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Eligible Transfers

There is a large group of dissatisfied students on this campus. The group is made up of transfer students who would like to take part in campus activities. They are eligible, yet they are ineligible. They are eligible because they have the ability, but they are ineligible because the university requires them to have 27 hours in the university before they are allowed to participate in many activities. They cannot take part in the University Theatre plays; they are not allowed to take part in intercollegiate debates; they cannot hold or run for offices; they cannot even be in skits for the Kosmet Klub show. Athletic eligibility not only applies to athletes, but to all.

This is too bad. Many of these students would be valuable to the activities they are kept out of. Many have held responsible positions on the campuses they left to come to Nebraska. When they have proved their ability elsewhere we see no reason why they should not be allowed to display it here. It does not hurt freshmen to wait a year before they can be in plays and skits, debate or hold office because they have three years ahead. But transfer students are set back a year by the rule.

If a student has made satisfactory grades at some other school it is a sufficient indication that he will make satisfactory grades here and if he has shown his eligibility for activities at some other school we see no reason why he cannot immediately step into them here. For these eligible transfer students, let's do something about knocking down the artificial barrier of ineligibility at Nebraska.

Dean Bengtson Publishes Book

The new edition of "Pupils' Workbook in the Geography of Nebraska," written by Dean Nels Bengtson, is now out. This book brings statistical material for the state up to date in all particulars. The first edition was in 1925 and there have been numerous editions since then.

Rumor . . .

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has been failed or dropped when the student was delinquent in class work. A report of "I" in any course means that the student receiving such a grade has an incomplete, though passing record.

Debate . . .

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names in his office before the Christmas recess.

Rotating Award.

The Long trophy, originally donated by E. H. Long, is a rotating award given to the winner of the freshman debate contest. It was won last year by Bill Rist. Eight members of the present varsity squad competed in the Long tournament last year.

Speaking about the new freshman debate squad, Laase pointed out that it will be picked from Long cup speakers. Freshmen will be given training in debating fundamentals and will have an intramural program on the same topic as that selected for the Long cup tourney.

Sophomore . . .

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a sophomore honorary with awards

for highest averages in the class; participation of sophomores in Ivy day ceremonies; sponsorship of forums; and renewal of class rivalry of former days.

The special committee which will select the eight men and women for the posts will include two affiliated and two unaffiliated members of the Council, the president of the Council Burt Thiel and sophomore class president Gene Reece. Reece announces that some applicants may be interviewed at 3:30 p. m. today in the Student Council rooms in the union. If they are to appear for interview, applicants will be further notified.

BABW Meets Today in Union

All members of the Barb Activities Board for Women are expected to attend a special pre-holiday meeting at 5 p. m. today. The meeting which will include representatives from the Interhouse Council, will take place in room 307 of the Union.

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Behind the News

By David Thompson

Britain expects to lose Hong Kong, the British Crown colony on the South China coast. This is indicated by the fact that they have been preparing the British public to expect such a loss for several days now. While such a loss would be very serious to the allies in the far east, it would by no means be fatal so long as the powerful British base at Singapore, and the stubbornly defended Philippine Islands are not lost. Without these two bases for fleet operation, the task in the far Pacific of the combined British and American fleets would be extremely hazardous. Their nearest base of any consequence would be at Pearly Harbor. India provides adequate harbor facilities, but few naval repair or supply bases which are adequately protected from attack.

The effect of the Chinese drive upon the Japanese rear at Hong Kong cannot be immediately determined. It does not, however, seem to be impairing the effectiveness of the onslaught upon the British colony. Its long range effect may very well be something entirely different, for if the Chinese can gain control of the lower Chinese coast with the help of Allied Fleet Units, it would provide an excellent base from which to harass Nipponese shipping lines to Malay and the Philippines. At any rate it will divert many Japanese troops to that section and thus relieve pressure all around.

The aim of the British armored forces in Africa to destroy the axis panzer divisions there, once given up because of the failure of the first attack, now appears as probable as it first did. Reportedly only one way of escape is open to General Rommel's beleaguered forces now, and this is the northern coastal road which is extremely vulnerable to attack by units of the British Mediterranean fleet.

Even if the British meet with complete success in wiping out the axis in Libya before they can retreat to stronger positions, the African danger will not be over. If France yields French North Africa to Berlin and the shorter supply route to that area is thus opened, the British may find themselves facing more and more axis forces. Any attempt on the part of the British to enter French North Africa first and occupy it would doubtless meet with the opposition of the strong French colonial forces there who are no longer under the leadership of anyone sympathetic to the allied cause, specifically General Maxime Weygand who has been replaced.

