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EDITORIAL PAGE

UMT—Not The Best

(Editor's Note: The following article is a prepared statement by the executive committee of the American Council on Universal Military Training and national manpower policy.)

In November 1951, this committee, acting jointly with the educational policies commission of the National Education Association and the American Association of School Administrators, approved a statement subsequently issued under the title, "Education and National Security."

In the chapter on military manpower there were two chief recommendations. The first was that immediate consideration be given to plans specifically designed to meet the impending manpower emergency. The assumption that such an emergency was imminent was based on public declarations during the preceding six months by a number of responsible officials of the defense department and the selective service system, supported by the statistical information then available from those and other government sources. A second recommendation was that the several alternative plans suggested for meeting the emergency manpower problem should be considered by the congress separately from "a program of universal military training designed for use in peacetime and scheduled for operation only after the current period of partial mobilization has passed."

Two significant modifications of the basic situation have occurred within recent weeks. First, the responsible officers of the defense department and selective service system have personally assured this committee that no serious shortage of military manpower is foreseen until 1955, even though no changes are made in current selective service regulations and the armed forces are expanded to 3,700,000. This prediction is supported by statistical material now approved by all interested government agencies. Immediate action by the congress to meet a manpower crisis, therefore, no longer seems essential.

Second, the armed forces committee of the house and the senate have both submitted reports which include recommendations that universal military training be put into operation as soon as possible as a measure designed for the period of partial mobilization, rather than being held in reserve for use in peacetime.

Under these circumstances, the executive committee, while still expressing no opinion of the merits of universal military training as a peacetime program, approves the attached resolution unanimously adopted on Feb. 20 by the council's com-

mittee on relationships of higher education to the federal government.

After prolonged study and discussion and after serious consideration of relevant reports, proposed legislation, and manpower statistics, the committee of relationships of higher education to the federal government of the American Council on Education unanimously adopted the following statements:

1. We approve the continuation of the present recruitment of our necessary armed forces by the selective service system and by volunteering.

2. We agree with the laudable objectives that have guided the nation security training commission in formulating its proposed plan for military training and the creation of a reserve force namely:

a. To reduce in the next few years our standing active military forces;

b. To build up a youthful and effective reserve;

c. To provide by legislation a training plan less subject to temporary reverse of policy than our programs of the past;

d. To provide for the supervision of a predominantly civilian commission, such as the NSTC, of the military training of our young men.

3. We do not, however, advocate the adoption at this time of the proposed new universal military training program. We take this action because we are convinced that UMT is not the best method which can be devised to provide for the present defense of our country and meet all of the objectives listed in paragraph two.

4. We advocate that legislation extending the present selective service system beyond 1955, be adopted as soon as possible.

5. We advocate a continuation of the present deferment program for college students with the understanding that such deferred students shall serve their full required time in the armed forces at the conclusion of their academic work.

6. We advocate the above propositions because we believe that by this means the period of service for all or some men in the armed forces can be reduced and thus provide a ready or active reserve which will accomplish the financial and other savings envisaged in the proposed UMT plan.

7. We advocate that congress instruct the national security training commission to continue to study plans to meet these objectives and to give special consideration to the above recommendations.

Ready For Office?

Before a group of University students at the Presbyterian-Congregational student house Sunday night, Robert Crosby said he liked to be thought of as "an amateur politician." He further said he did not consider himself completely adequate to fill the position of governor but felt that someone must do the job.

To emphasize further his sincerity Crosby said, "One should not submit himself as a civil authority unless it (such authority) agrees with his own convictions."

Crosby blundered, however, in much the same way as a "professional politician" when he said he had been in politics since 1940 and then did it up brown by pointing out that a lieutenant governor cannot file for governor in Nebraska while still in office. Crosby resigned the lieutenant governorship in 1949.

