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# This Is Worth Fighting For

## Cornhusker In Wonderland

Everybody needs a cause in which he can believe. That is a basic axiom of human behavior. To do a thing well, a person should be motivated by a feeling that what he is doing is necessary and right. Otherwise, he cannot do as good a job as he might otherwise.

America is fighting a war. Some people choose to call it a "police action," but people are fighting and dying in Korea in what seems to be a good battle. From all appearances, it looks like a war.

America is inducting hundreds of thousands of men into its armed forces. Young men are being drafted or enlisted into all major services. The air forces are obtaining the most volunteers. For the first time in history, the marine corps is using the draft to obtain recruits. The nation's young men are not as anxious to serve their country as they were on Dec. 8, 1941.

Why? After talking with a number of students and men in the armed forces, I think the answer is quite simple. Most of them have only a hazy idea what the United States and the United Nations are trying to accomplish in Korea. They are sadly confused. They can plan on nothing. Students cannot plan what they will do after graduation because a hitch in the service seems almost certain. Men in the service cannot plan because they are not sure that the term for which they were enlisted or inducted is definite because of unsettled world conditions.

In all of the nation's previous wars, the American people have been fighting for some great humanitarian ideal. They were fighting aggression. Even when the clouds of war were darkest, the American people fought and worked with a will because they felt they had to. If they fought hard enough, they felt there would be a better day after the war was over.

In the Korean action, no better day looms once the war is done. The threat of Russian aggression still looms large on the horizon. Commentators, statesmen and military leaders periodically issue gloomy statements tell how great the danger is and that we must arm to the teeth to meet this threat. There is no feeling of hope—only despair.

If the nation ever had a period in which it needed someone or something to cheer them up, it is now. People wonder what the U.S. is doing in Korea, but at the same time they wonder what would happen if we were to leave. They feel that their present policy is wrong, but they are not sure what should replace it. When the United States sent troops to Korea, the public was convinced that such action was correct. Now they are not so sure—only confused.

Several service men I have talked with won-

dered "what the hell we are doing in the service." They are training to defend their country and some of them are being sent to Korea, while at home, things go on as usual. One, who had been to Korea, remarked that in this country, it seemed almost as if there were no war going on. Many service men aren't sure what they are fighting for. And they are not as good soldiers for not knowing.

The current foreign policy debate is causing no great amount of confidence among the American public. What the people would like to hear is a statement of policy and a statement of our objectives in fighting in Korea. Most official statements fall far short of giving this information. We learn that we must be patriotic and support our government, but we are not sure why we must do this. Our leadership is not inspiring; therefore the people can hardly be expected to be inspired.

The American public has been sitting on the edge of its chair for over a year waiting for something to happen—a war, a settlement, a statement of policy. Nothing has happened yet. As a result the public is becoming infected with a disease known as "I don't give a damnism." They are sitting on the edge of their chairs waiting, but they have been alternately frightened and encouraged so often that they are insensible to most of what is going on about them. They can't plan on anything. They are lost.

It is about time they found themselves.

### Occupational Hazard

News Item: BRAZIL, Ind. (UP)—Clayton Howard, bus driver, was bitten by a passenger who objected when Howard awakened him at his stop.

In keeping with its policy of bringing the best in inspired journalism to the students of the University, The Daily Nebraskan prints this notice. If one were to study this item of news and try to find some new trend of cannibalism, or an innate desire in bus passengers to chew on bus drivers, The Daily Nebraskan is sure that such a search would be in the purest phases of science.

In our own opinion, Lincoln City Lines bus drivers should not strike because of such minor reasons as wages, they should demand that their employers protect them from this new menace. We are sure that the Amalgamated Transfer Punchers will hear of this.

### Voting Bad; Action Good

Sly remarks and some hurt feelings are almost inevitable whenever an election is invalidated or questioned. But when grounds for invalidating an election are valid, as they certainly were in voting for Honorary Commandant, immediate action will prevent a great deal of later criticism.

The Candidate Officers association election of the 1952 Commandant was not approved because of four very authentic reasons. There was no check on the number of COA officers attending the tea with the number casting ballots; there was no ballot listing the seven candidates' names; there was no eligibility check, and ballot counting was not supervised by a faculty representative or the Student Council. Because of these

reasons Student Council, which has the right to supervise all campus elections not in departments or organizations, refused to validate the election.

It was unfortunate the irregular election occurred. The Council should have taken steps to check on election procedures before voting happened. However, since the check was not made before the election, the only thing left was invalidating it later. The fact that the Council judiciary committee waited until after the election to investigate caused speculation and rumors that ordinarily would not arise.

However, above all, the step taken by the Council was one move forward toward eliminating unfair voting and boosting integrity of campus elections.

### Stolen Goods

## Dick Haymes May Face 'Black Ball' By Student Union Association

Kathryn Radaker

#### Iowa State . . .

states that Dick Haymes is facing a possible "black ball" in all the student unions across the country.

The singer allegedly appeared on a "live" TV show on one of the nights he was to sing at the Iowa State homecoming dance. If the sworn affidavits, coming from TV viewers, prove that he was on the shows those nights, Haymes will face suit.

Harold O. Hegland, Ames attorney who is handling the suit, said that the statements haven't come into his office yet. Until they do arrive Hegland said he wouldn't start proceedings.

The union manager said that if the affidavits do confirm the rumors about Haymes, he will propose the banning of the radio and TV star in the Student Union Association. The membership of this association is made up of representatives from student unions throughout the United States.

