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## WAR Homecoming...

With one long breath the Innocents' society announced yesterday that Homecoming decorations would not be appropriate this year, and in their stead laid plans for a scrap contest for all organized groups on the campus.

While this announcement came somewhat as a surprise to many, some groups had already made known to the Innocents that they would not enter the decoration contest because they felt the frivolity would be unnecessary during this year of emergency. It should follow, therefore, that every group on the campus should enter the scrap contest wholeheartedly and work conscientiously to make the scrap pile in front of the different houses as large as possible.

Lincoln will soon have a city-wide scrap drive, and with the national drive in progress it seems appropriate that the students on the campus should do their bit. The showing we make here will serve as an indicator over the state that university students in this state are conscious of the war effort and are participating in constructive war programs.

It is also appropriate that the Homecoming weekend is naturally a weekend of fun. If ever a college student needed to have fun mixed with hard work and service, both to the country and to the university, that time is now.

Students will find a source of scrap in the homes of many of their alumni, in many places around town, and perhaps even right here on the campus. A central place for Lincoln students who are unaffiliated to bring scrap will be decided upon by the War Committee today and designated later. This is a university-wide project and should not be kept solely in the organized houses.

If every student will assume responsibility in the drive, it can hardly fail. This is the first of several worthwhile war projects which are being planned for this year. If this drive gets off to a good start, the remaining will have a goal at which to shoot.

## This Collegiate World

(By Associated Collegiate Press.)

Colleges accelerating their programs might do well to have their men and women students study in unimixed groups to avoid time-wasting.

That is the opinion of Dr. F. Kenneth Berrien of Cogate university, who draws his conclusion from a psychology department report on "How Quickly Do Students Start Studying?," as compared with a similar survey conducted by D. C. Troth of the University of Illinois.

Studying the behavior of 100 students, 50 men and 50 women, during the first ten minutes after they had seated themselves in the University of Illinois library reading room, Mr. Troth learned they spent 40 percent of the time conversing, aimlessly leafing book, using vanity cases, writing or reading letters and "just looking around." None of the 100 students, he discovered, spent the entire ten minutes in study. Moreover, the women in the group were more given to non-academic activities in the ten minute period than the men.

The Colgate study, based on observation of 75 men under conditions as similar as possible to those at the University of Illinois, showed that only 11 percent of the students began concentrating on their studies as soon as they were seated in the library.

## Application for Position On Nebraska Student Foundation

Name .....  
Address .....  
Phone ..... Year.....  
Remarks .....

I can appear for an interview at .....time.

# Capital to Campus

By Jay Richter  
ACP Correspondent

September 28, 1942.

WASHINGTON. (ACP). Interesting because of his recent official connection with the government is C. A. Dykstra's recent analysis of the official government viewpoint toward colleges. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, headed the national draft machinery until appointment of General Hershey. "The government," he said in an address before the American Library association, "considers America's institution of higher learning as key centers in the war effort."

"At no time in human history have universities seemed so important in a national effort as they are right now in the United States," Dykstra maintained.

"Universities and colleges are reservoirs for the recruiting of fighting men, of specialists for national services, and teachers of men in training," he declared. "Their laboratories are being used 24 hours a day and their plants in general are being made available for national service. Their facilities are being used instead of providing new facilities in many areas."

"The government without question considers them a war-time necessity and it is using them as they never have been used before. Moreover, it is indicating in no uncertain terms that it wants these institutions to carry on their regular training and educational programs so that we may have a supply of men who can meet the challenges of next year and the year following and so on into the days when we may have peace again. It does not want to face the fact of a lost generation of educated leadership."

America's national policy at this time contemplates the maintenance of vigorous and comprehensive educational programs, not in spite of the fact that we are at war, but because the war effort and the peace effort to follow require such services as universities have to offer, Dykstra explained.

"Such a policy requires from universities adaptability, resourcefulness, an awareness of national needs, selflessness and devotion to the national effort, and willingness to put first things first during a period of world conflict," he asserted.

"To do this does not require the sacrifice of standards or the relinquishment of long time objectives. It means only a temporary redirection of certain activities and changing emphasis where it becomes necessary. Our task in general remains the same, the education of the new generation, the making of citizens, the pushing outward of the boundaries of knowledge, and the serving of our country and our generation in practical ways, which will make our national life more decent and whole-some."

