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Dear Editor:

I came to the University at a time when it was not impossible to enter other schools. I did not come because I was a native Nebraskan (I am not), or because I had all my schooling in the state (I did not), or because I could not afford another school. I worked part-time six of the seven semesters I was in school; I could have worked my way through another school. I came because I wanted to be a Cornhusker, not just for four years, but for the rest of my life.

Last spring, before receiving my degree, I had the privilege of working with Fritz Daly. Mr. Daly would not like me to say that he is the most active alumnus of the University I know. He is, as I am, extremely proud of the thousands of grads who give of their time, energy and money to help build the "greater university" which Dr. Gustavson promised us.

Yes, the book drive was my own idea. It grew from a talk which Dr. Knute Broady of the Extension Division gave at an alumni meeting which I attended. Very few people have heard that it originated with me because I feel that bringing personalities into the picture would subject the drive to T. S. Eliot's last temptation, "To do the right thing for the wrong reason."

With all of Europe torn to shreds, with the students begging for even mimeographed lecture notes to replace destroyed books, Phaedrus yelps because the drive was not started through channels. I can only cry with Kipling "If

drunk with sight of power, we loose wild tongues that have not Thee in awe, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget." If American thought has come to this mean level, we will need his guidance.

Every great idea originates in one mind, but it is the end, not the beginning, which is the important thing. I shall continue to offer my help to the University regardless of Phaedrus' opinions.

This Phaedrus, unlike the fabulist whose name he usurps, is not a Roman, but a Greek. And even his method is a repetition of that used last year by those on the opposite side of the fence.

In giving personal instructions to his staff that the articles were to be run anonymously, the Editor has taken unto himself full responsibility for their appearance. Should further defamation make legal action advisable, this responsibility will not cease when Mr. Novotny leaves the office next week.

As to the implied suggestion that Eugene Berman and I were working for ulterior motives, I can speak only for myself, since I have not consulted with him. We do not agree on many matters, particularly of social theory, but those differences are to be settled in private, not by childishly refusing to speak to him, or by anonymously smearing his name in public columns.

To suggest that his argument against the Pershing Rifles is a "party line outburst" is dangerously close to libel, as set forth by a recent N. Y. Supreme Court decision. And I might remind Phaedrus that another alleged party line in America is the crippling of all budding liberal movements, which puts Mr. Phaedrus and his blow at the NSA in the same class where he tucked Berman.

As to the NSA, I have argued, begged and implored for our affiliation in every ear open to me, from freshmen to the administration. I believe that one voice crying in the wilderness may be lost, but that the voices of three million American students, once united in NSA, cannot be ignored.

And I have the decency to stand up for what I believe openly, without stooping to unsigned columns, or personal mudslinging. As to his sniping at me personally, I offer to him the Tibetan proverb which is my solace in such times as this: "The only real weather is inside oneself, not out-of-doors."
MARTELLA HOLCOMB.

SPECIAL NOTICE
"Days and Nights" Russian film at the Temple building will be shown at 8 p. m. this evening rather than 7:30 as previously announced.

IF YOU HAVE A GOOD HORSE . . .

Gentlemen, shall we "Ride him to death?"

To the proponents of the so-called "Operations Subsistence" as I heard it presented on the campus on Tuesday afternoon, let me say as one vet to another, "For Shame." Certainly we could all use more money but when some one says we NEED it? What is the matter fellows, can't we work a bit, get in a little practical experience at the same time—even though it may be at frying 'burgers'—and perhaps come out of this institution with a little dust on the fingers as well as on the brain? Those fellows with several dependents—and there are quite a number—and the lucky fellows with a brand new family do need more, but have you heard any of them complaining?

Let us not lose sight of the fact that the government does not owe us this education nor is it trying to give us a free ride—they just wanted to help. Never before have the large majority of us had such an easy opportunity to get an education at so little effort.

There were, I'd say, some two hundred in attendance at the above mentioned meeting out of the four or five thousand veterans on the campus so may I try to make one point clear in regards to the publicity in Wednesday's "Daily" concerning the veterans asking for more money. This does not represent my feelings and I believe I'm safe in saying it does not represent the large majority of vets on the campus. Can you see any sense in borrowing on the future when a little effort now will keep you solvent?

Incidentally, in regard to "Operations Subsistence," if you haven't read the front page of Wednesday evening's World Herald, you'll never know who the "Friends" are, backing this show.

VERNE TRAUDT.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Berman attacks the wooden rifles of the Pershing Rifle initiates as similar in intent and purpose to the late (I hope) Deutschen Jugend. While the Pershing Rifles are behaving just as asinine as other fraternities in their "initiation," the parallel is unfair. If I were a member of the P. R. I would call Mr. Berman a "damn pacifist," and be equally unfair. Since I am not, I'll just consider him a mistaken pacifist.

He also states that we should "put down our arms." We did,

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Delta Theta Phi Hears Dr. Foutz

Dr. Roy W. Fouts of Omaha, speaker of the house of Delegates of the American Medical Association was the guest speaker at the regular luncheon of Delta Theta Phi, law fraternity, which was held Thursday, January 18th. Dr. Fouts spoke on the legal aspects as related to the practice of law when, during a trial, a doctor is accused of mal-practice.

and had Pearl Harbor. "Put down the threats to purge those who do not believe as we do" is a good catch phrase, but let us not put down our arms lest we be purged "by those who do not believe as we do."

"The fear of aggression" is a very real one to me—and I shall retain it until some international super-state possesses armed forces strong enough (about 20,000,000 well-armed, well-trained men) and can assure me that I shall be safe if I visit atom-targeted Chicago. I agree with Mr. Berman that wars and threats of war will not bring peace; but, if Lincoln had no police force, I should visit the campus with a rifle in my free hand.

PETER PETERSON.

Straight Stuff

By Janet Graves and Joel Bailey.

After scouring the campus and hiding under booths in the Crib, we have managed to scrape up these juicy tidbits—we quote "Tri-Delt Liz Davis was dating Al McPherson until he left her holding the bag. Guess it was what was in the suitcase that really caused the trouble. Oh! Hum! Drink broke up my home too. (end of quote). A shock to all came when Bill LeRoy announced that he has a date! She's really a nice girl, too—wish we knew her name!

Changing Color.

Fig Flagg is painting the Blue Beetle from light blue to dark blue. Some people expect wonders from water colors.

Question of the week—Could it be that Jean Leady, Gamma Phi pledge, has two Georges in her life? And if not, then why is she spending semester vacation in Kansas City?

The buddy situation between Kappa pledge Mary Ryons and Beta Bill Siebolt is getting pretty serious—Mary just presented Bill with a dozen oranges imported, no less, from California—Sun-kissed maybe?

We managed to discover at last Pi Phi pledge Joris Devereux's weakness—it seems it's a "red-dog" by the name of Augustine.

Confused.

The Theta house is a bit confused over a certain situation involving Peg Lawrie and Billie Trombla—one bright spot in the confusion is the fact that Dick Lahr, Sig Alph, is intent on dating Peg Lawrie again—confus'n isn't it?

Well, all the exciting news is just too cleverly hidden for us to scoop—besides we go to school too! So back to the books, Captain from Castille that is.

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