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Editorial Comment:

Forced ROTC--Costly, **But Benefits Are Few**

Too Much Waste

Ed Cassidy, president of the Student Against Compulsory ROTC (SAC-ROTC) at the University of Arizons, has compiled some interesting figures on the taxpay-ers' cost of the basic military science program.

The figures, he says were obtained from the military science departments at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University.

Reprinted here is a portion of his article.

"The present compulsory program is wasteful and inefficient. . . Approximately 2,000 students are enrolled in the two-year program. The cost to the student is 180 hours. The cost to the taxpayer is \$1,200 to \$1,600 per cadet. This program last year elected only 53 cadets from the Army and 24 from the Air Force to go on to advanced training.

"Simple arithmetic will show that, using the minimal \$1,200 figure as the cost for one cadet for the two-year basic course, the taxpayers' cost for 154 men who were deemed worthy to receive further training at the U. of A. amounts to \$2,400,000. Moreover, the college program does not complete the training for these few. All who receive commissions must go on to other training courses."

Students Snort; Selleck Snow Shoveling Slow

It is encouraging to note that the Student Council parking board is going to look into a situation that has had a number of students scratching their heads lately in wonder and some disgust.

That is the fact that with the many recent snowfalls, faculty lots have been the first to be shoveled clear, with the student lots hardly noticed.

Students may be on the average a little more hardy than their protessor contemporaries, but getting stuck every day in a parking stall quickly winds the best.

Students like to believe that they're just a little bit important, even if it only means scooping a little snow out of the way.

Only incomplete figures could be ob-tained from the University military science department. The annual budget for the Army department was estimated to be \$75,000. Salaries would be about 7,000 additional.

Not included are the University contribution, uniforms, the expense of providing weapons (in many cases used or outdated), and physical plant expenses. The \$75,000 dollar figure does include the monthly payments to advanced cadets and travel expense to summer camp.

No speculation is made on the accuracy or comparibility of the Arizona figures.

The point is evident that the basic ROTC course is costly.

Little Value

Mr. Cassidy says the purpose of the organization he heads is not to eliminate or weaken the ROTC, but to make it more efficient and purposeful.

"We feel it (ROTC) is useless for those who do not become officers," he states.

He continues on this point:

"Those who have been forced to enroll in the basic course and do not go into advanced ROTC receive no benefits from the course. The uselessness of the basic ROTC program is attested by the refusal of the Army itself to give credit upon enlistment for these two years of ROTC.

"If the Armed Forces do not recognize the value of basic ROTC, then why should we?

"Even those who admit the wastefulness of the basic course sometimes attempt to justify it as a course in military history, "citizenship" and "science." Yet the scientific emphasis is so slight as to be unworthy of mention.

"Does citizenship consist of shining one's shoes and paring one's fingernails, or does it consist of learning to analyze objectively current political controversies?

"The first duty of a soldier is to obey. The first duty of a student is to think, to question, to analyze for himself . . ."

The SAC-ROTC is circulating petitions to be presented to the Arizona Board of Regents to place ROTC on a voluntary



By Diana Maxwell Once upon a turn-table there spun a story of Hungry I's or i or something of the like.

On Campuses . . .

... n' Things

are not a fraternity man,

then you do not participate

in any other campus or-

ganization; the Student un-

ion is off-limits to you; you

do not organize parties and

The quad men who are

being called i's have every

right in the world to refuse

to follow what they consider

to be the "Rah, rah" col-

lege line. But what about

It seems to me that they

deserve to be offered some-

thing more than merely a

place to eat and sleep and

which will organize their

plained to the public, would

utilize only two of the

houses within the Quadran-

gle as experimental units

to "unite the 'Independents'

with interest, ambition and

energy and give them a

chance to show what they

This really does not sound

as though it would in any

way encroach upon the pri-

vacy of those who do not

want to be "united" in any

Love Memorial Hall on

Ag campus seems to me

to be an indisputable proof

that this sort of thing can

work. It does not challenge

the sorority system, it simp-

ly gives Ag girls who do

not wish or cannot afford to

be sorority members a

friendly, homelike atmos-

way, shape or manner.

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the others?

can do."

you do not meet girls.

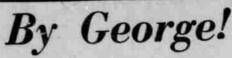
The lead in the trio was a booming voice whose tones offended the ears of the second member of the trio, who was monotoning one refrain, "I won't, I won't, I won't and I won't let you either." The third singer was sort of a chorus of discreet chucklers chuckling at the noise of the other two.

