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Taps on the Hill

Night is coming. As the sun slowly sinks behind the haze-shrouded hills in the distance, a soft evening breeze rustles through the silken folds of the flag as it hangs limply from the peak of the long, white pole. Suddenly the hushed silence is broken . . . the unforgettable sound of "Taps" knifes thinly through the erisp twilight air. A group of boys, University students, stand silently at attention beneath the flagpole until the last faint note has faded away to join a far-distant train whistle.

The group relaxes, yet somehow something lingers . . . something in the heart of each one of these boys . . . the knowledge that some day he may be the one for whom the bugle cries . . . and that something makes them feel older, somehow; older and a little more able to face the stern task ahead.

This is the scene which takes place each evening after dinner in front of the Theta Chi house high atop the hill to the south of the campus. And the taps are being played for Len Ballif. Len would have graduated this year had he chosen to stay in school, but he joined the Air Corps instead . . . he thought he could do more that way. Len was killed last winter when his plane crashed in the Mojave desert. He would have received his wings in another week.

The pole was presented to the Theta Chis

DAILY NEBRASKAN

Jotto)

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for publishing my letter to the editor in Sunday's Daily Nebraskan. Unfortunately for me, however, a line seems to have been left out of the letter as it appeared in the paper, which puts me in a very embarrassing osition. This ought to teach me not to write letters to the editor in the future.

In the last paragraph of the letter as it appears in the paper I am characterized as "an interested reader of the Daily Nebraskan who regrets the recent action of the Regents", whereas what I actually wrote was: "An interested reader of the Daily Nebraskan who regrets the misapprehensions which many stuof the Regents."

The ommission of this one line, as you will doubtless agree, makes it sem that I did not approve of this action of the Regents, though actually I wrote in hearty support of it. I would very much appreciate your publishing a correction, if it is convenient for you to do so.

> Sincerely yours, Arthur F. Jenness.

(Editor's note: I sincerely regret any embarrassment which has come to Mr. Jenness due to a mistake made by either our linotypist or proofreader. The ommission of that one line made his letter illogical and inconsistent instead of the hearty support he was giving to the Regents plan. We assure Mr. Jenness that future letters will not have such a mistake.)

by Mr. and Mrs. Ballif, Len's folks, and the flag is the one which covered his coffin.

. . . .

The Theta Chis will continue to meet each night for their salute until the war is ended played for Len Ballif, they are meant for every man, no matter what house or what school, but for every man who has given his life to preserve our right to attend school and to have fraternities.

They say it's an impossible thing to 'start" a tradition . . . but regardless of how it must be worded, we hope the Theta Chis will continue their grand custom and somehow it seems as if Len Ballif, wherever he is, can hear those "Taps" . . . can hear them and is grateful.

-Oregon Daily Emerald.



Wednesday, October 28, 1942

Turgid Waters

WASHINGTON. (ACP). As this is written, the Potomae is overrunning its banks; from the top of the Washington monument one can see the turgid waters filling low areas throughout the District of Columbia. Six days and nights of steady rainfall have left Washington war workers, congressmen, officials and "parasites" limp and damp and crotchety

The wettest week in Washington history is also a week of the greatest historical significance to American colleges, Strong currents also are running through Congress and administrative offices. The bill to draft 18 and 19-year-olds is about to be passed; the senators are wrestling with it right now.

That bill may determine whether you continue your education and, if you do, what shape it may take during the remainder of your years, or months, in school.

By the time you read this perhaps you may be able to. dents seem to have regarding the recent action prompt us on some of the points, but here's the way the picture looks now:

> Most teen-aged college students won't be called into military service until the end of this school year. This is particularly true of competent students, especially those taking scientific and technical courses.

> After this year, when inroads on college teen-agers are likely to be relatively heavy, the question of who shall remain + in school will be a stickler. The draft bill itself isn't likely to lay down strict stipulations on this matter-it will be left to administrative decision.

> Broadly, administrative officials will base their decision on two major considerations: The course a student is taking and his scholastic record.

> England's policies are a key to what may happen to students here. Although there has been about a 25 percent drop in overall enrollment in Britain, scientific and technical departments of the colleges are cram-full of students. Obviously, the drop has occurred in liberal arts courses.

> And obviously, these same courses will suffer in America. Officials in the Office of Education here believe that American arts colleges haven't done all they should to cope with that inevitable situation.

These officials feel that some educators are slow to recog-... and while the "Taps" are primarily being nize the inevitability of the drop-off in enrollment and, consequently, are slow to prepare for it.

> First, say the officials, these educators should expand their curricula, and quickly, to include additional science courses, ? courses in physical education and the like. In short, courses that tie in more closely with prosecution of the war.

Conversion, in many cases, hasn't been thorough and it hasn't been prompt.

Second, arts educators should devise a plan right away for , keeping their best students-scholastically speaking-in school. The need in this war for trained, educated men and women is as great as the need for front line fighters. It is highly important that the "right" students remain to study. Recommendations of the arts colleges will probably determine which are the "right" students, even though final decision will, theoretically, be up to the government.

