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## So Much For So Little...

Let X equal a constant quantity of 500. Divide X by the variable quantity Y, 40. Result, 1250. Divide that result by a variable quantity Z, 10. The answer equals the University of Nebraska debate squad.

The final answer appears to be in no way connected to the problem but there is a definite link if the quantities are identified.

The constant X, equal to 500, represents the annual appropriation allowed the debate squad for traveling expenses by the university. The variable Y and Z, may be respectively identified as the number of students who will use this appropriation and the number of trips involved in a year's competition. By one more simple mathematical process, an average of 1.25 per student per trip is computed.

Feasible enough is the possibility that the traveling debate squad will never include as many as 40 persons on any one trip, but considering the distance traveled and time spent at the destination, the mythical scales will still be balanced at a minimum figure.

Despite the fact that the debaters cut all possible expense corners, which includes traveling by car instead of bus or train, the participants often are forced to dip into their own pockets to make ends meet. Such a fact is hardly a reputable one, considering that it refers to a college activity.

The Secretary of Student Affairs has often questioned, and rightly so, the advisability of traveling by car, considering hazards of weather and accidents that are never out of the question under such circumstances. A factual argument, but not easily adhered to on 500 dollars. Corner cutting again.

Representing one of the corners that has suffered the cutting process is the formerly customary, but almost forgotten, entertainment debates which were conducted in pre-war years. Numerous, these meetings included such teams as the Oxford and Cambridge debate squads as well as outstanding delegations from all over the United States meeting in competition on this campus. Such practices mean that the university must guarantee expenses of the visiting teams which would require a sizable portion of the meager appropriation. So much, so worthwhile, yet so forgotten, because of so little.

Debate is extra-curricular work that in the main benefits the participating individual primarily; but, the record made by those individuals in competition with others enhances the reputation of the school he represents. Nebraska's debaters have gained fame throughout the middle west for their competitive ability. Too often, however, the fame of the squad goes unnoticed due to the possible reluctance of the director and the debaters themselves to "blow their own horns" by releasing data denoting such success unless asked to do so.

An example of this can be cited from one of the team's accomplishments that still basks in obscurity. In the Iowa Conference competition recently the Nebraska delegation met and successfully defeated the debate squad from Northwestern, reputed to be the number one group in the middle west. This is one of the many blue ribbon performances that have been marked "unsung."

The questions debated are always pertinent and deserving of student and faculty interest and attention. The current question, for instance, is "Labor Problems," one of great concern to all. A debater bases his cause on solid background material; proof for the debater, informative for the listener.

The problem involved is an apparent one. The debater has his case: A tangible past record of winning performances and respected reputation, representing so much compared to the record of his opponent, his own university that has offered so little.

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## Penny Carnival...

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individuality and originality. It's up to you—the students of Nebraska—to support your school activities; so drop in Grant Memorial hall Saturday afternoon and bring your friends along, too. It's fun and entertainment for everyone.

## UN Looks at Itself...

With a few more cracks in the walls of its old buildings, a few more bricks laid on the foundations of its new ones and a lot more activity on its campus, the University of Nebraska stops and looks at itself on its 78th anniversary tomorrow.

It views more than three-quarters of a century of progress from one building to over 50, from 20 students to 10,000 and from obscurity to recognition for service to Nebraska and the nation.

The university thinks of these years as progress, glossing over the fortunately few years of regression, due to war, depression and leadership sometimes lacking in initiative. It remembers most vividly the last few years with the necessary cessation of activity. Then it looks forward.

It looks forward to and sees two roads, one leading up and one leading down. On the upward path lie buildings—more room for classes, an auditorium, greater engineering and physical science facilities, an infirmary, dormitories—and an increased and improved faculty. Bigger funds for research and aid to students through scholarship and fellowship are seen along the way. At the top is the university that Nebraska can be with co-operation from students and state, offering the finest education in the nation, taught by top instructors with the best facilities and repaying the citizens of Nebraska by its contributions through scientific research.

The other road is dim, but the vision of a school struggling to attract students to its mediocre campus is clear enough to be seen.

The university has placed its foot on the upward road with the leadership of a man who can view the goal. The direction of its next step rests with the legislature and the people of Nebraska.

## Panel Talk...

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ferences, stated that there was no need for economic clashes despite the debate at the various ministers' meetings. The university student declared that any differences can be settled on the basis of different competitive markets.

Schupback, the final speaker and a staff sergeant serving in Russia, suggested interchange of Russ-American students, saying that such interchange would serve to better acquaint the peoples of both countries in matters connected with cultural and social beliefs.

Paul Bogen, director of the speech department, served in his usual role of moderator, and Bud Levinson announced the program. Levinson announced that there will be a re-broadcast of the forum over KFAB at 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

## Beauty Queens...

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nalists sent to him in December. Finalists are Meredith Bowhay, Barbara Busch, Ruth Byers, Betty Chipman, Sheila Curran, Marilyn Denison, Pat Felger, Kay Hamm, Shirley Lierk, Marianne Loomis, Louise Miesbach, Joanne Patton,

Eleanor Stahl, Joyce Stuve, Pat Toof and Mildred Zuber.

Eligible bachelors, named at the Mortor Board ball last December, are: George Miller, Jack Hill, Jerry Moore, Kenny Younger, Jerry Gardner, Bruce Allen, Dwight Johnson and Bob Keller.

Hegel said: "Love is the ideality of the relativity of the reality of an infinitesimal portion of the absolute totality of the infinite being."

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