And if I were a Greek I'd probably chuckle, too. What the lead in the trio is trying to do has been termed by some forgotten scribe as attempting to "organize the unorganizable, and manage the unmanageable," i.e., introduce into Selleck some semblance of being more than a nicely furnished barracks.

The monotones have reared back with all the righteous indignation _ of any good representatives of the nothingness cult. Large i's flash from their windows as symbols of their sterling powers of holdout-ishness. Well, yeah group. RAM President Eason's

comments may not rank as the most tactful statement of objectives ever made, but what HELP is shooting for needs to be done!

Perhaps the statement that the"I's" (those nonaffiliated students who nevertheless would like a more active participation in campus affairs) are a "frustrated group of would be fraternity men" should be stricken from the record. What is being lost in all the squabble is a simple idea which many non-affiliated students seem to neglect. That idea is that participating in the life of the campus is not an all oneway sort of thng-like if you are a fraternity man you join at least one organization, have parties, meet girls, etc: and if you



By George Moyer

As the song goes, "This is our once a year day." Today this column will be devoted to various and sundry complaints th



papers Moyer

in the Rag distribution box. Come on Youngdahl, there are only 123 of us as it is.

B. J. Holcomb requests that noisy seniors revert to being quiet sophomores while in the law library.

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Chose letters which are a stacking individual the asther's name. Oth attacks or a pen name. I not exceed 200 word a raceed this limit as reserves the right them existence the

Thought Involved To the Editor:

The editorial comment on Feb. 23 concerning Religious Emphasis Week certainly reflects a justified interest in the traditional programs of the University.

It would have been better, however, had the editor checked with his staff concerning the full context of the interview or consulted the persons directly involved. In the event that such action might not have been possible, the present writer offers the following comments.

The Council on Religion's decision to cancel this year's R. E. Week was not made without considerable thought. The first step, taken early in the fall, was to investigate its raison d'etre, a policy which the present writer would recommend to every organization on cam-

Having unanimously decided that the week did fulfill a purpose, the Council suggested that the program would have a more enduring success if a speaker of national renown was involved. This would entail a year of preparation, and the Council voted that this year be utilized for that purpose. Many other problems were involved, but the preceding illustrates the primary reasons for the Council's actions. Apart from the Council on Religion, the editor might be interested in knowing that approximately 13 religious bodies on the University campus are carrying on a continual program of religious emphasis. Furthermore, m any of these denominations feel that faith, if it has any reality, is not a matter of emphasis but the very center of life

A nice, well-modulated discussion or two is all right, she says, but let's knock off the yelling.

(Note-oh please note upperclassmen-This is a re-quest complaint and does not necessarily reflect the views of the author who is in enough trouble what with refereeing the basketball games.)

From John Heeckt, who got so carried away last week that he didn't have room to put this in his column, comes a plea for cleaner sidewalks east of the Phi Psi house and north of the Theta house.

Sam Grimminger adds that whoever you are, bring those furshlugginer snow shovels back.

From the Kingston Trio we have a complaint directed at Frontier Airlines. The boys like to fly, but spending 5 hours in the air between Kansas City and little ole Lincoln is too much at a dose.

This isn't really a complaint, just a personal observation. Jack Nielsen notes that the first issue to arouse most Selleck residents from their miasma of apathy since he has been in school is a fight to keep that apathy. A point well taken. I wonder if the "i's" ever considered what the natural consequence of apathy is?

And I mean apathy anywhere - government, studies, business, activities, community service, y o u name it.

But never mind, fellows. Just pull the nice warm blanket over your heads and fall asleep. What's the motto on that blanket? Why, it says "I just sleep, eat and study here."

Hope you wake up in the same world you went to sleep in.



From the Editor's Desk:

It Seems to Me

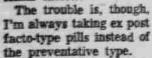
basis.

Sniff, honk, cough; sniff, honk, cough. Oh, excuse me, but I have quite a cold and can't quite-sniff-get rid of it.

My nose-honk-is red as an alcoholic's and my handkerchief supply has dwindled

down to the blue and white monogrammed type.

But Student Health has been very kind to me and I now am the proud possessor of two small botties of multi-colored medicinal tablets.



It makes me feel like a 180-pound weakling. . . .

Kraus

The Kingston Trio was even more par excellence Wednesday night in their concert at Pershing than they were a year ago,

They've revised a lot of their material, and of necessity the song concerned with the riots in Africa.

Probably 95 per cent of the audience was sorry to see them leave and so on, it seemed.

It was interesting to note at the beginning of the show when Corn Cobs made an apology for Johnay Mathis' not appearing, there was nothing but applause for the substitute performers.

