints that all the best professors are leaving for schools which pay better salaries, about the lack of adequate physical facilities, and the inability of the administration, faculty and students to work together. Granted that many of the gripes are based on actual conditions, there still must be something on the credit side of the ledger.

For example, although no ratings of colleges were made during the war years, insofar as THE DAILY could ascertain, in 1942, the University of Nebraska ranked eighteenth in size in the United States and twelfth among state universities. Its credits are accepted by all colleges and universities, and in that same year, '42, students had enrolled from 42 states and 10 foreign countries and U. S. possessions.

Nebraska students have gotten into the habit of criticizing their own school destructively. Their time could be more profitably spent in finding ways in which they can boost Nebraska, thereby raising the less adequate parts of the institution to the level of the many really outstanding departments and facilities. Passive griping will only send the university downward. It is time the students began to take pride in their school and themselves and to realize the esteem which the University of Nebraska rates in the nation. Ask some of your professors some time what they knew of the school before they came to the state. Then start looking at the pleasant side of the picture.

## Hunter College Offers Prizes For Essays

Prizes totaling \$12,900 in Victory bonds will be awarded by Hunter college, New York, for the best essays on intercultural relations, announced Prof. Broderick Cohen, chairman of the essay committee at Hunter.

Awards will be made to winners in three categories. College and university students are to write on the general topic, "How Can American Colleges or Other Social Institutions Promote the Appreciation of the Culture of Other Peoples and Cooperation Among Them?"

Contestants may concentrate on some portion of the topic. A first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$500 and 18 prizes of \$100 each, all in Victory bonds at maturity value, will be awarded to winners in this group.

"How Can the American Teacher Help to Foster Intercultural Relations?" is the topic that teachers in colleges, universities, high schools and elementary schools of the continental United States may discuss in competing for a similar group of awards. The essays for the two groups must not exceed 1,500 words.

The third group of awards is limited to high school students in public parochial and independent high schools in the five boroughs of New York City who may write on the relationship of high schools in the development of nationality unit.

Three special awards of \$1,000 each in Victory bonds will be made to the schools which the student first prize winners are attending. The prize money has been made available by Lane Bryant, Inc., of New York City.

The competition closes at midnight, March 1, and announcement of winners will be made on May 15. A circular giving complete contest details may be obtained by addressing Hunter College, Diamond Jubilee Essay Contest, P. O. Box 7, New York 8, New York.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"At least our striking secretaries are consistent, Dewlap! Their spelling is still atrocious!"



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## The Ash Can

It has now been determined after last week's trip, that Denver is the best place to live, the best place to visit, and the best place to catch a cold in the United States.

Met a most interesting Doctor of Political Economy at Denver university. At least, everyone told us he was a D.O.P.E.

Checked on the Rockies and found they were just as beautiful as before the war, though students from the Colorado School of Mines found time to add a few more autographs to the posts along Look-out Mountain road, which is playfully called a highway.

Was a real revelation, after weeks spent in the Crib, the Nook and the Union lounge, to discover at the speech conference, so many college students who had brains, ability and intellect, and who used them. Also garnered quite a bit of info on problems at other campuses. Guess Nebraska is luckier than we thought.

Sam Warren did such a fine job pinch-hitting for us that we'll be afraid to let him do it again. Might find ourselves without a job. Comments aimed at us, along with bottles, glasses, Rykrisp and rotten love-apples, suggest that our return from the boroughs wasn't too welcome.

After a couple of days spent holding well-worn sheets of Kleenex to a throbbing proboscis, we find ourselves feeling knee-high to an atom. We keep wishing a common cold weren't so common. Or that it would be fatal, and quickly, too.

Bob Hope's new contract with Paramount, signed just before he started in "Monsieur Beaucaire," will keep the comedy star at the studio until 1952.

"California," is Barbara Stanwyck's first outdoor picture in which she does not ride a horse.

## Ag 'Y' Groups Schedule Joint Meet Tonight

Ag YWCA and YMCA groups will meet jointly tonight at 7:45 in the home economics parlors, it was announced by Gordon Lippitt, YMCA secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rice of the First Christian church, will talk and lead a discussion on the "Values and Importance of Home and Foreign Missions," as the main part of the program which was arranged by Co-Chairmen Francis Wagner and Carol Bridenbaugh. Wagner and Miss Bridenbaugh are presidents of the two "Y" organizations on the ag campus.

### Missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice, prior to their work in Lincoln, were for many years missionaries in India, and according to Lippitt, are outstanding leaders in youth organizations.

The remainder of the program consists of worship services planned by Duane Foote and La-Rayne Steyer.

Barbara Stanwyck is buying husband Robert Taylor a four passenger airplane as a gift.

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## Letterip

To the Editor:

Without condemning or belittling as of no value the topics usually discussed in the Nebraskan, we should like to encourage the appearance of more articles like the one in the issue of February 17, on the distribution of food to people of other nations. The official publication of the student body of a university should surely devote some space to topics that are vitally important. ("Vitality" is derived from 'vita' meaning life as contrasted with death, a physical and often moral condition which a lack of potatoes will inevitably bring about.)

I believe the correct opinion in Sunday's article of one of the students could be stated as follows: In order to promote peace we must avoid repeating those mistakes which this and almost every other nation made following the first World War.

I should like to venture the opinion that we have already made many of the same mistakes. We have pulled almost every boner in the books, although not quite as devoid of a sense of moral responsibility as a certain nation beginning with the letter "R" seems to be. As a result of our correct belief that we were fighting for a just cause, we won the war in our customary record time but forgot all about the consequences of victory. Under optimum conditions it would have taken perhaps three generations to nurse Germany as a nation back to political health. Now—I wonder.

At any rate, the City Sanitary Garbage Company still does a roaring business and those with the best knowledge of conditions elsewhere are not necessarily its worst customers.

Richard Sundermann.

Teresa Wright, who stands a little over five feet, two inches, in her nylons, is one of the tiniest stars in Hollywood, where her latest picture is Paramount's "The Imperfect Lady."

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