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## We Point with Pride . . .

. . . to the War Council's completion of another year of diligent effort to coordinate university emergency activities for the most efficient handling of bandage rolling, blood doing, scrap drives and war stamp sales. To Pat Chamberlin, outgoing president, go congratulations for successful management of program and funds. To the new officers, a sincere hope that further activities will prove as successful and as worthy.

. . . to Bob Henderson, Student Council judiciary committee chairman; Professor Lantz, faculty adviser; and other Council members for recognition of the obvious need for more frequent meetings to perpetuate existence of the organization.

## And View with Alarm . . .

. . . Lincoln pastors who, last Sunday, denounced the University Theatre production, "Pursuit of Happiness," as immoral. A sharp rebuke to narrow-minded persons who do not realize that their own insinuations and accusations increase instead of decrease the current bugaboo of "juvenile delinquency" and "wartime immorality."

. . . long faces of university coeds who have said goodbye to campus servicemen. Spring seems even more remote.

. . . legislators who disillusioned school of journalism hopefuls by their informal example of state government. Those who "covered" the special session yesterday were astounded at the apparent lack of knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the prevalent horseplay. A suggestion: Embryo reporters should attend further sessions for realization that legislative bodies are rarely as dignified and businesslike as pictured.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Many thousands of young people will be denied the opportunity to complete their schooling, and additional thousands will have to substitute technical training in place of the type of education they would normally acquire. This is as it is, and students and staff members are willingly adapting themselves to the new situation. The schools, however, have an additional responsibility. They must preserve their ancient objectives as well as they can without interfering with the war effort."

"Admittedly, the time may come when our educational institutions may have to be entirely devoted to technical training or even closed. Until these things happen, however, instruction in the humanities and pure science should be continued for the benefit of those students who can find time to extend their studies beyond those required as direct preparation for war service. It is to be hoped that those who are guiding the destiny of our schools will use all of their abilities and judgment to avoid mistakes which will cause irreparable damage to the institutions for which they are responsible." President Alexander G. Ruthven of the University of Michigan calls for caution in handling of the wartime education crisis. (ACP).

## Low Enrollment Means No Decrease in Overhead

(Editor's note: This is the eleventh in the series of articles in the university bulletin of postwar plans for UN which was prepared by the chancellor's faculty advisory committee, the administrative council of deans, and the board of regents. It is hoped by the Nebraskan that these articles may acquaint the public with the university's need for more adequate appropriation.

In a period of declining enrollment the argument is voiced by some persons that the university will need less money by appropriation because it has fewer students. This is a delusion and a fallacy because so many variable factors enter into the determination of unit (per student) costs.

First of all there are the overhead costs of physical plant and administration. With a relatively fixed physical plant and a definite number of colleges, schools and departments, there are minimum overhead operations of plant and administration that cannot be eliminated. Unit costs (not total costs) of this category are ac-

tually higher with a decreasing enrollment than with an increasing enrollment. If every college, school and department could be operated always at the physical capacity of each, overhead unit costs would be at their minimum.

### Overhead Cost Increases.

With a decreasing enrollment and with rising costs of services and supplies for physical plant and administrative offices, increased overhead unit costs are unavoidable. Add to this a reduction in receipts from student fees and it is evident that the institution actually needs an increased appropriation from tax funds to carry on its existing program of operations, as was recently pointed out by President Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin.

Each one of the colleges, schools and departments must maintain a certain minimum number of staff members in a minimum num-

## V . . . — Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

A/S D. E. FOSTER writes from the pre-midshipmen's school at Asbury Park, New Jersey, that he has been receiving the issues of the Servicemen's Nebraskan and that it is "much appreciated!"

Pfc. GEORGE BLACKSTONE, ATO, is now with the office of strategic services, in Washington, D. C.

Among the new pilots recently graduated with their wings and commission as second lieutenants from Randolph Field, Texas, are nine former Nebraskans. They are LORENTZ C. HANSON, ROBERT P. WADHAMS, RICHARD E. HUNTER, ROBERT J. BOSSOM, WILLIAM R. GUIOU, RICHARD E. NORDHUES, GUY E. OLSON, CARL W. SCHEFFEL, and WILLIAM G. BLACKBURN.

Second Lt. DON TRACY, AGR last year, is back at UN for a few days leave from Camp McCaine, Miss. where he is with the medical corps. REN BUCACEK, Kappa Sig Innocent last year is also stationed at Camp McCaine, in the Tank Destroyers and assigned to the 94th Infantry Division.

Second Lt. JIMMY JOHNSON, Sig Chi of last year, was recently back at UN. He is with the army engineers somewhere in Kentucky. Another Sigma Chi LEONARD PELTIER was back last week. He is stationed at Minnesota university and expects to have his doctor's degree in June.

Ens. DON ANAWALT, Sigma Nu, returned last week end on a short leave from the supply school at Harvard. Sigma Nu army Cpl. MAX PETERSON also is visiting his old haunts from Camp Roberts, Calif.

Naval air cadet BERNIE ANDERSON, Sigma Nu, is back on furlough from primary training at Norman, Okl. Monday night he celebrated his return by hanging his pin on AOPi Phyllis Yenny.

Quartermaster 3/c KENNY BARTA, Sig Ep, was here Tuesday on a short leave from submarine service at San Diego.

Pfc. BORDEN PORTWOOD, Sig Ep, is at present in New Caledonia, and writes frat brothers that he "doesn't care much for the girls" there.