Perhaps Mathis' cancellation was a blesssing in disguise for the Cobs. I, for one. would like to give them credit for weathering the storm and coming through with a group whose performance won't be forgotten for quite a while.

Pet peeve (one of many): The Union record rorms on the west end of first floor are chock full of listening goodies.

However, it seems like about a half dozen students have cornered the market on the rooms and are seen in there for

By Carroll Kraus

hours every day. Not that they bar the doors to keep you out or anything. But merely enter and you're stared at; make some song selections and you're glared at.

Not too conducive to widespread use of the record facilities. . .

Another attraction tonight in Pershing in the form of the Coed Follies.

Having missed last year's performance due to illness (I am chronically sick) I am looking forward to see if the quality of the production has improved since two years

I don't like to say this, but the Follies generally are better than the Kosmet Klub Fall Revue. Maybe girls are just a little more talented in this area or something. Eligible Bachelors will be presented to-

night, too. This title I have always thought was one of the most dangerous on campus. It opens up males to the subtlest forms of attacks on their dating status. I predict half of this year's finalists will

be pinned, engaged or married by the time their successors are presented next year.

There won't be a Religious Emphasis Week on campus this year and despite protests from the University Religious Council that the week has been cut out to make next year's that much better (i.e., using the time for planning, etc.) I still feel that the Council is missing a chance to do some good.

Another contention is that religion is emphasized continually, anyway. But then it's pointed out that intensive programs are going to be held during Lent.

That certainly seems to be emphasizing things, even if it's emphasizing emphasis. Seems like I learned in ROTC once that you usually don't win wars by retreating.

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sphere in which to attend college. It does not force independents to live therethey apply for the privilege.

It also gives them an opportunity to develop some leadership, something which certainly is not overly apparent in the activities of most Quad residents.

The tiny handful within RAM each year which attempts to do something with the Quad surely cannot have tapped all the leadership potential which must be lurking behind some of those picture windows.

Conservative Estimate By John Hoerner

A group of what apcurricular activities which peared to be highly intellioccupy the spare time of the American College student.

It is entirely possible that through neglect, false pride, or just plain ignorance that we are denying to the foreign students at this university a phase of education which we ourselves seem to value so highly.

Cosmopolitan Club was organized to combat this situation but it is now not in what you would call a position to carry out its. position to carry out its The answer, I think, lies not in a club only but in the attitudes of each student toward our foreign guests.

The United States spends millions each year for foreign aid. The good we could do right here at Nebraska with little effort and at no expense to ourselves would be immeasurable in terms of dollars.

As somebody must have said, "One unselfish act is worth a thousand bushels of wheat!"

That darn question bothered me. Can you answer it?

without hearing someone repeat the old statement Webster's New World There are more important Dictionary defines foreign first as "situated outside than just getting grades and studying." This person as one's own country, prov-ince, locality, etc." A little we all know is referring to later on in the definition however one notices a difvelopment in getting along ferent meaning, "not beuable benefits derived from longing."

Could it be that some students have their definitions and all the other extraa little mixed up?

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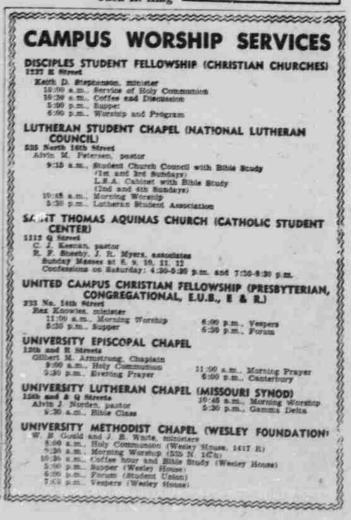
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itself. Many of the Christian groups next week will be beginning intensive programs for the Lenten season, and the Nebraskan's support in giving attention to such programs in its news columns would undoubtedly be appreciated by the religious organizations. Jack K. King

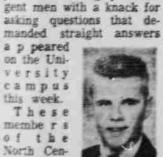




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sec. Hoerner and ondary schools, here on a routine check, chose to spend Tuesday noon having lunch with the Student Council in an effort to get student opinion on the University.

There is nothing quite as

stimulating to self-analysis

as to have an outsider ask

direct questions on differ-

ent facets of the University.

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fortable, I've just started to

nch, look at our table was,

"How are foreign students

Hardly a day passes

things you learn at college

the exchange of ideas, de-

with others, and other val-

activities, organizations,

projects, parties, dating

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treated here?"

One question which