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A mass meeting to protest against alleged compulsory drill has been scheduled for this evening at 8 o'clock in the Lindell hotel. Attendance of this meeting and the participation in any protest is the plain acknowledgment of ignorance of the rules of the University of Nebraska, as they are printed in the annual catalog.

There are plenty of men who have graduated from the University who have never had a day of drill work in their lives. Reprieves are given to anyone for physical disability, religious scruples and other plausible excuses. Gymnastic training can be substituted for the excused military drill.

The so-called "protest" is ridiculous, and an uncalled-for demonstration of would-be alarmists.

There are many men who would prefer not to take military drill, but inasmuch as it is a requirement, it would seem to be the sensible thing to accept it as it stands. Moreover it is approved by the United States government and encouraged by men who are broad-minded, fair and interested in the best outcome of any enterprise that influences the lives of citizens of this country. There are a great many things in this world that we have thrust upon us against our especial will, but the best thing to do is to take them as they come, and to look a little farther than our own personal whims.

IT ISN'T YOUR SCHOOL—IT'S YOU

If you want to live in the kind of a school
That's the kind of a school you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll find elsewhere what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock the school;
It isn't your school—it's you.

Real schools are not made by men afraid,
Lest somebody else gets ahead;
When everyone works and no one shirks,
You can raise a school from the dead.

And if you make your personal stake
Your neighbor can make one, too;
Your school will be what you want to see—
It isn't your school—it's you.

Arizona Wildcat.

"It isn't your school—it's you." How well the sentiment in the poem above fits the shoe at Nebraska! "There's nothing that's really new, you'll find elsewhere what you left behind." So develop a content within yourself, an appreciation of your advantages.

"It's a knock at yourself when you knock the school," for you can always hear the noise of a knock, and it always hurts.

"Real schools are not made by men afraid lest somebody else gets ahead," so forget your petty jealousies and fears and come out like men and women and do just a little more than your share of the work, and forget a little more than your share of the reward.

"And if you make your personal stake, your neighbor can make one, too." Help your neighbor to make his stake. Don't stand in his way, but work for him and be glad with him whether he wins or loses.

"Your schools will be what you want to see,—it isn't your school—it's you."

The man who wrote the poem had the right idea. Think it over.

FORUM

To the Editor:

It would be manifestly unfair to the opinions held by those in favor of the present system of military training in the University to let the preceding article remain unanswered.

The signers to the article suggest gymnastic training as a substitute for military drill. Since this is already provided in the University, it is to be inferred that they want compulsory gymnastic work in place of compulsory military work. Now don't allow yourself to believe that these parties have any more respect for compulsory gymnastics than compulsory drill. Not one of the signers ever made an athletic team in the University and only a few of them ever donned a "gym" suit. Their situation is much similar to the high school lad who has never had a language, but can tell you all the reasons in the world why he should not take Latin.

The military department has never

interfered with these men, and their pursuit of studies without "gym" work military drill or the like is strictly their privilege. But before they condemn the military department simply because of the alleged compulsion they should provide a substitute for the \$100,000 revenue from the federal government. Their court of complaint is the United States congress and not local antagonism to a good cause.

A. J. COVERT,

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CANDIDATES FOR PLACES ON THE DAILY NEBRASKAN STAFF

Applications for the various positions on the Daily Nebraskan editorial and business staffs 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.

Junior Play Committee

There will be a meeting of the Junior play committee, Thursday, January 11, at 11 o'clock in Miss Howell's office. It is necessary for each member to read the following plays, as they will be discussed at the meeting: "The Fourth Estate," "The Truth in That" and "Green Stockings." Copies of the last two plays may be secured at the Regent's book store or the library. F. T. Cotter, chairman.

Comus Club

The Comus club will meet at the Farm House this evening at 7:30. President.

Extra Drill

Extra drill will be held at 5 o'clock each evening including Friday, for cadets who have delinquencies charged against them. I. D. Beynon, major and delinquency officer.

Sigma Delta Chi

Members of Sigma Delta Chi will take dinner at the Acacia house tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. Important meeting will follow.

THE DAYS GONE BY

Five Years Ago Today

Wisconsin and Texas athletic officials endeavoring to contract football games with Nebraska for the following year.

The auditing committee of the University woke up after two years of slumber and prepared to audit the accounts of every dance chairman.

Two Years Ago Today

The Lincoln Commercial club announced its intention of giving two dances during the semester to which all University students were invited.

Dr. Clapp was trying hard to create an interest in handball.

Prof. H. W. Caldwell gave an address before the Omaha teachers on the subject, "The Problem of World Peace."

Freshman laws were planning a masquerade dance.

Dean Milo Smith Ketchum, dean of the engineering college of the University of Colorado, accepted the invitation of Sigma Xi to deliver an address in connection with the Charter Day celebration.

One Year Ago Today

An article by Dr. Edwin Maxey on "Immunities of Diplomatic Agents" appeared in the January number of "Case and Comment," and was attracting considerable attention.

Wesleyan defeated the Cornhusker basketball team by a score of 24 to 23.

Dr. Louise Pound went to Fairbury to speak on "Colonial Literature" before the Quivira chapter of D. A. R.

Margueretta Burke of Omaha, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was married to Walter Charles Klopp, Beta Theta Pi, of Mule Shoe, Texas.

Captain Rutherford and Guy Chamberlain were picked for the All-American team by "U-No-Me," in the Portland Oregonian.

UNI. CALENDAR

January 15

Organized Agriculture week begins.

Howard Drew, the world's fastest sprinter, is enrolled in the college of law at Drake.—Ex.

ALUMNI NEWS

Nellie B. Drake, '11, A. M., '14, instructor in the Teachers' college at Storm Lake, Ia., has been the guest of her sister, Fannie Drake, '06, Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Mattie Allen, '00, of Lincoln, was a campus visitor Saturday.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Dr. Patrick J. O'Gara, ranked as one of the world's greatest botanists, an alumnus of Nebraska, spoke at the annual Sigma Xi lecture Monday night. He gave the results of his investigations of the effects of mineral gases on vegetation and live stock. He conducted extensive experiments on this subject for the American Smelting & Refining company of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Rodney Bliss of the college of medicine, Omaha, lectured yesterday to the first year medical students on "The Importance of Public Health Problems."

The medical department will have a number of the Omaha men to address the students on the big general problems.

MATH CLUB MONTHLY MEETING TOMORROW IN FACULTY HALL

The monthly meeting of the Mathematical club will be held on Thursday evening, January 11, in Faculty hall. It is requested that everyone be there promptly at 7:30.

The early part of the evening will be devoted to the presentation of anecdotes and mathematical paradoxes by those present, each person being urged to have one or more on hand when his turn comes. With a little effort



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on their part, no one should fail to find some anecdote with a mathematical interest, something that would be suitable for the occasion.

The remainder of the evening will be taken up by a little social entertainment.

Indiana—Even the beasts and birds of the air seem to attend the banquets at Indiana. At a recent meeting of the Journalistic Fraternity there was a bat who insisted on attending. He almost broke up the eat-fest, but was finally slain by a news-

paper (showing the power of the press), and the feed went merrily on.—Ex.

Iowa—According to the Daily Iowan, the Freshmen at Iowa University are very economical. Hair cuts recently went up to thirty-five cents in Iowa City. A certain Freshman decided that this was too much to pay. Therefore, he leaned over a lamp in a laboratory to remove his surplus locks. After the excitement was over, it was found that he will not need a hair cut for some time to come.—Ex.

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