A. C. KENNETH R. EGGER, '41, has just reported for duty at the Big Spring Bombardier school, Texas, to begin his training. He is a member of Beta Sigma Pi and of Beta Gamma Sigma.

### Hey Jake!

Anatomical Math. 11

I followed her ten blocks or more, A figure trim and neat; And then at last I saw her face As she turned off the street. And now I'm searching far and wide, And blood is in my eye, I'm looking for the man who said That figures never lie.

First woman to receive a master's degree in astronomy at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, is Miss Virginia Burger, a graduate of Swarthmore college. Miss Burger is the second woman to receive a master of science degree in sixty graduations at Case.

ber of special fields if it is to retain accredited status. Many of our departments, schools and colleges are now staffed on this essential minimum basis. Some of these could handle an increase in enrollment without any material increase in costs and thus unit costs would drop. But in many instances there is now no way to cut these unit costs except to cut them out entirely, i. e., discontinue the college, school or department.

The immediate problem we are discussing, however, is not the quality of students and of students performance, but the maintenance of the quality of the instructional staff. In the light of what has been set forth above, a general decrease of enrollment distributed throught the university with the present broad spread of programs would aggravate rather than alleviate the problem. And it thus appears that a material reduction of operating costs sufficient to bring our program within the limits of our resources for the maintenance of creditable quality could be brought about only by a curtailment of the extent of the types of our different activities.

## Letterip

### Nert Litoreery . . .

Dear Nebraska: I'm nert a litoreery geneies so I'll avoid hypo-crisy and just say what's in my heart in a simple manner.

I've wanted to say this before, but somehow its taken a crisis to finally give me the courage.

Nebraska, all of us going keep saying about how swell its going to be when we leave, but deep down and nert too far down—you don't have to go so very far to find it, we all think you've been pretty darn swell—and especially me.

We'll be thinking about you, yes, thinking about you a lot—You can bet your whole campus on that.

JUST A GUY WHO'LL REMEMBER.  
Good Luck, N. U.

## CBS Reports Majority Shows Use War Theme

Proof that the facilities of radio have gone to war is found in the annual report of the Columbia Broadcasting System for 1943, which states that 3,380 hours, or approximately 36 percent of the company's full operating time was devoted to war subjects.

At the end of 1943, there were 17,000 broadcasts dealing with war projects, in comparison with 12,900, during the first year of the war. The proportion of programs which devoted all or part of their time to war themes increased during the year from 48 percent to 58 percent.

The CBS short wave listening station, manned around the clock, seven days a week, by a staff of linguists, kept tuned to direct short-wave broadcasts in as many as 15 languages in 24 foreign countries. These broadcasts emanated from Allied and neutral points, from enemy centers, and from secret points where the French Radio-Resistance and others are located.

Translating bulletins picked up from short-wave broadcasts all over the world, the CBS staff first got word of the Sicilian invasion, Eisenhower's terms for Italian resistance and other urgent news stories, according to the report.

## BULLETIN

### HOSTESSES

The hostessing group of the YWCA has been discontinued because of the decreased number of soldiers on the campus. Since last September, the girls have been hostessing for the trainees in the Recreation room at the Temple building. The room will still be open for ping pong, radio, reading and music.

**HONORS CONVOCATION DEADLINE**  
Names of all students and organizations to be honored at Honors Convocation April 22 must be handed in to L. B. Smith of the architecture department by Saturday.

**CAPS AND GOWN**  
Ag college seniors may make arrangements for renting caps and gowns for the June graduation exercises by applying at the booth in ag hall on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week. A \$1.00 deposit must be made this week and a second dollar paid upon receipt of the caps and gowns. The House Ec club is sponsoring the rentals.

**WAA**  
The WAA varsity basketball game will be played tonight at 7:00 in Grant Memorial. Installation of the new WAA officers will take place at the half. All girls who wish to attend are welcome.

## Liang-Po Meng Speaks of China Today in Union

Dr. Philip Liang-Po Meng, representative of the U. S. cordial relations department and the U. S. office of education, will speak on "China and International Affairs" today at 7:30 p. m. in the faculty lounge.

Taking the title of visiting teacher, Dr. Liang-Po Meng is here in Lincoln for the remainder of the present school term to lecture on the foreign policy of China.

His talk here at the university is being sponsored by the international relations club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## WSSF Sends Aid to Students In Switzerland

Of the 30,000 refugees who have poured into Switzerland in the past few months, 2,000 are university students, according to the War Student Service fund. This student group includes antifascist Italians, Yugoslavs, Greeks and escaped British prisoners of war held in Italy.

Eager to take up their studies again while they are in Switzerland, the students have been placed in special "university camps" financed by the WSSF. Classes are carried on by professors from the Swiss universities who voluntarily give their services. The WSSF provides each student with books, study material and some laboratory material at an approximate cost of \$8 a month.

### Admitted to Swiss Schools.

There are 250 Yugoslav and 40 Greek students. For both, individual admission into the Swiss universities has been arranged. The Swiss educational authorities recognized the WSSF's committee as the accrediting agency for these students who have entered the country without university transcripts or records of any kind.

The usefulness of this program has already been demonstrated thru the Polish internees whom the WSSF has been helping for four years. Some who have completed their university education in Switzerland are now teaching their fellow countrymen, while others prepare study courses in Polish which are sent to Polish prisoners of war in Germany.