# Editorial - - Comment - - Bulletin And from our exchanges

## Miscellaneous-

From Associated Collegiate Press bulletins come the following news items and quotations:

At Florida State College, Dr. Anna Forbes Liddell, head of the department of philosophy and religion, declares that an increase in registrations for Bible courses reflects upset world conditions. Looking for "basic values to which they can hold," college students over the entire country have evidenced an increased interest in Bible courses for the last year or more she says.

And at the College of Our Lady of Good Counsel in White Plains, N. Y., a girls' school, increased interest in science courses has necessitated a 20 per cent enlargement in laboratory facilities. The college attributes mounting interest in biology, chemistry, and physics to new opportunities in medical and scientific work opened up for women by America's preparedness program.

And at Warrensburg, Missouri, Central State Teachers College officials say that recent events in Europe increase, instead of lessen the need for familiarity with the German language, as shown by an increase in enrollment for German courses.

What the trends here at Nebraska are, we do not know as yet. The only one we have noticed is the increase in the number of men who would like to take advanced military drill.

### Creightonian, neighbor collegiate paper booms Johnny Knolla for "All-American" honors, citing praise heaped on the "nut-brown" Chicagoan by writers from coast to coast. Of interest is the desire to see the nation's leading ground gainer play under Nebraska's Biff Jones in the East-West game on New Year's day.

Minnesota announces institution of five new design courses to train men for participation in the government's national defense program. Courses in machine design, optical instrument design, engineering drawing, metallurgy and metallography, and industrial engineering are now open to those enthusiasts who would fit themselves into the technique of war-machine and war-instrument making.

At the same time, protests from Gopher Union board members would deny the Interfraternity Council a combined office-lounge in the new Union building there.

And at Purdue, a new curriculum leading to the degree of bachelor of science in aeronautical engineering is placed on the schedule. Only graduates are allowed to enroll in the five-year course.

The Daily Lariat of Baylor runs a story of a campaign to finance the purchase of an ambulance to be sent to England. \$57.55 of the needed \$1,350 was raised the first week and the campaign has another week to go. Waco business men contributed \$500 and will probably finish up the quota.

Indiana's Daily Students reports that state detectives and local police swooped down on Bloomington e blishments and corralled 30 crap-shooters and card sharks. The story fa ... to mention whether those arrested were students or townfolk.

## The Saturday Letter

Dear Friend:

For years the street corner rabble rousesrs have insulted the colleges by calling them "hot-beds" where all sorts of subversive influences thrive, but all those possessing good sense know that if the colleges are in any sense "hot-beds" they are "hot-beds" devoted to quite a different purpose.

Just now there seems to be a tendency to criticise the educational that the "hot-beds" are growing un-American theories of political institutions in connection with patriotic attitudes. Some are saying economy and government.

It may be that this situation has a direct connection with the feeling upon the part of colleges and universities that the defense of human rights must always be a sacred trust not only for individuals, but for educational institutions as well. We all know that in the schools and colleges one of the dearest of all possessions is that which we name by the words academic freedom. If necessary, take the buildings, take the library, take the laboratories, take the football team, take the faculty, but touch not academic freedom. Citizens in a democracy speaking! The danger is that just as open doors invite entrance so does freedom provide the way for license. We end. What can I do for something know, for example, that vicious minded persons have used the opportunity to think and speak freely, to destroy the very opportunity they make use of and that careless minded persons fail completely to appreciate this blessing.

One very definite way for colleges to prepare for defense is to protect this freedom by insisting that it be granted only to those who respect and love truth and denied to those who would exploit liberty in order to promulgate political theories which are contrary to the very one which created the freedom.

For my part, I am glad we have "hot-beds" in which we may plant and cultivate ideas and appreciations with a definite desire to improve all areas and departments of experience. Out of such "hotbeds" come suggestions that we should not only speak of dedicating a life to science, to business, to industry, to some art or to some skill, but should also consider the wisdom of dedicating a life to it-self. The colleges and universities ask why we should not give pri-

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## Union-

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ferences. In 1938-39, 9,050 attended conferences in the Union while 21,557 attended them in 1939-40.

which I am to milk daily won't give. What can the matter be ?

Dear Belated Milkmaid:

Of the new activities introduced last year foreign movies netted you a burn steer. the greatest attendance, with 5.900 participating. The football movies were also popular with 1,950 attending as was the training table, with a total of 3.610 attending.

Despite the great increase in use of Union activities in general, several activities suffered a loss in attendance. Meetings lost 11,525, going from 41,194 to 29,669. Matinee dances went from 20,391 to 16,560. Barb dances decreased even more with 18.175 attendances in 1938-39 and 13,797 in 1939-40.

However, the Union orchestra dances gained, goinng from 17,775 attendances to 21,098. Concerts also gained.

Eating at the Union, aside from in the Corn Crib, was less popular last year than it was the year before. Decreases were found in the faculty dining room, the cafeteria, private breakfasts and private dinners. A gain was found in private luncheons and banquets.

As I see the thing, someone gave

Scrap Irony

-By Chris Petersen -

I am henpecked. I seek advice.

If a nfan can hide behind a

woman's petticoat these days, he

ought to show the woman how to

do it. And, besides, get rid of

I never have dates on the week-

Buy a can of crushed pineapple

and try fitting the pieces to-

.

My woes are many. The cow

that Chinese laundry name.

Wishy Washy

A Woman

Belated Milkmaid.

My friends say I hide behind a

woman's petticoat. What can I do?

FROM THE MAILS.

Dear Chris:

Dear Ironic:

Dear A Woman:

Dear Agri Chris:

exciting?

gether.

Dear Wishy Washy:

Dear Medic:

My worries are physical. My tale is a short one: In fact; I am so short that when I feel ill I don't know whether it's a headache or corns. Analyze me.

One Short One. Dear One Short One:

As one bath towel said to another-here's where the rub comes. The solution is a long one. When you feel, keep on feeling. The longer you feel, the more you will feel longer.

And so as one gob of paste said to the other, "when you're given a job to do, stick with it!" Write to us, readers.

macy to the development within a person of a balanced coordination of intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and aesthetic interests to the end that such a person may grow to his full physical, intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic stature.

Out of these "hot-beds" also comes the notion that perhaps another way to serve is to urge artistic and creative America to have stronger faith in itself. A program featuring the presentation of honest statements concerning the superiority of American creation, production, efficiency, and institutional achievement should call attention to the advantages of a national program built upon the desire to elevate standards of living.

Let us remember that while garden "hot-beds" may provide rich soil and excellent growing condition for weeds, they also provide the same perfect conditions for useful plants. The same is true for "idea hot beds" and for the information of the uninformed, let us say that colleges and universities are extremely diligent in caring for their own particular "hot beds."

Very truly, RAYMOND E. MANCHESTER.

