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MILITARISM AND COLLEGE MEN  
By Paul Douglas,  
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The flag has often been used as an excuse for chauvinism. It should stand for national dignity and self-control. Patriotism has been made the excuse for foolish aggression and senseless fears. It should be the highest representation of a nation's ideal of social betterment. The hero to our minds has been the officer in uniform waving a crimson sword. He is rather the man in overalls.

We have seen a system of international relationship founded on fear—and we have prided ourselves upon the fact that we were guided by reason. We have witnessed year by year the ever-mounting crop of dreadnoughts and of cannon—and we have plumed ourselves upon the fact that we were rather producing harvesters and rails. We have seen the youth of every country locked up in barracks and drilling on parade grounds, while the young men of America have been battling with the forces of nature—and finally, as the culmination of all this senseless system, we have seen the hand of every nation, like a cinematograph desperado or a bowery gangster, go to its hip, and recklessly, without rhyme and reason, start the slaughter which is but murder, and which has transformed most of the civilized world into a human shambles. And we have prided ourselves upon the fact that we could never fall into a system of such egregious folly.

And now when no danger threatens our coast, when all nations are looking to us as a friend—not as a foe—when the great possibility of bringing about the world's peace seems to be only a question of almost a few short months, when all eyes are turned towards us and all nations are half-ready to have us show that international relations can be based on mutual understanding and mutual respect rather than upon fear and upon aggression, at this time when never in the history of the world was there such a call for patience and for prudence, there are some who would have us assume an attitude of mingled suspicion and fear!

The hideous fallacy of military force preventing a war should, by the events of the last five months, be forever driven from the human mind. Peace does not come from bayonets or from bullets. Their children are rapine and murder. Bankruptcy and explosion can only follow.

At crucial times in our country's history, hundreds of thousands of young men have been willing to lay down their lives in war. Now at this crucial time in the world's history there is as great a need to resist armament caused by the fear of war. It is not a time for party, for business or for religious differences to come to

the fore. It is a time for united action.

Last spring the country was a powder magazine and the college men were trying to touch the match. The intervening months should have taught us wisdom. Last summer college men were drilled in military camps for war. This winter, conscription of college men has been proposed—seriously proposed by military authorities.

College men are not mere bystanders; they are vitally concerned. They comprise a large part of the pawns that the militarists would sacrifice. We are as patriotic as our grandfathers of '61, we love our flag and our country as dearly as those men did, but we are beginning to realize the true purpose of our country and the real significance of our flag.

Columbia has shown her appreciation of these matters, yet other colleges are concerned as much as she. Organization, protest and propaganda must be the chief weapons. They can do much. Will they be used? It is up to you.

No bluffing! Cornhusker pictures Monday, January 18.

PROFESSOR BUCK  
MAKES STATEMENT

Upholds Editorial in "Nebraskan" Condemning Horse-Play in Fraternity Initiations

Prof. Philo M. Buck, chairman of the Interfraternity Council, made a statement yesterday afternoon in which he condemned horse-play tactics in fraternity initiation.

"Such tactics cheapen the ritual and detract from the solemnity and beauty of the initiation, and are to be condemned. When the men live together in one house as is the custom here, there are plenty of opportunities for having a good time without cheapening a ritual which is fundamentally a serious one."

Professor Buck made this statement to approve of an editorial in yesterday's Nebraskan, which condemned "physical abuse and mental torture" in initiations, declaring that such things had no place in such a complete and dignified ceremony. The editorial has aroused considerable comment among fraternity men, some condemning the practice and others upholding it as a necessary evil. From what can be gathered, however, it seems that the majority condemn the practice.

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Cornhusker Pictures

No individual pictures for the Cornhusker will be accepted after January 18. This is final. The book must come out on time. Do your part. M. L. POTEET.

Silver Serpents

The meeting of the Silver Serpents, which was to have been held last evening at 7:15, was postponed til next Wednesday at the same

Wrestling Class

The wrestling class meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 o'clock in Soldiers Memorial Hall. All men are invited to join this class. University credit is given on the same basis as in the regular gymnastic classes.

ENGLISH AND LATIN

The English Club will meet next Saturday night at the home of Miss Helene Mitchell.

The Latin Club will meet Tuesday night, January 12, at the Chi Omega house, 1426 E street. Miss Liberman and Miss Stuby will be the hostesses.

German Dramatic Club

The German Dramatic Club will meet Wednesday night, aJanuary 13, at 7:30 o'clock, in Faculty Hall, Temple. A program as well as business awaits the members.

D. G. V.

Members of Deutsche Gesellige Verein who wish to attend the German play in a body can procure special reservations at the Temple.

The Scandinavian Club

The Scandinavian Club meets next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in 192 U. Hall. Election of officers for the coming semester. Professor Alexis will give a stereopticon lecture on Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. A large number of new and colored slides will be shown. Every student in the University is cordially invited.

Silver Serpent

Silver Serpent meeting in the Armory, S. 102, at 5:00 o'clock today.

Ag Club

The Ag Club will meet in the Temple, Thursday evening at 7:30 sharp. Music, election of officers and big feed. All Ags out.

Civil Engineers

Civil Engineers meet in room 206, M. A., Wednesday, January 13, at 7:30 o'clock. Open business meeting.

Hey, You! Got those Cornhusker pictures taken yet?

CLAAR FOR JUNIOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

Announces Candidacy for Cornhusker Honor—Election Takes Place on February 16

Stewart A. Claar has announced himself as a candidate for the office of Junior managing editor of the Cornhusker for next year. The Cornhusker staff for 1915-1916 will be selected at the general election to be held February 16. The Junior managing editor is chosen by the Sophomore class. So far, Claar is the only candidate in the field for this office. The friends who induced him to run believe that he is well qualified to perform the duties of this office because he has already had two years' experience on the Cornhusker, besides having done other work of a similar nature. Claar was on the varsity football squad this year, and was also captain of the Sophomore team.

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