

# Editorial—Comment—Bulletin

## Kid Stuff . . .

Once again university students have resorted to kid stuff!

Within the past few weeks, the university library of which we are so proud, has lost innumerable books because students have been taking them off the open shelves in the reading rooms and walking off with them.

For years students have complained that the university treated them as if they were children and not to be trusted. So now, within a few months after the new library opened, they have found a new juvenile trick with which to impress the administration of their adulthood.

The books in the humanities room, the social sciences room and the other reading rooms are put on the open shelves for the convenience of the students, so that they may find the books themselves, study from them, and then put them back for the next student to use. By the open shelf method, the students are saved the trouble of filling out call slips and waiting while an already over-burdened librarian chases down the book. The books in the open stacks are, for the most part, books which students need for their various classes, which they must refer to frequently throughout the year.

Obviously, the student who takes a book from one of the open shelves, without signing for it, and who keeps it for more than the two-hour or overnight period allotted is depriving the rest of his class of a chance. Sneaking off with books is an adolescent trick, and it certainly gives no indications of the trustworthiness and maturity which college students so fiercely maintain they have.

Because so many books have disappeared, unsigned for, the librarians

are now having to check students as they leave reading rooms to be sure that the student isn't carting off a book. This irritates many of the students, and rightfully so, but it is necessary for the protection of the library and the majority of students.

Until the offending minority decide to act like adults and obey the rules set up for student benefit and protection, all the students may as well resign themselves to being treated like the juveniles the library has reason to think we are!

## Good News!

Dr. David Fellman, biting, sarcastic assistant professor of political science, returned to Lincoln yesterday after several months of teaching GI's in Europe. It is most encouraging to hear that one of the university's good instructors is coming back rather than going away.

## He Should Worry

Bernie Masterson, new football coach at the university starts off with a salary of \$8,000 for the first year, and \$9,000 and \$10,000 respectively for the next two years.

The governor of Nebraska is paid \$7,500 per year, and the university professors, if they are lucky, make \$4,000 per year.

But then, we should worry. Professors may leave for places where they can get better pay, the educational side of the university may go to pot, but at least, UN's coach will have his \$8,000.

## LETTERIP

### Disappointed

Dear Editor:

It was a bitter disappointment to read that not one of the members of the faculty who were asked to defend the case of labor felt they could do so. This attitude in a university is tragic because the men who form or help to form the opinion of the student body have presented only one view of a question that will affect us all.

Those who have read beyond the King's Features and Hearst syndicated editorial pages of a prominent Nebraska newspaper know that there is another side to this question. Why did our faculty have the information and the courage to present one side but not the other?

Mr. Miller presented labor's case with clarity and understanding. He is proof that even though true liberalism does not exist among the faculty, we can find it among the students.

Sincerely,

Doris Ulrich  
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### Puzzled

Letter to the Ed.

Dear Sirs, Madams and anyone else interested: The office of the Dean of Student Affairs has done it again. Today, just by chance, a copy of the Quote: Relative Scholastic Rating of Undergraduate Groups, Unquote, was thrust into my hand. Glancing hurriedly at it, (I couldn't glance for long) I soon discovered a few very important facts.

First: The campus of the university has both men and women students. (A short time back it was doubtful about the men.) Second: and most important, is that the form used was copyrighted in June of 1932.

As for the rest of the material on copy, I never was much good at figuring out codes or secret messages. It was a complete maze of numbers and lines, Greek letters and, over in the right corner, a game of tit-tat-toe which had come out of the dean's office undetected.

My eyes grew somewhat accustomed to all the eight-digit numbers and then I saw it . . . Down in the lower corner, where nobody would look, was the combination to the whole thing. Twenty-one lines of type explaining the whole thing: how the grades of the organizations were averaged. After reading it over I realized that the puzzle was solved and I tore it up and threw it where it would do the most good . . . in the waste basket.

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### Worried

(Editor's note: This letter was sent to Bill Miller by an officer stationed at the air base. The staff, considering the concern of an outsider over the situation rather significant, requested the letter for publication.)

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Despite your apologies for humbly writing

your article which presented labor's stand, please permit me to say the article was very well done, clear and informative. Your introductory paragraph, however, upset me quite a bit.

Your expression in referring to certain teachers here at the university, that "they thought it would be inadvisable for them to write an article taking such a position," that is, in defense of labor, indicates an unbecoming timidity on the part of some of these vaunted teachers.

You call it "pretty sad;" it is both sad and very weak. A person has a right to take any stand on a controversial question, altho we hope that the decision will be made on the basis of facts and not on ignorance or preconceived prejudices. In this matter, fear of consequences seems to have afflicted some of your professors, else why was it "inadvisable" to take a stand. You seem to have readily found one Professor Hicks to take the position that labor was not justified in its demands. Maybe only farmers are considered people around here.

May I add that I have a Ph.D. degree, have taught for seven years in the east, and that some people in our so-called teaching profession are often rather pathetic.

Yours sincerely,

(Lt.) B. P. Sonnenblick

## NEWS IN BRIEF

By

Bill Roberts

**CONFUSING** to everybody this week, including the participants themselves, has been the mammoth industrial battle between the UAW and General Motors.

Charges and counter-charges have been made from both sides. Several offers in the direction of a compromise have been put forward by each party at different times, but the other has, for reasons of policy, declined to make a similar move.

Observers seem to be agreed that the union is at a disadvantage at this time. General Motors is not yet ready to go into mass production and can well afford to wait at least until Jan. 1 before feeling the pinch of the strike.

The union, however, is young and has a treasury much too small for a long struggle. Their entire strike treasury of \$4,000,000 would enable payment of only \$10 a week to 200,000 for but two weeks.

Realizing their somewhat weaker position, the union has made an offer for arbitration of the case, but GM refused. Again, they tried to resume negotiations, but GM again declined, demanding that the Union's initial requests be modified before discussion.

Thursday, however, the company accepted Conciliation Service head Edgar Warren's suggestion that executives meet with him to re-examine the question. Labor having already agreed to a similar offer there exists a possibility that the government may be able to effect a compromise.



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