Under union contracts, a performer who wishes to break his contract may do so within three weeks of the time he is scheduled to appear. Haymes' agent phoned his regrets three hours before the dance started.

#### University of Rhode Island . . .

Beacon threw a stock question at assorted students: What do you think about studying in the library?

Answers included: "The heavy reference books make good pants pressers." "I go there because I like to meet people, and

you never can tell who you will find underneath the tables."

"After studying for fifteen years, it is too hard to concentrate with no noise."

#### Princeton University . . .

sixty freshmen had the haircut problem suddenly solved for them—their heads were shaved by the sophomores. Here's how:

During a riot staged by 400 freshmen in one of those traditional class struggles, a large number of frosh forced their way into Holder hall, a sophomore stronghold. The invaders were promptly drenched with buckets of water and led to a barbershop that had just been set up. Before the freshmen knew what was happening, 60 had their heads shaved.

Other events in the struggle were freshmen tarred and feathered with chocolate syrup, confetti, firecrackers and water-filled balloons employed by both sides.

One enthusiastic freshman exclaimed afterwards, "What class spirit down here; boy, when this is over, we ought to be great friends."

But a more mild-mannered individual with a clean-shaven head wandered about the campus remarking, "Gentlemen, I'm a junior."

#### University of Denver . . .

student senate voted unanimously recently to sever all relations with the National Student Association. They felt that NSA had little to offer the student body.

Last spring Denver university voted to join NSA on a temporary basis until December of this year so that first-hand information on the inner workings of NSA could be gathered.

## Dear Editor... Abolish College Days

### DEAR STUDENT COUNCIL . . .

(This is the resolution presented to the Student Council by the Engineers Exec Board, Wednesday night.)

To the Student Council: As you know there is considerable discord between the Engineers Executive Board and the College Days Board concerning the assimilation of Engineers Open House into College Days. We have given this matter careful thought and would like to present our view to the Student Council, with a view in mind of a solution that would be of mutual benefit to all concerned.

To begin with, we would like to state for your information the purposes and objectives of Engineering Open House. The primary purpose is to educate as much as possible the people who attend Engineering Open House. In addition to this, we feel that Engineering Open House renders invaluable assistance to high school students who are at that stage in their lives where they are considering various vocations for their life's work, because it gives them the opportunity to see in some way what an engineer does. Perhaps this is the most valuable ramification of Engineers Open House. At any rate, we feel that this is highly desirable and intend to carry it on to the best of our ability.

College Days is an activity that on the surface would appear to have the same objectives as Engineers Open House, and, as such, would be desirable from our standpoint of view as much as any other group. We feel that such an activity carried on by the other colleges would be tremendous benefit to the student, because it would give him the opportunity to compare various vocations whereas now he is exposed only to the engineering school.

However appearances do not always indicate the true state of affairs, and this is the case with College Days. Only a small part of the activities are of an educational nature; the rest is devoted to such a variety of activities as a parade; a dance, a football game, a basketball game, etc. We feel that this detracts immensely from the educational value of the program. From the standpoint of view of the adult it has little appeal, but more important is the standpoint of view of the high school student.

We feel that it should not be suggested that he take time from his studies to come to Lincoln and participate in the above outlined program, because he simply does not have the time. We feel that he should only be invited to come if he can be given something that is of as much or more educational value than he would have received by attending classes at home, and that College Days as it now exists does not fall into that category. Since there is such a divergence of objectives, it is readily apparent why Engineers Open House and College Days as it now exists are incompatible.

In addition to the above remarks, we would like to point out that College Days is presented to the public as an all-University function. Yet it is not sponsored by a group representative of the University as a whole. The nucleus of the board is self appointed. In addition to this there

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Men—this is our last chance to win a game this season—together." In objectives and purposes, we be forced to continue Engineers wish to assure you that we will Open House on an entirely cooperate in all ways possible to separate and individual basis. the fullest extent. If not we will ENGINEERS EXEC BOARD

### Century Of Progress . . .

## YMCA Celebrates 100th Anniversary; University Branch Has Wide Program

Life doesn't begin at 40 anymore. It begins at 100.

This statement is being proved by the YMCA which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary as a United States men's organization.

The YM was first organized by George Williams in 1844 in London. Its main purpose at that time was to provide a home-away-from-home for English textile workers. At the time of its organization, England was undergoing an industrial revolution. As a result of this, many men had no contact with any sort of spiritual guidance or any feeling of "belonging" to any certain group. The YM was a partial answer to this problem.

The growth of the YM was very rapid. Within ten years of its original birth in England, other YMCA groups had been organized in Scotland, England, Canada, Ireland and the United States. One of the reasons for its tremendous popularity can be explained partially by the fact that it came at "just the right time." It fit in with the social and spiritual needs of the time.

The first University YM group was organized seven years after the YM had been established in the United States. Several students at the University of Virginia organized a men's student YM in 1858.

The YMCA on the University campus was organized in 1942 when it became a branch of the Lincoln YMCA.

The University YM is a separate organization, tied only with the local and national YM organizations. It operates financially from its own budget and from funds received from the Community chest.

The motto of the YMCA, "Spirit, Mind, Body," is carried out in the many varied activities sponsored by the campus YM. The YM has two main divisions: Ag campus and City campus. Through the activities of the two divisions vary, their goals and purposes are one: to give students a more Christian outlook on life.

In attempting to achieve this goal, the Ag campus division sponsors weekly Tuesday night

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