

# EDITORIAL

# COMMENT

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## Keep Off!

The other day we received a notation from a reader which students are making unsightly paths across the titled "To People Who Make Paths," deploring the extent to lawns of both campuses. The writer had a point which could well be considered by his fellow students.

We grant that the campus is barren in regard to landscaping and in need of a vigorous beautification project, but ugly paths across the few spots of grass are no improvement.

One of the worst violations has been the bisecting of the lawn in the center of the old campus, from Navy Hall across to Grant Memorial. This is the prettiest spot on the city campus and the site of the traditional Ivy Day ceremonies in May.

Additional sidewalks were put across one of the malls and along the parking spaces last summer, extending adequate sidewalks to practically all the normally used traffic routes of the campus. Most of us could start to class a minute earlier and use these sidewalks.

There has always been an unwritten law, almost amounting to a tradition, that ag campus people walk only on the sidewalks. The ag campus has always been so beautiful that the students took great pride in the grounds and abstained from cutting across the malls and lawns. During the war, however, the limited number of employes has curtailed greatly the amount of care which could be given the campus. Recently the ag students have begun to trespass on the grass and even to park their cars on the lawn along the drive between the dairy industry building and Experiment Station hall.

An improved beautification plan in the future could easily be unsuccessful if we do not learn to take care of the little that we have now.

## Student Ignorance

The student poll on feeding Europe which was published recently in The Daily Nebraskan revealed an extreme ignorance and callousness on the part of the students of the university. Some students said we should do nothing at all about the starvation in Europe; others that we should make them "pay for it" or should wait until we had "fed our own people" or should not send it to Germany or Japan or, for some reason, England. Lee Harms, who wrote the article, observed, "Students interviewed seemed only mildly aware that Europe was facing a great food crisis."

Observers report that no young children or older people in Berlin will survive the winter. In France the infant mortality rate is seven times that in the United States. A cable from Czechoslovakia reads: "Peril to 785,000 children beyond exaggeration. No milk, fats, meats, rice. Tuberculosis rising." A United China Relief report: "Ragged and meager clothing, straw sandals, mounting living costs, lack of the most ordinary facilities, and the ever-present menace of malnutrition and disease—these compose the lot of many thousands of earnest and ambitious youth of China."

The rock-bottom healthful diet is about 2,000 calories a day, provided it includes a proper amount of high protein foods like meat and fats, generally unobtainable in Europe. While the American civilian gets an average of 3,300 calories a day, well balanced, the Englishman gets 2,900, not well-balanced, the Russian, 2,000; the Dutchman, 1,630, the Urban Frenchman, 1,500; the Norwegian, 1,115; the Greek, 970; the German, 900 to 1,500, the Viennese, 760. Ninety millions of human beings face starvation in Europe, and 900,000,000 in the Far East. When one sees these figures, the picture of safe, comfortable, well-fed Nebraska coeds saying we "should not be taken advantage of" is appalling.

We were asked to do our part in the World student service fund to meet this need during the A.U.F. drive. We gave only one-third of our quota of \$3,000. The Tassels had a large sum of money they wished to spend; they could have given it to the W.S.S.F. They could have spent it to bring a Russian student to our campus, as was suggested by them. The Tassels did neither, the money was spent for a public address system for rallies.

As students and as citizens we must face it. If we believe in humanity we can still give to the W.S.S.F.; we can send food in boxes to specific persons in need whose name the student pastors can secure; we can support the UNRRA principle; we can educate ourselves about conditions elsewhere in the world.

If we believe otherwise, we can continue to spend our money on ourselves.

Bill Miller.

## Letterip

Dear Editor:

I am very much in favor of veterans organizations, especially those formed among student bodies. I feel that such organizations can do much for the veterans, for non-veteran students, for the university as a whole, and that they will assist materially in holding down inflation in the Belgian Congo.

I am sorry to state, however, that I feel the efforts to form such an organization on this campus to be misdirected. A single organization will not suffice; it would become too broad in its membership. We must have several organizations designed to fit the needs of various groups among the veterans.

I will suggest here only a few of the smaller groups that I feel should and must be formed. The burden of determining the others must rest on the shoulders of those veterans who would not find satisfaction in any which I present. The first of my special organizations would be composed of those Veterans Who Went Thru Basic Training Three or More Times. We also need one for Veterans Who Have Inadvertently Saluted an Officer With Their Left Hand. It would also be well to have an organization of eVeterans Who Stormed the Beaches in Normandy on D Plus 92. Veterans Who Took a Drink of Calvados Thinking it Only White Wine certainly need an organization to promote their special interests (this would probably be the largest of the groups so far suggested.) I shall conclude my list with Veterans Who Have Survived a Week or More in Paris. This, I repeat, constitutes only a few of the possibilities, but I cannot take the initiative for all groups.