Now that the war has spread to all portions of the globe and it becomes increasingly difficult to keep up on the operations going on everywhere at once, this column will try to present as complete a summary of the proceedings as space will permit from day to day as well as to indicate some of the possible effects of such proceedings.

Engineer Group Honors Ferguson, Holds Initiation

O. J. Ferguson, dean of the engineering college, was made honorary member of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, last week at their regular initiation banquet. At the banquet held in the Union Dean Ferguson spoke on "Young Man in the Draft." Professor Haney discussed the purpose of Pi Tau Sigma, and Professor Ludwickson acted as toastmaster.

The other initiates were: Bob Marcotte, Dean Versaw, LeRoy Foster, J. Burton Rishel, and Don Spatz.

Ninety-five students are employed in NYA work at the University of Akron.

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From Professor Barnard . . .

Reporter Learns Arc Welding A Profitable Rivet Substitute

BY ED HIRSCH.

Substituting arc welding for riveting will enable the U. S. to build ships for the present war much faster and when built the ships will be lighter, permitting more cargo to be carried. So said N. H. Barnard, associate professor in mechanical engineering, yesterday in a personal interview.

When asked the principle of arc welding Professor Barnard took your reporter to the basement of Mechanical Engineering where the department has its arc welding equipment. Here they have a generator to give off direct current, and a transformer for alternating current. Attached to this is an apparatus similar to pliers to hold a pencil-shaped metal rod to which is carried a heavy electric current.

In using arc welding head shields are used to protect one's eyes because of the brightness of the flashes. Putting on a head shield and giving your reporter one, Professor Barnard turned on the current and brought the rod close to the metal to be welded.

Ag Fete . . .

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ne, Samuel Ellis.
The Christmas Story, Dr. H. E. Bradford.
"Carol Sweetly Carol," Girls sextet, Marjorie Chase, Romaine Ross, Marian Hunt, Marjorie Burkhardt, Loyola Roeske, Francis Vandell.
A college chorus. "And the Glory of the Lord," "Glory to God," "Surely," "Comfort Ye My People."
Tenor solo, Mark Allen.
"Since by Man Came Death," "Lift Up Your Heads," "Hallelujah,"
Gwen Row, accompanist, Miss Altina Tullis, director.
Processional, chorus.
Benediction, The Reverend Clyde Van Meter.
"Silent Night," Ag college chorus.

Alumnus . . .

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the rally stunk in a news story." In the university column, the Alumnus discloses that the income of Nebraska citizens in 1940 was 585 million dollars, considerably more than in 1938 or '39, according to a business research survey made by the university.

Reporting on news of the Rocky Mountain Region, Genevieve Traver '31 wrote that Lieut. Robert L. Burruss, member of last year's Rose Bowl team, was recently guest of honor at the Denver University quarterback's luncheon. Burruss is a member of the Lowry field air corps school squadron.

. . . In Building Ships

The current then leaped across the near contact forming a temperature of 6,500 degrees F. which melted the rod and the metal. When cooled a joint of unusual strength was formed.

Use Two Rods.

Professor Barnard explained that two metal rods are used for welding. One type is coated and this prevents the metal welded from the air. The other type has no coating and cools quickly. These rods melt down rapidly so that many rods must be carried around by a professional welder in completing a job.

Arc welding, according to Barnard, is not a new process, but it has been improved and more men have been properly trained in the use of this welding in recent years. "The reason, Barnard said, "why arc welding was not used extensively before is because the welded joint could not be tested and the exact strength of the joint was unknown. However, today X-ray machines allow man to calculate the exact strength of the arc welded joints.

Speeds Construction.

In using arc welding in building ships for the present war it will speed up construction much faster. When riveting was used, holes had to be drilled for the rivets and supporting plates and angle irons had to be made, but arc welding eliminates this. An arc welder can reach places that a riveter could not reach, and large hull sections can be welded together in shops and then hoisted to the ways to be welded into a complete hull. It is said that soon, ships will be built at the rate of two or even three day for the U. S.

Also arc welding makes a ship much lighter for rivets and supporting plates added much additional weight to former ships, and this will increase the vessel's carrying capacity. Professor Barnard said that this welding in building airplanes would also cut down on their weight and give the plane more speed. However, Barnard asserted, welding aluminum sections used in airplanes is very difficult.

Arc welding has been proven more economical than riveting because the rods are the major cost, and they can be obtained very cheaply. Barnard explained that the rods are purchased by the ton, and they run from \$6 to \$15 a hundred pounds depending on the quality of rods used.



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