It is starkly apparent that Crosby has had his eye on the governorship for some time. When his opponent Victor Anderson arrived at the meeting several minutes later, it became quite evident, in the ensuing discussion, that Crosby had had his sights set on the governorship for a long time.

Although both candidates were long-winded in side-stepping leading questions, possibly the mark of a professional, Crosby took his side-steps faster. This, in contrast to Anderson's frequent groping for words, gave his responses an assuring quality born of conscientious premeditation.

Crosby's verbosity can no doubt be traced to his experience as a lawyer. One who has made a business of talking people out of tough spots

should shine when pitted against a hardware merchant and banker. Inability to express himself is definitely a handicap to the "politician," but fluent speech is not necessarily indicative of a good governor.

Anderson is pitted in this political contest against a man who has calculated approximately the last ten years of his life toward attaining the office of chief executive of Nebraska. On the other hand, Anderson had approached this campaign minus any concentrated preparation, comparatively speaking.

This promises to be one of the most contested primaries of recent years. One man is ready. The other does not appear so.—H.H.

National Cleanup

If president Truman's cleanup chief, Newbold Morris, carries out his promises, and carries some of them out before November elections, the Republicans will have a good chunk of the meat cut out of their campaigning. There is not much evidence from previous election campaigns that corruption in a government administration alone leads to defeat, but it adds fuel to the opposition's strategy.

Fortunately—for the Democrats—the internal revenue scandals and other corrupt practices were revealed in time for the Democratic administration to take its own corrections measures. The general cleanup is well started, and if President Truman carries out Morris' recommendations, the Democrats may have clearer sailing in this year's political maneuvering.—J.K.

What Might Their Motive Be?

Members of N club and several Athletic department representatives appeared before the Student Council last week to ask for N club representation on the Council. The athletic speakers put forth the opinion that since N club membership incorporates both affiliated and unaffiliated men and covers a majority of state areas, they were worthy of membership on the Council and filled the requirements for Council membership.

Council members raised the objections that previous N club representatives had not been too consistent about attending meetings and the organization had not appeared before the Council to ask for representation last spring when such requests were called for.

It seems to be a mystery, at this time, why N club feels in need of Student Council representation. The incentive behind this sudden desire for participation in University government has not been brought forth. N club members obviously did not feel this governmental desire last spring strongly enough to present their case to the Council, as many organizations did at that time.

It has been suggested that the Women's Athletic Association is just as deserving of Council representation as is N club. WAA includes Greeks and independents in its membership, draws members from a non-restrictive membership potential and is concerned with athletics, as is N club.

On the basis of being an activity, N club might argue for their representation. If this is to be the case, AUF, Ag and Engineering Exec boards, Red Cross and all the other campus activities should be allowed a Council member. A close look at the list of representatives allowed the Council on the constitution passed by the student body last spring shows that each organization represented brings in a particular and specific group of University students. There is a noticeable lack of overlapping of representation.

Daily Thought

Produce much, consume little, labor diligently, speak cautiously.—Chinese.

Barbed Wire



Barb Wylie

One way is as good as another to start a column, they tell me, so I might as well start out with a pet gripe of mine. It finally came into the limelight in a Letterip in last Friday's Daily Nebraskan; the one that ended, "Won't you (Greeks) lay off the independents and let us do what we choose." I've always wondered why the Greeks on our campus are always trying to organize a multitude who obviously don't want to organize. I've also always wondered why they didn't recognize the good deal they were getting by the independents not organizing, and do all they could to keep it instead of trying to strengthen the very thing that, by its weakness, makes them strong. Maybe the Greeks think the power they have is unshakable and will never fall in other hands. I don't think so. By sheer numbers, if nothing else, the independents could take over every controlling office on the campus.

Perhaps the evident politicking at last spring's constitutional vote is a sign that the Greeks began to feel the pillars wobble. I don't pretend to know all the reasons, or, as a non-fiction member, know all the answers. But the fury raised by faction members at the idea that the great student governing body, the Student Council, could be controlled by independents, could be a sign that someone was getting panicky.