In checking over my list, I find myself eligible for membership in all the organizations, and so I hereby found such bodies, appointing myself president pro-tem of each. Any veterans who feel themselves eligible for membership in any of my organizations are urged to attend a mass meeting at 2:30 a. m. Thursday March 8, on the mall north of Sosh, for the purpose of ratifying the constitutions which I shall have drafted by that time, and also to vote to continue me in office of president to which I have temporarily appointed myself. Ex-WACs, WAVEs, etc. are also invited.

Thank you,  
 Invictus.

## The Ash Can

By Marthella Holcomb

With the coming of balmy, spring weather, sweater girls begin shedding their coats, and the politicians crawl out of the wood-work ready for the early primaries. And primary school is where a lot of them belong, we're told. 'Course our knowledge of politics is limited to the fact that X marks the spot where another Nebraska democrat hopelessly voted a straight ticket. Straight, not stray, that is.

As we say in the vernacular, "Behold, the millennium!" Yep, it must have arrived, for we saw a pair of nylons in class the other day.

Consider the case of the missing girl at the Follies Thursday, tho we'd have been willing to swear there couldn't have been a girl in town who wasn't crammed in the place. She waited till Wednesday, expecting Meno to ask her and wondering why he didn't. Naturally, when she tried to get a ticket, they were all gone. Then we have the self-sufficient bachelor girls.

The Weeping Water cheering section at the class C tourney Friday night gave an admirable exhibition of good sportsmanship in their prelim fray. All thru the pitched battle they'd carefully refrained from shouting during free throws and observed the other rules of well-trained enthusiasts. With less than a minute to go, they were one point behind, when one of the Water-boy took a running front flip over a turtle-backed Bennetite, and landed with his nose caressing the maples. Instead of the screaming, boing, bedlam which might have been expected when the foul was rightfully called against the Benny-boy, there wasn't a sound from the Weeping Water section. The after-game comments didn't sound a bit like that in the coliseum, either. And if the shoe fits, why not wear it?

Andrews Hall has become the new fashion center of the campus, what with sartorial comment dished out "for free" in English classes. Quoth the professor Friday, in discussing a poetical character, "She must have been able to wear clothes very well. I've noticed some do, some don't."

Many are those who think we don't have good sense, but until now we'd thought there was only six senses we didn't have. Oh, the values of a college education, we've now been told there are nine senses we don't have. And it doesn't help a bit to have some perverted wit yelling, "You're not stupid, you should see Grandpa, he walks like this." Yipe!!!

## News in a Nutshell

BY BOB BEASON

**NOTE:** The bulletins in this column are merely condensations of bulletins from several nationwide news services. Opinions as may be here expressed are simply the opinions of the correspondents who compiled the dispatches, and are NOT necessarily the opinions of this paper.

**WASHINGTON.**—The United States Government is expected to protest to Russia against the newly announced plan of keeping Red army forces in so-called "disturbed" areas of Iran, according to diplomatic officials. The expectation is strongly supported by a speech made recently by Secretary of State Byrnes in which he laid heavy emphasis on the need for all countries to get their armies home again and stop using force or threats of force for political advantage. The U. S. is concerned not only about Russian forces in Iran but also about those in Manchuria and Austria. Quiet efforts have been under way for some time to get Soviet agreement to a joint allied withdrawal from Austria.

**LONDON.**—According to the London Evening Star, Spain's Generalissimo Franco "has been given a month's notice to quit." The Star said the United Nations Security Council will "force the

issue" at its New York meeting late this month. Franco will be warned that his regime endangers world peace, and he will be charged with harboring German war criminals and hiding gold smuggled out of occupied countries by Hitler.

The British Government has not yet replied to the American suggestion for a joint American-British-French declaration against Spain.

**DETROIT.**—Terms as set forth by the General Motors Corporation to settle their 101-day old strike have been rejected. Meanwhile, in Philadelphia striking C. I. O. workers have been barred from parading without a permit or holding mass meeting by the city officials. Some 600 policemen have been alerted to back up the edict.

**WASHINGTON.**—Rep. Marcantonio (N. Y.) has blocked congressional action on legislation aimed at curbing powers of James Petrillo, musicians' union "czar." One of Petrillo's latest moves was an attempt to ban the playing of foreign musical programs unless a band of American musicians was "standing by" during the period.

President Truman has asked for subsidies to back the housing program and also asked for "price ceilings on existing homes."

## Kappa Phi Holds Pledge Ceremony For 13 Members

Kappa Phi, national Methodist girls club, held pledging service for 13 new members last week at the Methodist student house.

LaVawn Johnson, president, was in charge of the pledging service, which was preceded by a diner for all active and prospective members.

New members pledged were: June Anderson, Annetta Auserod, Norine Braunsroth, Dorothy Brevoort, Marjorie Ferguson, Rosa Lee Gruchat, Donna McAuley, Betty Lee Maynard, Marilyn Muller, Flora Fae Norris, Elizabeth Quante, Patricia Rice and Ruby Shakespear.

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