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Nebraska has needed, for a long time, some institution by which the student body could express itself, as a whole. There have been organizations that have had executive powers, and that have performed their duties with thoroughness and capability. But they have failed to get any response from the general student body.

This fall, there was much agitation as to the lack of student spirit at Nebraska. Some of it was exaggerated, but on a whole, the statements that there was no Nebraska spirit, were justified.

Because there has been no opportunity for student self-expression here, Nebraska spirit has taken a slump.

The present system of self-government has been in force where the slump has been going on. It has not improved matters of "spirit." Why not try another form of student government that would be representative of the whole student body, and that would be an attempt to change matters and get Nebraska out of the rut of "enthusiasm-indolence" that it has gotten into.

There is an article in today's Forum protesting against compulsory military drill. It says that "in order to graduate from the University of Nebraska, a student is compelled to take military drill." It says that "military drill is army conscription of the small fraction of young men trying to obtain an education."

Now, according to the forty-sixth annual catalog of the University of Nebraska with a complete record for 1915-1916, and announcements for 1916-1917, on page 66, there is this information: "each undergraduate man in the University proper is required to receive military instruction during four semesters. Excuses from this requirement are granted to either class of students only on the grounds of conscientious scruples, physical disability or other reasons equally valid."

In reference to the statement in the Forum article that "we believe that the supposed benefits of military drill can be more effectively secured through gymnastic training and athletic sports." On page 66 of the catalogue there is the information that those excused for religious scruples are required to do work in physical education, equivalent in amount.

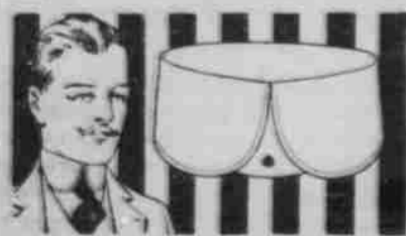
From all this it would seem that the Forum article is certainly uncalled for and based on a false supposition. Gymnastic training can be substituted for drill under the above mentioned conditions.

The letter came into the office yesterday afternoon, with the information that "dire threats had been made against The Daily Nebraskan if the article did not appear." This of course is ridiculous, and only the fact that the student body should be informed of the laughable fallacy of the letter caused its appearance at all. It would have been a kindness to the signers if it had not appeared. There is enough disturbance and dissatisfaction in the world without twenty or so University men attempting an agitation for a thing which already exists, and could only result in harm for everyone's peace of mind.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the world's greatest living poet and philosopher, spoke on the "Cult of Nationalism," at the Oliver theatre last evening. His message to America, to do away with its increasing tendency toward nationalism, made a profound impression on all of his audience. And after he had finished his lecture that was rich with the deepest of thoughts and philosophy, Sir Rabindranath read some of his child-poems as only a great man could. It was a rare treat for the people of Lincoln, and his audience left the theatre refreshed and uplifted by the noble thoughts of the great Indian, Tagore.

FORUM

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versity of Nebraska a student is compelled to take military drill.

We believe that the supposed benefits of military drill can be more effectively secured through gymnastic training and athletic sports; that military drill is army conscription of the small fraction of young men trying to obtain an education; and that teaching the need of preparedness for war and how to use a gun has no place in the curricula of a state university.

There is much less objection to a voluntary system but we would like an organized protest against compulsory military drill.

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UNIVERSITY NOTICES

CANDIDATES FOR PLACES ON THE DAILY NEBRASKAN STAFF

Applications for the various positions on the Daily Nebraskan editorial and business staff will be received at the office of student activities until 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 19, 1917. Blanks on which to fill out your application can be secured at the student activities office. T. A. Williams, Secretary.

World Polity Club

The World Polity club will meet Thursday evening in Law 202, at 7:15 o'clock.

Phi Alpha Tau

Phi Alpha Tau will meet at the Windsor hotel Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. Dinner, followed by initiation. Plates will be 50 cents.

Sophomore Debate

Sophomores be at the sophomore debates meeting today at 11:30 in U. 212. Chairman.

Junior Hop

One hundred tickets, inclusive of all complimentarys, have been validated for the Junior hop, which is to be held at the Roseville party house, January 26, 1917. No more tickets will be validated for this dance. The complimentary list will be published with the financial statement. Chairman, S. H. Brown.

Senior Class Meeting

Senior class meeting, Law 101, Tuesday at 11. This meeting is for the purpose of voting on sweaters for the senior football team. All seniors out.

Freshman Hygiene Lectures

Sections 2, 4, 8, and 10, freshmen, will not attend lecture in hygiene on January 9 and 11, as posted on the bulletin, but will instead recite in Infantry Drill Regulations on those two days.

Lesson for Tuesday will be on Definitions, to paragraph 41.

Lesson for Thursday will be a continuation to paragraph 76.

Sections 2 and 4 are from 4 to 5 p. m., and sections 8 and 10 are from 5 to 6 p. m.

The manuals of drill regulations, from which these lessons are to be studied are on sale at the regents' book store.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Wilma Wood will return next semester to take her master's degree in German. Miss Wood has spent the past few months in Los Angeles, Cal., where she is a member of the Sierra Mountains club.

Frank Buck, ex-'18, who has been spending the winter inregon, will return to college next semester.

Fidel Kittenger, February '17, has been elected to teach German and English in the Arapahoe high school.

Helen Schwab, who will graduate this February, has accepted a position in the Beatrice high school. She will teach English and normal training.

C. L. REIN, LAW '15, DRAFTING BILLS FOR STATE LEGISLATURE

C. L. Rein, law '15, is one of the expert bill drafters in the legislative reference bureau. He is a practicing attorney of Lincoln but is devoting his time to drafting bills for the legislators during the present session. Mr. Rein was assistant to the chancellor 1913-15.

UNI. CALENDAR

January 15
 Organized Agriculture week begins.

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ALUMNI NEWS

The January number of the Alumni Journal will be published about January 15.

Gladys Wild, '16, and Ruth Sanford, '16, visited last week at the Alpha Delta Pi house.

Chandler Trimble, '15, who is practicing law in Omaha, was visiting friends in Lincoln last week.

Ida Wilson, '16, of Lincoln, has returned to Bloomfield, where she is instructor of German in the high school.

Theodore Frank, '15, of Des Moines, Ia., who is connected with the engineering department of a telephone company there, visited friends in Lincoln the latter part of last week.

A University of Nebraska club was organized at Blair at a Christmas meeting held during the holidays. Members of the club who are now attending the University presented a farce.

Ethel Kittenger, who graduates this semester, has accepted a position as teacher of English, German and history, in the high school at Arapahoe. Miss Kittenger left Sunday evening to begin her work.

Constance Syford, '09, A. M. '11, who is teaching English in the state agricultural school at Manhattan, Kas., spent the Christmas vacation with her parents in Lincoln. She visited the campus during her visit.

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case university and the art academy of Cincinnati, has been placed on exhibition at the University art gallery. The whole field of art is included in the exhibition. It was opened to the public Sunday afternoon.

Night classes in art will commence at the University next Monday. The class will continue for ten weeks, being held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Prof. Blanch Grant, head of the art department, will give one criticism a week. Dwight Kirsch will be in charge of the class.

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