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## A HELP TO THE NATION

The Nebraskan publishes, in the adjoining Forum column, a letter from Miss Margaret Wooster, which presents the attitude of a part of the students and faculty of the University towards the war. There is no tendency on the part of The Nebraskan to question the motives of those people; there is a sincere belief on the part of The Nebraskan that they are wrong.

Exchanges that come to this office each day show that this University, as yet, is far behind most Universities of the country in preparing to be an aid to the government in the war. Surely no evidence of hysteria has been seen here; we have sinned, rather, on the side of too much calm content with conditions that to the majority of the people of the country have been becoming more and more intolerable.

The nation is now at war, arrayed against a powerful foe in a struggle that the majority of the citizens of this country believe is a struggle for principles rather than for ships, for ideals rather than for dollars. Believing that, most of the people of the land are preparing to give their help to bring that struggle to a successful conclusion.

That help will not be given, as is suggested in the letter of Miss Wooster, by "remaining passive and doing nothing to hinder it." The Nebraskan would be ashamed of this University, if the attitude of most of the students and of the faculty were merely the attitude of non-interference against the policy of the nation as decided by its chosen leaders. It would be ashamed of this, even though it recognized that those people who had this attitude, were moved by honest scruples of conscience.

This is probably the day when men's heads are not very cool. But the people who are represented in Miss Wooster's letter gain little for themselves and for their pleas of tolerance, by asserting that the belief that participation in a great world-wide war means action, is "intolerance, jingoism and prejudice."

## THE GALLERY AND THE KOSMET PLAY

For several years past the Kosmet Klub has opened the gallery of the theatre, on the night of its performance, so that students who cannot afford to sit downstairs and in the balcony would still be able to see the play. This has been a good thing for many of the students, and the Klub is to be commended for deciding to open the gallery this year.

Each year, however, there have been a number of University men who have taken advantage of the opening of the gallery to indulge in childishness that has to a large measure spoiled the enjoyment of those people who go to see the play to enjoy the play and for no other reason. The fact that the majority of the gallery gods wanted to see the play has not stopped many of them from forgetting that others have rights to get what they paid for.

Few will complain of a noisy gallery between the acts. But when the gods in the gallery interrupt the actors on the stage, and when they endanger valuable instruments in the orchestra as last year, by throwing marbles and other things into the pit, the time has come to either close the gallery, or make these few students who are so regardless of the rights of others, behave.

The conceit of a student who thinks that an alleged witty remark that he may make is to be preferred to the lines and music of the play, is the astonishing thing about it all.

The opening of the gallery for this year's performance is a sign that the Kosmet Klub is ready to give the student body another trial. The Cornhusker banquet has taught many students that they are expected to act like the ordinary people they are, at public gatherings. It is to be hoped that another lesson will not be needed at this Kosmet show.

Nebraska University wishes all possible success to Dick Rutherford in his new post as head coach of Washington university, St. Louis. He has done much for us, he is our own, and we will watch his future with the belief that it will be all that it deserves to be.

## FORUM

### Miss Wooster Protests

Lincoln, Neb., April 11, 1917.—To the Editor of The Nebraskan: I hereby enter a protest against the statements in the last paragraph of your editorial of Wednesday on "Nebraska University and the War." In the first place, I believe the statement that "there will be students and members of the faculty who will block, as best they can, the carrying on of the war by the United States" is unfounded. However strongly many of these have hoped that war would be avoided, I believe, now that we are actually at war, no one in the University will try, by word or deed, to block the carrying on of the war." As citizens in a democratic country which

we all love, we abide by the decision of our representatives in congress; and even though we may believe this decision was not the wisest and best one, still even those most radically opposed to the declaration of war would, as loyal citizens, content themselves with remaining passive and doing nothing to hinder it, once declared. This would not, of course, preclude opposition to the intolerance, jingoism and prejudice which are natural outgrowths of the war spirit in any country; or opposition to specific measures, such as universal military training, which to many people seem essentially un-American.

In the second place, I resent the insinuation that all those who have opposed the war "believe that the preservation of a life is better than the giving it up for a cause, for an ideal." I venture to assert that there is not a student or member

## University Week As Seen By One Journeyman Performer

University students who think alarm clocks to make 8 o'clocks the bane of their existence should compare notes with the University week people. At 4:30 in the morning members of the casts would throttle the noisy clang, catch ten more snores in a forbidden sleep, and then rush madly, wash the remains of the make-up off their left ear and slink down the unfamiliar stairs in the dark.

With everyone in the house asleep, feeling like regular Jimmy Valentines, they tiptoe with the grace and stillness of a young rhinoceros out of the house and into the starlight, yes, starlight. You stop at the restaurant where a tall, thin youth with a flowing lavender tie announces that you are to get breakfast at the next town. Poor Gwynne Fowler, that was the shock that almost wrecked his young life and from which he never quite recovered.

You compare unfavorable notes about the man in the lavender tie until you board the accommodation train bag and baggage. To be truthful, where did they get that word accommodation? Carlisle Jones, last one down, sets the three enormous grips he invariably carried into the nearest corner, while the rest of the cast lug on their pocketbooks, and begin quoting poetry.

