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## A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

The patriotic celebration that is planned for the University next Tuesday will be a test of the real patriotism that does exist here—and it will be a test that the University welcomes. The Nebraskan believes that every man and woman student and every faculty member who can walk next Tuesday will march from the campus to the auditorium, and take part in that celebration.

The University is recognized as the leader in the best thought of the state. It stands for the best citizenship, the highest ideals, the worthiest emotions. Because of these things the eyes of the rest of the state are continually turned toward the University, to see what stand it is taking on the issues of the day. The University can perform an immense service for the state, and a greater one for the nation, by making the coming patriotic meeting a demonstration of sincere and earnest Americanism. The University can do this and it will.

## OMAHA DAY

The comparatively small number of University students who accepted the hospitality of the city of Omaha last year on the first "Omaha Day" was disappointing—especially to those unprogressive souls who stayed at home. For they missed a day that was full of fun, excitement and interest. Omaha succeeded as a host, the University failed as a guest.

But Omaha came back—strong. The same proffer of hospitality has been made for this year, and May 4 has been set for the date that the students will visit Omaha and be entertained by the citizens there. Mr. E. V. Parrish of the Omaha Commercial club, on the campus arranging details of the trip, yesterday said that he was confident more students would come, and he guaranteed that Omaha's end of the day would be more interesting than ever.

The metropolis of the state has won a name throughout the country for its hospitality. The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, the Commercial club, the University club and the other community organizations of Omaha know how to entertain royally. Any student whose ennui is so ingrown that he decides the trip isn't worth the effort, is going to regret staying in Lincoln when the "live" ones all journey to the Big Muddy.

and begin again to proselyte for a sphere of intellectual anarchy.

In the meantime, it seems that it might not be a bad idea to proceed for a while along the line of the kaiser's poor, oppressed subjects—"Keep our mouths closed on two-edged issues and do almost as we are told." C. L. REIN.

Lincoln, Neb., April 16, 1917—To the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan: Suppose a man saved your life at the risk of his own and at the expense of a mangled arm; suppose you helped him to a chair and bound up his wounds; suppose you loaned him an old coat to shelter him from the weather while he was being taken home would you call your action "charity?" Would you consider that you had been stirred by feelings of compassion?

Suppose a sailor on a torpedo boat, drenched by freezing spray, was made comfortable by a blue muffler, knit by a member of the College Women's Naval Reserve league, would you call it "charity?" Would you consider it compassion or pity that furnished the yarn and the knitting?

American seamen need no charity. If your zeal to be a worker for the College Women's Naval Reserve league is prompted or stirred by feelings of charity do not take up the work. Do you buy the yarn. Do not knit. Keep away from the meetings of the league. You are not wanted.

Do you realize that every time a bluejacket stands a watch at sea he is doing it for you; do you realize that the lives of the entire ship's company may depend upon the comfort of the men on watch, and do you realize that if that ship's company happens to be lost their lives are lost for you?

The United States navy is the best fed and best clothed navy in the world. Everything that is necessary for the health and efficiency of the individual is supplied by the government so far as possible. There are many good reasons why such things as mufflers and wristlets are not supplied to the men in our navy or in any other navy. There must be a limit to the articles of clothing given the men. Our government cannot give every bluejacket a Saratoga trunk, a few hat boxes and some umbrellas. There are certain intimate things which every individual feels are entirely personal to himself and add to his own comfort; in this case comfort is efficiency plus.

It is a small thing, after all, that you are asked to do, but let it first of all be considered that the noble women who are members of the College Women's Naval Reserve league are patriots. They think patriotism and, what is more to the point they act patriotism. No thought of charity enters their minds. If they were not women, they are of the kind who would be on the ships doing their part, or in the trenches ready to "go over the top." That is the kind of humanity that animates the workers of the College Women's Naval Reserve league. If they were fighters they would fight as hard as they work. If they were shirkers they would not be working at all for this cause, but they might be making beaded pincushions for some benighted heathen who never saw a pin in his life, or embroidering slippers for some unmarried curate who already has a closet full of slippers.

It is true that "charity suffereth long and is kind;" also that "charity begins at home," but patriotism begins at home, too, and the home of patriotism follows the flag. "No charity is asked of the people of the United States at this juncture, but a visible material patriotism is demanded."

LEONARD W. TRESTER.

## FUCHS IS CAPTAIN

## OF WRESTLERS

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taken to put in more tennis courts in the near future. The secretary was instructed to issue a statement to the effect that the board will not be responsible for medical bills that have not been previously authorized in writing by the board. No action was taken on the matter of sending Hugo Otoupalik to the national amateur wrestling championship contests at San Francisco. The subject was referred to a committee of three for investigation.

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## UNIVERSITY NOTICES

### World Polity Club

"Will the War Advance a World Organization for Peace?" is the subject to be discussed at the meeting of the World Polity club in the political science seminar room, law building, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

### Phi Alpha Tau

Phi Alpha Tau will meet this evening at the Delta Chi house at 6 o'clock.

### Uni Week Appointments

Applications for senior business manager of University week, 1917-18, and two junior assistant managers are now in order. All applications must be turned in to T. A. Williams at the student activities office before 11 o'clock Thursday, April 26. Those wishing a copy of the 1916 University week prospectus may obtain same by calling at the student activities office.

### Summer Employment

The University employment bureau can give five men steady employment during the summer. Ask at the Temple desk.

### Komensky Club

The Komensky club will meet in Union hall, Temple, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Freshmen members have charge of the program.

### Alpha Kappa Psi

Alpha Kappa Psi will meet Wednesday evening, April 18, at the Bushnell Guild house, 330 North Thirtieth street, at 7:15. Important.

## Classified Advertising

Lost—Bunch of keys on athletic field. Return student activities office. Reward. 136-1-2

## FORUM

### An Alumnus Heard From

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan: Since the American declaration of war against Germany, the people of Lincoln, and particularly the students and faculty of the state University, have been variously advised, by different intellectual leaders of divers shades of opinion, on how the patriotic citizen ought to feel toward his country in the present crisis, and how he ought to act when his country may require his services.

After talking the matter over privately with about twenty-five members of the listening element of the local population, I desire to submit, for the consideration of the experts in the definition of patriotism, the following courses of conduct, which the twenty-five quiet folks believe are the safest, soundest and most serviceable courses of conduct for the citizen to pursue at this time:

First. The citizen should temporarily hold in voluntary restraint his liberty of speech so far as the issues raised by the declaration of war are concerned.

Second. When the citizen is properly approached by a person or persons apparently clothed with the proper governmental authority, and is requested by such properly authorized person or persons to perform a certain act for the benefit of his country, such for example as paying a war tax or enlisting in the army, then the citizen should promptly and efficiently and without complaint or discussion perform the requested service.

It is not believed that America will be long involved in war, and it probably won't be long until these of us who feel so inclined can throw off their momentary restraint