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Personally Speaking

By Norm Leger

Contrary to popular belief, the Daily Nebraskan office isn't always the hectic and confused place that Crib talk and Bill Palmer make it out to be. In fact, in the a. m. hours the Rag office has a morgue-like silence, and here one can spend a leisurely hour or two retyping an English theme that is due the next hour, or browsing through the files.

For some unimportant reason, we wandered into the office one morning last week, and, since we found the inspiration to complete the theme during Christmas vacation, we were able to spend the time reading what erstwhile reporters, columnists and letterpists had to say in bygone days.

And that explains how we happened to be rereading several "Hell and High Water" and "Les Said the Better" columns written by the famed columnist, Les Glotfelty. Unfortunately, freshman and transfer students may find the name unfamiliar. Not having known Les or read her columns is your loss. Ours too—we knew her only through her column.

Les was a gal who saw the need for bringing to light through the press both good and bad elements of university life. She knew (or soon found out) what needed to be said, and had the courage to say it, despite the reverberations that her alarming but veracious comments brought.

Les is gone, but the need that she so admirably fulfilled still exists. Oftentimes we are tempted to do a little "spot-lighting" ourself. We regret that we haven't the insight and acuteness of expression that Les had. We may have the courage but not the means. Hoping that time and trial will give us that, we ask you to bear with us while we struggle—or send another Glotfelty around. We would welcome one of either sex.

The Mortar Boards (and prospective members, Junior Women) in the year of '43-'44 were rightfully subjected to a continuous flaying rendered by the acrid Glotfelty pen. The Innocents were spared. They had gone to war. Temporarily, the organization had become defunct.

Whether peace is here or not is a debatable question, but the war is over, and the men are back in school—and have been for a considerable time. Enough time, anyway, to let a number of men obtain senior standing and become leaders in the men's organizations. Yet the once-active Innocents are still defunct for all practical purposes.

We won't commit ourself to say whether or not we think the organization should be permanently defunct, but we do feel that if the Innocents planned to become once again an active organization they plainly missed the ball—this year, anyway. And why? Because they failed to tap this year's senior men who deserve the honor. Last spring they offered the excuse that they had just returned and did not know who the outstanding Junior men were. What kept them from tapping this semester after they had time to observe and determine who the leaders of the senior class were? A constitution? Or reluctance on the part of the members who thought their glory would be gone if a new group of Innocents were tapped? Now there is no glory. With two or three exceptions, the campus male leaders are not wearers of the red hoods.

We know enough of the senior men to be convinced that they are big enough to feel little regret for not being of The Thirteen. But the tragedy is this: these men are the ones in the position to know the men who will best be qualified for Innocent membership next spring.

This means that the Innocents will have to make their selection of new members in one of two ways. One, to judge as "outsiders" (with the exceptions), or to confer with the senior men who are leaders, and base the selections upon their recommendations. The latter would obviously be the more intelligent procedure to take but embarrassing, considering how the Innocents have turned their backs on the men in-the-know. Time will tell whether intelligence or foolish pride will win out.

Perhaps there is a sound explanation for the course the Innocents have taken. If so, we would like to hear it. Think what you will, our concern is with fair play. We like to see credit given where credit is due, and, accordingly, we think that if an organization exists for the purpose of giving recognition to campus leaders it should do a sufficient job. Besides, we're only a sophomore, and what's more we could give you a good affirmative argument on the question, "should senior activity honoraries be abolished?", unless it was proven to us that without them activities would still be over-run with people more concerned with getting a name for themselves rather than with serving the activity and the university.

News Print

BY JACK HILL.
 Taxes and the 1947 federal budget caused the first major partisan flareup on the floor of congress this week-end as republican house and senate leaders reacted to President Truman's 1947 request for \$37,528,000,000.

The long-awaited GOP plans for a 20% tax slash received a body blow from the proposed budget since the full amount would require no reductions. Referred to as a "tough budget" by the President, the fiscal plan would place the nation's federal economy in balance for the first time in 18 years.

However, a forerunner of what the political year will bring was shown in the highly mixed reaction by republican leaders as opposed to the democrats.

Knutson of Minnesota, chairman of the house ways and means committee and one of the staunchest proponents of the over-all 20% income tax drop, commented that no matter what the president submitted, the house would "adopt a budget that will enable us to cut taxes."

Senator Taft of Ohio announced his belief that the presidential proposal could be reduced by \$3,500,000,000. Federal department heads have already registered mild protests to the Truman plan and definite howls are predicted if the republican cut goes through.

One of the more interesting sidelights on the entire budget question came with a memorandum from the white house to all armed forces. The army and navy, who would like a slice of the melon, have been ordered to remain silent on the more than four billion dollar reduction they have been subjected to.

Republican leaders, playing politics for all it is worth, claimed that the president's only savings had come at the cost of the national defense program and the veterans benefit plan.

From the dispatches available, it appears that a compromise will be necessary, but the scene in Washington being what it is, there can be little doubt that most of the giving will have to be done on the part of Truman and the democratic minority.

Happiest news in many moons for the housewife and the bachelor vet came with hints that food prices are beginning to drop. Reports from all over the nation seem to point to wholesale cuts resulting from overstocked inventories and increases in food supplies.

Labor received a storm-warn-

ing with the introduction of a bill by Joe Ball of Minnesota, outlawing collective bargaining. While the bill is in the tentative stage, the mere fact that any representative is willing to go to such extreme measures should be a sign of the times for all unions. Ball had already introduced a bill forbidding closed shops and the house and senate agendas are be-

CORRECTION
 Due to a typographical error, Friday's Daily Nebraskans stated that Lyell Bremser's talk by members of Alpha Epsilon Rho would be Jan. 15. The correct date is Jan. 14.

ing flooded by increasing amounts of anti-labor legislation.

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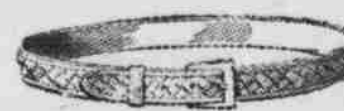
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GRAB NOTE by B. J. Holcomb



POEM FOR THE WEEK:
 I've never seen a Reader read
 Surely a Reader reads some
 When biology quiz returns I see
 I'd rather freeze than be one.

A Reader's life may be tiresome and dull
 Not worth the meager fee
 But I think it's the Reader's own darn fault
 When he writes the note, "See me."

I used to think a Reader had final say
 But I found the theory debunked
 When I learned the inside dope from a prof
 Who said "They only read cause they flunked!"

Waistlines have the spotlight! Today's accent is on belts. The well dressed man picks his waistwear with as much care as he does his ties. A variety of good belts should be included in the wardrobe of every Trim Tom Campus. Choose your belts from a wide selection at HARVEY'S, college clothiers. Textan belts of beautiful hand tooled leather look well with sportswear. Also included are fine Pioneer and Hickok belts in plastics and dress styles. Whether the style is western, sport, or dress, HARVEY BROTHERS have a handsome assortment of durable, long wearing belts.

According to recent reports the men's clothing situation looks brighter for '47 and new merchandise will be released more rapidly to meet the demand. HARVEY'S will continue to carry fine quality clothing for town, campus, or country.

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