And so on for a full week. At

one town one group would meet another group just leaving on the same train. "You got away fine in Superior," says the University players to the band, "You ought to have heard our sacred concert," members of the band answer. "We played one hymn and the rest in ragtime." "We walked down to Kansas," chimes in Florence Maryott, "and Cleo Cather Young, our chaperon, lost all her baggage except a piece of tating for three days." "Ed Geeson forgot to show up once or twice, and Paul Dobson and Frank Allen overslept in some mansion figuring that the daughter of the house would take them to the next town in one of the cars. They miscalculated and it cost them three-fifty apiece."

"Coming to scandal," says another Jimmy Valentine, "a minister left our show last night, overcome by the artistic ease with which Spray Gardiner as Doyle, the slick sleuth, read the profanity in his lines, Betty held the audience in Holdrege while the populace visited a fire and we waited for another audience to come later after seeing an installment of "Gloria's Romance."

"Wait until I write a postal to hubby," suggests the chaperon at Red Cloud. "Got your wiskers with you, Wilson?" someone asks, and with that they go to their respective houses, one, two, three.

## NON COMPOS MENTIS

Vacation has gone.  
 Vacation has went;  
 Hard times are coming.  
 And our money's all spent.

If there is conscription in August, there won't be enough people here to have any University. Wonder what some of the professors will do—some of the peaceful ones.

More than one thing was added to annals of history last week. Think of an actor having money to lend! D. P. Thomas and Berge Newman missed their train at McCook and were stranded there without money or friends. So they waited for the "Alias Jimmy Valentines" to come on the next train and borrowed enough money from one of the cast to take them on to Holdrege, where the band was to play that evening. However, it is not an historical event for a traveling musician to run out of money while on a tour.

## Essay No. 476

Beta Theta Pi was organized in the year 19 for the express purpose of keeping "Woolgum" filled with the departed souls of the wearers of the "Diamond, diamond" Horrible tales of massacred hounds reach the suspicious ears of the innocent neighbors at initiation time—dog soup being the favorite liquid that fills the notorious loving cup.

The active chapter lives, according to all rumors, in the largest house and in the most aristocratic part of town. They become super-beings as soon as they enter the fraternity and always speak of themselves as "one of the big four, you know." Maybe they are.

Of the most prominent members on the campus, the little skinny Folsom boy is one of them, but as everyone is waiting for further developments in his particular case, and as he will be given great deal of notice then, we cannot fill space any further on the subject. Anderson is the head of the house and whenever he leaves them, they will surely feel de loss. John Charles Vivienne Rachel Violet Wright is the last addition to the fraternity, and his pledging has set us all at rest. We are glad to have the matter settled.

The fraternity colors are pink and blue, symbolic of the youth and beauty and innocence of the members. The pin, in the shape of a canteen, can be seen on most any "class" girl around.

Burroughs, Kate Helzer, Winifred Moran, Ruth Shively, Edith Yungblut. Sophomores—Genevieve Bechter, Elinor Bennet, Katharine Kohl, Fern Noble, Dorothy Pettis. Freshmen—Helen Bjorkmar, La Verne Boyd, Helen Holtz, Jane Kingery, Carolyn Reed.

of the faculty in the University who would state it as his belief that, if there were an alternative between giving up bodily existence or giving up a great ideal, bodily existence should be preferred. The real point is that some people believe no such alternative has been presented. They believe that existing conditions did not justify our going into the war, and that the ideal of reason and good will, the triumph of which would mean preserving to America the opportunity for moral leadership in a world gone mad is worth more than the ideal of national honor—an ideal which has stirred the passions of the masses to an enthusiasm for war, for ages past.

In a democratic institution there is, and should be always considerable difference of opinion among individuals who think. But above all the ideals of a University demand, not only freedom, but also tolerance and reason, in the discussion of public questions. Whatever may be our personal convictions, fairness demands that we should be willing to admit that those who do not agree with us may have just as good motives and just as high ideals as we have. Of all the unfair and intolerant statements that are being circulated in such abundance just now, it seems to me that the one which says that all who have opposed the entry of the United States into this war value their bodies more than their ideals, is the worst.

MARGARET WOOSTER.

## UNIVERSITY NOTICES

### Kearney Club

The Kearney club will meet Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. rooms of the Temple. The meeting is important and all members are urged to be present.

### Union Society

Union Literary society will give a mixed program Saturday, April 14. Everybody is invited.

### Chorus Party

The chorus party has been indefinitely postponed because of the Kosmet play tomorrow evening.

### Glee Club Rehearsal

Regular glee club rehearsal tonight at 7:15 in Faculty hall.

### Sigma Delta Chi

Very important meeting of Sigma Delta Chi in office of student activities at 7 o'clock sharp this evening.

### Girls Club Election

The following girls have been nominated by the Girls' club board to serve during the next year, this list to be supplemented by two nominees from each class to be named from the floor at Convocation this morning:

Juniors—Dorothy Adamson, Jean



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