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## Student Foundation

Student Foundation, one of the university's comparatively young organizations, is holding its first mass meeting of the second semester Thursday evening at 7:00 in room 315 of the Union.

To the majority of university students, this organization is nothing more than another "activity" for prospective Mortar Boards and Innocents. To the few really interested Foundation workers, the organization is a vital organ in promoting and establishing school spirit and understanding throughout the various towns and schools of Nebraska.

The Foundation's purpose is to publicize the university. This is done through various channels; for example, sending news letters to newspapers throughout the state and monthly bulletins to state high schools. In return, the university receives a large percentage of its enrolment from these same schools in the many small Nebraska communities.

In addition to news letters and monthly bulletins, the Foundation entertains music students attending summer sessions, and sponsors pamphlets sent to these students during the year.

Student Foundation is not sponsored by the university, but is self supporting. Consequently, the annual Student Directory is another project of the Foundation, and proceeds from Directory sales are used to carry on the organization's work.

In the spring of 1942, Student Foundation saw the light of day as a campus organization, headed by John Douglas, Ronnie Metz, David Walcott and Preston Hayes. Their express purpose in organizing was to acquaint people throughout all of Nebraska with the value and importance of the university. They felt that school spirit, which in those days neared perfection, should be fostered in every school and community of the state. So the Foundation grew and prospered, and today its influence is felt and appreciated in every corner of the state.

The mass meeting Thursday is being opened to the entire student body and any other interested persons, in an effort to obtain workers to carry on the ever-widening activities of the organization. Dean John Clark, Foundation sponsor, will present a few aspects of the university in the past. Corn Cob prexy Dean Skokan will offer some startling facts concerning school spirit—past, present and future. Margaret Neumann, Foundation director, will explain the group's activities and the new alumnus secretary, Fritz Daly, will be introduced.

Students will have an opportunity to sign up for work on the bulletin, news letters or as chairmen of particular counties in the state.

Student Foundation offers a constructive method of promoting school spirit, both on the campus and throughout the state. We need that school spirit desperately. Let's not allow this opportunity to pass unnoticed.

P. L. T.

## News in a Nutshell

BY BOB BEASON

**MEMPHIS, TENN.**—With the national steel strike just over, another major strike looms on the horizon. At a National Federation of Telephone Workers policy-making conference in Memphis, a strike-opinion poll was taken. Joseph Beirne, president of the union, announced the results showed a heavy majority in favor of a strike if a wage-hike of ten dollars per week is not given. The National Federation, which is composed of some 50 independent unions, has a membership of about 250,000 operators.

Meanwhile, negotiations con-

tinued deadlocked in the prolonged strike of 175,000 production workers.

**NEW YORK.**—The bright lights of New York are once again casting their beams on busy department stores and amusement houses. Because of a disastrous fuel shortage, Mayor O'Dwyer last week issued an order to close all business houses. The strike of the fuel-hauling tugboat workers, which caused the fuel shortage has been temporarily settled.

**VATICAN CITY.**—Thirty-two Catholic prelates were created cardinals last Monday at a secret consistory in the hall of the Sacred College of Cardinals in the Vatican. Two of the new cardinals are from the United States.

**TOKYO.**—Emperor Hirohito declared in a press conference Monday that Japan is now most anxious to co-operate with the United States, he said.

**BRUSSELS.**—For the first time

## Letterip

To the Editor:

With your patient indulgence, I should like to say something about this talk of a veterans' club being organized on the campus. The veteran does not need a club to keep him informed about the G. I. Bill of Rights or to tell him where to go to receive help and advice. The University's Consultation Board of Veterans and other veteran's guidance agencies are already performing these functions with reasonable efficiency.

The veteran does not need a club to plan a monthly social get-together. There are already enough social functions on the campus to keep the socially-minded male animal in hopeless financial straits, without adding any more. The veteran does not need a club to help him make study plans, and catch up with back lessons. This is the proper task of the veteran's faculty adviser.

The veteran does not need a club to report to the University on what veterans want in the way of monuments to heroes of this war. If the University has any money to fritter away, let the administration raise the salaries of the faculty. Then professors can stop worrying about grocery bills and concentrate on teaching, so that this generation will be smarter when it goes to the next war, than it was when it went to this last one.

In conclusion, I should like to remark that in general this campus needs fewer exclusive, mutual admiration societies, and more student energy expended on creating the intellectual community that this University ought to be. The veterans on this campus might contribute something to this goal, by: (1) throwing away their discharge buttons, and getting over the idea that they are the saviors of mankind; (2) forgetting the one great bombing mission, or night patrol, or artillery barrage of their careers, and spending more time, having more dates, with more girls. With less badges, visiting firemen's decorations,

and other hardware on display, and with more happy coeds dashing about the campus, our old Alma Mater may yet foster a grass roots revival of learning, before too many of the current veteran students return to the cruel world.

Sincerely,  
Elmer Sprague

(Editors Note: Elmer Sprague, a recently returned veteran, was author of "White Space", a humor column which appeared in The Daily Nebraskan before the war. He was also a reporter for the Daily.)

Dear Editor:

Since the appearance of the editorial, "A VET'S CLUB?" in last Thursday's Nebraskan, I have been pondering whether or not the editorial was meant to be a challenge or destructive criticism.

My impression is that there is considerable resentment against a veterans organization being formed at the University of Nebraska. As a veteran I realize that much of the feeling against servicemen and veterans is warranted. But I also feel there has been undue hard feeling.

You cited the example of an ex-GI who wanted to know "what the university can do for the veteran" and added that it might be a better idea to see what the veteran can do for the university. To me that sounds just a bit silly. I was under the impression that the government was paying the school to help me, not paying me to help the school. I think many of us agree that the benefits derived from the university will be reverted back to the university in time though indirectly.

At the time of your writing the veterans had not yet met to discuss the aims which you say they failed to make clear. I simply fell in love with your statement about the veterans not being so able to help the school as an isolated group as they could by becoming a part of the student body. Have you forgot that this "isolated group" of which you speak has just finished doing the big task of doing its country some good?

For better interorganizational understanding, I remain  
Sincerely yours,  
Robert T. Johnson

in many years Belgium held an election last week. The majority of Belgians indicated that they favored the return of their exiled King Leopold, who has been residing in the high mountains of Switzerland for nearly four years.

**LONDON.**—Yugoslavia has charged that activities of Polish troops in Italy are a "threat to peace." The charge was handed to the UNO. The Polish troops who remain in Italy are no longer a part of the Polish Army, but they now form a part of the British occupation forces in Italy. An explanation for these "activities" was left up to the British foreign secretary.

**SEATTLE.**—An earthquake, so intense it caused many persons to believe an atom bomb had exploded, shook the area from northern Oregon to Canada last week. Only a few minor injuries were

reported; however, several business buildings in Seattle and surrounding towns were heavily damaged. The quake lasted for about 20 minutes.

**WASHINGTON.**—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, who has been known as a very strong new-dealer for several years, has resigned his position, bluntly charging that President Truman has expressed lack of confidence in him. Mr. Ickes took office with Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

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