## Pen in Hand?

As in the past, the DAILY NEBRASKAN welcomes letters from its readers which will be printed in a regular daily column. These may contain criticism, recommendation, or commendation directed at any person, project, or thing which is directly or indirectly connected with the university.

It is the hope of the staff, that such letters will come in often. As many of the letters will be printed as possible, so long as they are within certain bounds of propriety and are not over 250 words in length.

Address letters to The Editor, DAILY NEBRASKAN, Student Union building. All letters must be signed.

## A BLOW FOR FREEDOM



## 'S MATTER?

by  
Carlton Broderick

### THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

Daffodils in the spring covering the mound south of the new library. But it isn't spring and daffodils don't grow on the campus. Daffodils are pretty, don't you think?

TNE's at a homecoming luncheon in the Union ballroom. Menu: Cream chicken on toast, tutti-frutti salad, lady-finger dessert. Several prominent Nebraska alumnae as after-dinner speakers.

All university buildings topped by cupolas to house wayward homing pigeons. More cupolas, more white spots. Every pigeon in the country knows that Nebraska is the White Spot of the Nation.

ROTC cadets firing blank bullets with a live round thrown in now and then to make them realize that war is not fought with dummy cartridges.

### THINGS I WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEE:

Forty-five women and one man left on this campus.

Betas and Sig Alfs canceling their annual exchange dinner.

Another prom! prof granted leave of absence to teach in a rival school.

Fifteen men on a dead man's chest. "Death, where is thy sting?"

YW cabinet members holding meetings at Freddie's again. Too unpatriotic with the tire situation. Lebsock's is much closer. Private rooms, too.

Presnell with a runny nose and watery eyes this week end.

Anybody else's name at the top of this column.

## Leaders . . .

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and time of staff meetings are as follows:

Sharman 1: Lois Hansen, Tuesday, 4:30 p. m.

Sharman 2: Time to be set by group. No leader. (Mary Lockett, adult adviser for both groups.)

Comparative religion: Joyce Junge, Thursday, 5:30 p. m.

Each and His Own Brush: Barbara Townsend, Wednesday, 5:30 p. m. (Miss Katherine Brush, adult adviser.)

Vespers: Betty Bonebright, Tuesday, 4:30 p. m.

Vesper choir: Roma Eiba, Monday, 5:30 p. m.

Social service:

Knitting: Bessie Hilbenthal, Thursday, 4:30 p. m.

Red Cross: Catherine Wells.

Beginning Social Service Work: Mary Ellen Beachley, Tuesday, 4:30 p. m.

Advanced Social Service: Bonnie Hinrichs, Thursday, 4:30 p. m.

Estes Co-op Group: Lois Gaden, Wednesday, 4:30 p. m.; Joan Martz and Myra Colberg, Thursday, 4:30 p. m.

Tiny Y: Dorothy Carnahan, Wednesday, 4:30 p. m.

Creative Arts: Jackie Young, time to be set later.

Marriage: Priscilla Mosely and Hazel Abel, Monday, 4:30 p. m.

Office staff: Janice Cook, Monday or Wednesday, 3:30 p. m.

Moral Men in Immoral Society: Helen Gogela, Wednesday, 4:30 or 5:00 p. m.

## Office . . .

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ent, the annual fall show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 and at that time fraternities and sororities will vie for individual skit honors. Laughlin will send out letters to all groups informing them of tryout dates in the near future.

As it is an honorary organization, the ranks are filled with pledges who qualify by the amount of work put in during the year. An opportunity will be given for prospective workers to meet actives at a smoker next Wednesday evening in the N club rooms. An additional announcement will be found in the Daily Nebraskan early next week carrying full details.

Tracy Gone.

An additional loss to the armed forces was Don Tracy, junior member, who is in the medical corps. Laughlin indicated that the organization would not add any others to fill the vacancies.

Members of the club include: Max Laughlin, Frank White, Don Young, Dick Harnsberger, Bob Schlater, Alan Jacobs, Paul Toren, Bob Miller, Tom Drummond, Bob Henderson, Charles Drake and Jack Higgins. E. F. Schramm is the faculty adviser.