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels said recently that no

,The nazi general staff has ordered Rumania to give mili-

nazi should feel it beneath his dignity to write fiction.

Fitness . . (Continued from Page 1)

will undoubtedly help us to keep fit."

planning on being a phys ed good to the

Education Elsewhere

than if they leave are." Another D.G. thinks the idea of the plan being 'compulsory' would automatically make the plan lose half of its benefit.

No More Please!

Mary Lou Holtz, Alpha Chi: "Two years is enough, because the attitude of phys ed is not as it should be on the campus."

Jeannie Browne, Kappa: "We get enough exercise during the summer and walking to classes without making additional exercised compulsory.

Mary Eileen Cochran, Theta: "The plan should have been turned down because most girls are trying to get thru school as fast as possible and five hours of gmy in addition to school work is too much."

Genevieve Roberts and Beep True, Tri-Delts, stated that girls get enough exercise in the summer, plus walking to school which will happen more and more often as soon as gas rationing goes into effect-so down with compulsory phys ed,

Five Hours Too Much.

Mary Jo Gish, Delta Gamma, when asked her opinion of the plan just gasped "Horrors." She then stated, that five hours is too much time, but if limited, it wouldn't be so had.

Natalie Neuman, Gamma Phi, thought the rejection of the plan was a wonderful idea. "We probably wouldn't derive enough good out of the plan, even for five hours a week.

Francis Babick: "The girls have enough phys ed with two years, as might conclude from the above in-

Now These Statements.

major. Besides that, gas rationing

Reading shows that the women on the campus are not anxious to take the compulsory phys ed training and are glad that the committee saw fit to do as they have . But the men-well, their opinions differ. According to Ron Finley, ATO, the committee made a "terrible mistake." "In the first place, women today are too weak physically, consequently a strong race in the United States is gradually slipping. We will have little children running around with small bodies and big heads.

"Women already depend too much on good looks instead of physical

Good for Girls.

fitness.

Warren Watson: Girls should be made to take phys ed four years. It would be good for them.

Johnny McMeekin, Phi Gam: The four year plan is a keen idea. Women should be kept physically

Dave Webb, ATO: "Women are going to be taking over the work of men and should be physically fit. Too bad the plan was rejected. Delta Sig, Johnny Kuhlman thought that the issue was immaaterial and an unimportant one.

Burton Brown, D. U. has a very definite opinion. "Rejection of the plan was a good idea. Phys ed shouldn't be required. It makes girls to muscular, especially in the legs. Girls should be feminineafter all, the woman's place is in the home."

After all was said and done, we is already required, unless they are quiries that the consensus of opin- gancy committee's decision.

By Norris Anderson

Herr Goebbels ought to know. (Guest Columnist)

Beam.)

Hello,

Supreme Beer!

Whee!

We do feel sorry for defenseless listeners of duets, destitute diapers with no pins to be fastened, lovely dryads dovetailed in oaks, and dipsomaniacs who really are just soaks. For this reason, we really do want to poo-poo you. Chips gyps us, Gene Bradley.

Prexy of Beta house: Well, Bradley, how many brews have we got here now?

Bradley: We have 30 by now, Mr. President. But we'll have 36 here before we blend 'em into near beer.

Prexy: My deah Mr. Bradley. Our chief blender says he's going to use 36 this time. Last time he left out a few intricacies and it took only 25 to produce a fine beer. We must keep him under 36 this bler, gobble, gobble,

time-for the sake of the Beta house. All onions present wave their 'kerchiefs.

Bradley: Have you tasted them all, Mr. Prexy?

Prexy: Hic! Yes. Hic!

Bradley: I'm terribly sorry, old thing, that you brought up this subject. I insist there's no difference between Nos. 18 and 19.

Prexy: Pip, pip, you drip, those numbers came from the hills of Bagaboo.

(Brother James Bell skips in

ions agrees with the war emer-

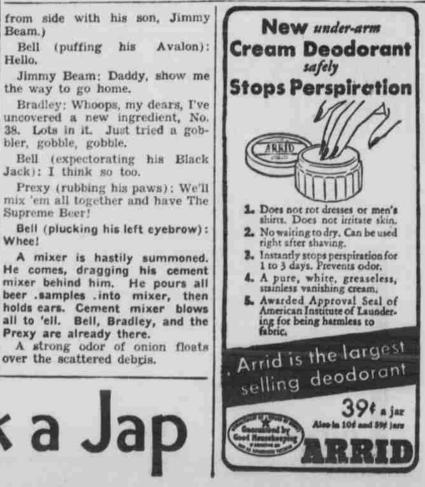
tary training to every student up to 20 years of age. More than 100,000 Russian students have begun studies in 1,200 schools of the Leningrad area. Many of the schools, damaged in German air raids, have been rebuilt by peasants and , young Leningrad workers.

Yours,

Jay Richter.

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Lick a Stamp and Lick a Jap