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Editorial Remarks

For the individual departments of the University, and the University as a whole, to do most effective work cooperation is necessary. It is natural that instructors in the various departments should think their own special phase of University work the most important, and that they should take the keenest interest in their own line of work. But this interest should not be so great as to exclude a moderate interest in other branches of University activity. Everyone must give a little, and take a little. Each must cater to the other, and in turn be catered to. Ever since the present commandant assumed command of the University corps of cadets there has been friction between that department and other departments, especially the athletic department. The military drill is an excellent thing, and it is not the intention to detract from its merit of this department. But no department is pre-eminent. No department is so neces-

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sary to the University that the others must always be subordinated to it. Yet this idea of absolute pre-eminence has permeated the whole military department for the past year. When any concession has been obtained from the commandant it has only been after bringing to bear every argument, and then the concession has always been begrudged. There are times when, in the best interest of athletics, men ought to be excused for a time from their military duties. To attain championship form in any branch of athletics takes a great deal of time and labor and recognizing this all the departments, with the single exception of the military are and have been willing to make reasonable arrangements for the convenience of the athletes. When the captain of the basketball team applied to the head of the military department for a two days' leave of absence from drill for two basketball men, he was peremptorily refused, and no pressure that could be brought to bear altered the commandant's decision. Wishing to publish both sides of the question, if there were two sides to it, two of the Daily reporters called upon the commandant yesterday morning for the purpose of ascertaining his views. The views were conspicuous by their absence. The commandant's reticence either means that he has no reasons to adduce for his actions, or that in his military position his actions as a "superior officer" are not to be questioned. But they are being questioned, every day, by the students not only among the cadets, but among the others. By this time Capt. Chase certainly should have learned that his position is an unpopular one. By doing favors that he is in a position to do the efficiency of his corps of cadets would be increased many fold, and interest in the military department raised to what it formerly was. Now, however, instead of the cadet corps of which we were once so proud and took a general interest, the mention of the military department calls only to mind its unpopular head.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The room committee will meet on Friday, Jan. 13, from 5 to 6 p. m.

Miss Howell leads the noon meeting today, Friday. You are invited.

The Temple Fund committee will meet in the Y. W. C. A. room on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Members of Bible study classes remember the party to be held at Mrs. Hodgman's, 1426 L street, on Saturday evening.

In addressing the girls at the noon meeting on Wednesday, Miss Bouton spoke of the necessity for a Christian to feed on the word of God. She suggested committing to memory special verses, or passages at definite times, that one might have them in their lives and ready to use as well.

Dr. Swearinger, of the First Presbyterian church, will speak to University girls on Sunday at 3 p. m., U 106. Those who have heard Dr. Swearinger need no special invitation. Be sure to hear him. Mr. Hugh Wallace of Omaha, will sing. Come, and bring a friend with you.

On Thursday Mrs. Raymond urged the girls to cultivate a joyful spirit. A healthy life is a joyful one. Keep your Christian life healthy. The little troubles of our lives are not worth the unhappy time we give to them. Be cheerful. These were some of the thoughts she gave.

Roller skating at the Auditorium still continues to interest University people. The management is always ready to accommodate special parties on its floors and if you care to have a fine method of entertaining a crowd see him.



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