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## OPEN LETTER TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS

As reported by The Daily Nebraskan on March 25th, the Engineering Executive Board has recommended that the Student Council place on the ballot for spring election the question of whether or not engineering students are in favor of a yearly subscription to the Nebraska Blueprint for all engineering students. Also a recommendation for the placing of a special voting booth in the Mechanics Arts Building for the accommodation of the students in the Engineering College was submitted.

At the regular meeting of the Student Council on the 31st of March, these recommendations received unfavorable action. The Student Council felt that the establishment of a special voting booth for the convenience of engineering students constituted unwarranted favoritism to one college. Because the recommendation for the placing of the booth in a strategic location was denied, it was believed that as a result, an insufficient number of engineering students would avail themselves of the use of the regular voting booth in the Student Union Building to warrant the inclusion of the subscription proposal in the ballot for spring election.

Because this problem has been discussed for almost two years, the Engineering Executive Board feels that this matter should receive immediate attention. It is not the place of the Executive Board to decide this question. Instead, it is the duty of Engineering Students. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of the Engineering Executive Board to place the facts before the Engineering student body, and provide them a means of expressing their opinions. Therefore, the Engineering Executive Board will open a voting booth in the Mechanics Arts Building early in May for that express purpose. We strongly urge all Engineering students to take advantage of this opportunity to register their opinions on the proposal. Only upon the basis of the expression of their approval or dissent can this matter be decided.

Should the Engineering student body approve such action the proposal will then be presented to Dean Green and the faculty of the college. Following their approval, the proposal will be presented to Chancellor Gustavson and the board of regents.

Anticipation of forthcoming questions prompts us to provide, briefly, certain comparisons of the Blueprint as it is now composed and as it is proposed that it shall be composed should the general subscription plan be adopted.

Because of space limitations resulting from financial considerations, it has been possible in the past for the magazine to print only two feature articles per issue. Under the new system an increase of at least eight pages can be expected. This will permit an increase in feature articles to five per issue. In addition, departments such as "Enginews" (Engineering society news), Sledge, Jr., and Engineering campus coverage in general will be expanded and improved. The place of advertising will be discussed in the second of this series of articles.

We fully realize that there also exist certain questions, problems and criticisms. To enumerate some—subscription price, value of the magazine to the individual, and circulation difficulties. These questions will be treated in the next article which will be written by the Blueprint staff.

We encourage discussion and invite comments on these and other questions which you may have.

Engineering Executive Board

Dear Editor:

I find Mr. Abbott's letter of Friday, April 2, somewhat amusing. However, when seriously considered, as its subject matter demands that it should be, the letter is weak on several counts.

Plan I demonstrates quite clearly that Mr. Abbott has failed to see the point of the action of the fifteen university students. All armed forces in the world claim to fight for peace. The George Washington Brigade and the Arab League Volunteers are fighting for peace, but ironically they are fighting each other. Why? Because it has been the history lesson of the ages that whenever small political or nationalistic groups set about making peace their own way, conflicts and war inevitably develop.

The specific suggestion that we fifteen join the armed forces of the United States was a good one in 1789. For then the colonies needed a larger force than any one of them could support to keep a neutral peace among them. Now it is time to apply that same principle—that only a force representing all nations can keep the peace.

Plan II suffers from the same fault as plan one, that of choosing one segment of the world to decide what is right for the whole world. This appeals alike to Communists and to certain "100% American" or "America First" groups.

Plan III has the most merit. I have considered resigning from life, but I am a sociable character, and much prefer to wait, and join all civilization when it commits suicide in the atomic war toward which the George Abbotts so blindly lead it.

Sincerely yours,  
Kermit J. Rohde

Mr. Miller:

This is to state that the spokesman for the group of IS students who recently volunteered for duty with an United Nations International Police Force is Mr. Kermit Rohde.

The opinions of Mr. Eugene Berman are his own and do not necessarily reflect group feeling. The group action is primarily a general student movement and is in no way dominated by any single student organization, be it Young Democrat, Republican, Federalist, fraternal organizations, or otherwise.

The group policy is to accept all who sincerely wish to work for peace through democratic action regardless of other personal beliefs or affiliations.

Signed,  
Mervyn L. Cadwallader  
Mick Putney  
Kenneth Purcell

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find twenty-five (25) cents as my contribution to the support of Plan II as proposed by Mr. Abbott.

The letter to President Truman, etc., might seem to indicate the sentiment of those fifteen distinguished personalities are those of a majority of the G.I. students of the university. I seriously doubt that this is true. Perhaps it should be noted that Eugene Berman spokesman for the group of fifteen volunteers, chief supporter of NSA on this campus, a member of the student division of the United World Federalists, two months ago an ardent supporter of Henry A. Wallace for president, and now a prominent member of the Young Democrats is not a veteran. His was a serious decision for a lad of nineteen to make.

Mr. Abbott's plan II, of course, would not give us the world peace which we all so desire but it would relieve us of a few "publicity hounds" and "cheap politicians" on the campus.

Norman W. Lundberg

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## SIGNS OF SPRING . . .

The annual spring outburst of vandalism, the invasion of private property and defacing of campus buildings which is synonymous with the stirrings of the TNE's has happened again.

And this time the sub rosa organization was not content with its usual painting of skull and cross bone insignia on the walks, porches and pillars of fraternity, sorority and classroom buildings. The TNE's added a bit to the notoriety which surrounds their organization by doing material damage to one fraternity house, damage which unfortunately for the so-called "cloak and dagger" boys was observed by several members of the fraternity.

Things just weren't breaking right for the TNE's on their most recent excursion. They stumbled or staggered into the presence of more than a few fraternity men who chanced to be up and around during the arrival of the late hour callers.

Just why this secret organization seems to believe that it has the right to deface university and private property is a mystery. There have been years when the administration has become sufficiently riled to wage a full-scale campaign to seek out the TNE members with an eye toward demanding some sort of retribution for the damage done.

This year's extra touches by the now infamous organization should certainly call forth the militant spirit of authorities.

The TNE's have fallen a long way from the original aims of an organization which was intended to unite campus leaders in the form of a kind of a fraternity of good fellowship from elements of many campus groups.

TNE on the University of Nebraska campus is way off the track. To Nebraska students it means drinking and dirty politics.

Only a hypocrite would contend that drinking or attempts to manipulate campus politics can be eliminated, but the mutilation and willful destruction of property is something else.

Such deeds must not be allowed to occur and be dismissed as "college pranks." Intentional damage of property cannot be excused as a function of TNE, and cannot be written off as inevitable or as a periodic nuisance which will be all right if ignored.

The wrongdoers should be held financially responsible for the damage and if individual records demand, should be suspended.

College life is no haven for vandalism which brings jail and fines in common courts.

## Burma Shave Stock Drops at Ag

The Farmers Fair Board has gone on record as opposing all smooth-shaven men on ag campus!

Revelation of the board's decision came with the announcement Friday of a Whisker Contest to be held in conjunction with the Fair this year. All men enrolled in Ag college will be eligible for competition.

Registration for the contest will be conducted all day Monday at the Student Union. Registrants must be clean-shaven before they will be accepted as entrants.

Chin ornaments will be judged on the evening of April 31 by a competent magistrate. The winner will be awarded one (1) kiss from the Goddess of agriculture, who

will be presented that night. He will also have the first dance with said queen.

Charlie Brim, publicity manager for the Fair, emphasized that the whiskers will not be compulsory on ag campus. He urged men to compete voluntarily to help convey the spirit of the first post-war fair.

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