On the other hand, as long as campus positions are determined by who you know, whether independent or Greek, let the independent, like everyone else, look out for himself and his friends. It's all in the game.

As long as we're talking about the Student Council, I might say that last Wednesday's meeting turned into a dog-eat-dog affair. In fact, for laughs, it even beat the latest Martin and Lewis escapade. Between a delegation of N-club men flashing neon "N" sweaters and petitioning for a representative on next year's Council and a hold-over member (not to mention any names) trying to get a roll call vote printed in the paper, the major part of the meeting was vaguely reminiscent of a national political convention. In this case, a nodding acquaintance is one with whom they have "nodding" in common.

Then there is the truly modern child who complains because Santa's operations at the chimney top interfere with television reception.

Crawl off the wall paper.

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Plans for the 1952 Farmers Fair will go into effect Monday when Ag students are to sign up for participation in the annual whisker contest. The contest is longer this year than last, and will give students a chance to get a good growth before going home for spring vacation.

The Whisker King will be presented at the Cotton and Denim dance along with the Goddess of Agriculture.

This year a special invitation was given to the faculty to join

Little Man On Campus . . . By Bibler



"Boy, now, they have time getting that ball away from old Frodo, huh?"

Korn Kernels

Living Series Begins Finance Discussions



Dave Reynolds

If any of you Aggies wish to find out about insurance and how it affects students, come on over to the Ag Better Living series this evening at 5 p.m. in the Ag Union lounge.

An insurance counselor in Lincoln is going to tell all about insurance and how students can use it. Also, he said that he would demonstrate how one can make money

Reynolds from savings by using insurance—which should prove interesting to students, if you can find any who have savings.

This is the first Better Living discussion of a series on finance. In the future, there will be discussions on budget and student financing.

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The weekly Ag ping pong tourney is still going strong, and thus far they have had three winners. The tournament will last until April 13, and a winner will be named every week. This isn't quite as tough as it seems, because a player can only win once, so more students are given a chance. At the end of the weekly tournament, all the winners will play a final round.

The games are played on Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. You can sign up in the bracket you choose, so you can play against your friend if you want to.

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The Student's Place in the Student Union is the topic of the talk by Professor T. H. Gooding at the Ag Union chili feed tonight at 6:30 p.m. It seems that some of the students on campus need to find out their place in regard to the Union, and how they can benefit from it.

Chords And Discords

Campus Popular Records Feature

Billy May, Rita Moss, Bell Sisters

Dave Cohen

Billy May's new disc "Charmaine" and "When I Take My Sugar To Tea" is a clean-cut impressive platter with just enough commercial touch to give it a bright side. The second chorus of "Charmaine" features a section with fine group work. Both sides are brilliantly recorded.

Every once in a while an unknown singer will turn out a disc which is not only a top seller but also a superb musical achievement. Rita Moss has accomplished this with "Love Me or Please Let Me Go." Rita has a high, clear, distinctive voice which is pleasing to listen to. She shows great promise.

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One of the top discs on campus is the Bell sisters recording of "Bermuda." The Bell sisters are west coast girls, Cynthia, age 16, and Kay, age 11. This platter marks the Bell sisters' debut. Henri Reni's orchestra does the background in its usual fine style. The Misses Bell have excellent voices and their phrasing and vocal talents are equal to any "name" duet.

Small groups dominate the popular records of the week as the

"Sailors Beware." Martin's relaxed and husky voice carries "Never Before" in fine style but his effort on "The Sailors Polka" would almost be futile if this "movie material" on wax was not backed by a fine vocal group.

Vaughn Monroe's new releases "I Like It, I Like It" and "Tenor Derby" are pleasant surprises. Monroe's singing is relaxed. It is good to hear the "old Monroe" again.

Dean Martin, the crooner of the comedy team of Martin and Lewis, has recorded the two top tunes from his latest show.

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