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### NO SLACKERS WANTED

No slackers should be found among the University men and women tomorrow. Let it be hoped that there is no one who is ashamed to give open expression to the love he bears his country. Failure to get into line will mean that the feeling is a weak one, or that the student fails to grasp the true significance of the parade.

The reason for the patriotic meeting is a simple one. Our nation is at a crisis in her history. The people, speaking through their representatives, have declared that the things that the United States holds most holy are threatened with destruction. So that they may not be destroyed, so that the battles for which Americans fought in 1776, in 1861 and in 1898 may not have been fought in vain, the sons and grandsons of those former fighters are to battle now. The president, the leaders of the nation, are asking for the support of the people at this time. The University can demonstrate that it will give its support, wholeheartedly and without reserve of any kind, by this meeting tomorrow.

The parade and mass meeting are for the purpose of letting the indifferent ones, the halting ones, the timid ones, know that the best young manhood and young womanhood of the state is united behind the causes that have led this nation into war.

It is to make scoffers, the ones who are still raising their voices against a just war, realize that the University does not stand for hesitation or equivocation.

The man or woman who is in anyway connected with the University, who does not march tomorrow to the auditorium, will be lining up with the two-bit slackers whose patriotism is of a yellow tinge, and whose blood runs as dishwater.

There must be none of them in the University.

### "NON COMPOS MENTIS"

The thing we enjoy reading most in The Daily Nebraskan is "Non Compos Mentis." We don't know how all the readers feel about it, but we have the idea that none of them misses the intermittent fun column of "The Rag."

Life has been called various things, from a vale of tears to one eternally condemned thing after another. The world is spoken of as a cold one; death is said to be marked by an absence of any sting.

And yet we are all glad we are here.

Things like "Non Compos Mentis," by poking gently at campus foibles, by getting off a bit of philosophical fun now and then, are worth much in giving people the irresponsible, but joyous feeling that one associates with the fat man with the well rounded middle, the hearty laugh and the sense of humor. And "Non Compos" has the additional value of containing wisdom in not a few of its lines.

It gives one a good insight into human nature. The series of essays on the mystic brotherhoods of the campus has revealed some sportsmen and some who were decidedly not of that classification. The shoe has pinched once or twice, and instead of trying to qualify for a better and more comfortable shoe, some of The Nebraskan's friends have emitted wails.

One interesting thing about the column is the guesswork about who writes it. To tell would be to reveal one of the secrets of the sanctum sanctorum. Yet subscribers and those who borrow have made their guesses, and missed it a mile. We mustn't tell, but it isn't who you think it is.

The writer is one of the most enthusiastic readers of "The Daily Nebraskan." We believe firmly, not only that it is fully worthy of its title of "greatest university newspaper in the world," but that most student activities and most students on the campus, forced to do without it, would be as lost as Peter was when he attempted to walk the waters.

Surely then, it is not a violation of the ethics of the office, for this one of the staff, at least, to express an appreciation of the fun that holds forth next to the weight of lead in the editorial column!

### THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The scholarship report of the fraternities and sororities for the first semester, is most encouraging because it shows a steady upward trend in scholarship by both the men's and the women's secret societies. Their trend is right, and is accomplishing results that count.

The time has passed when the fraternity ideal was for a social organization and nothing more. Each year the fraternities are attempting more sincerely to live up to the ideals of their founders and the spirit of their rituals. Almost unanimously the fraternities realize that excellence in scholarship is the first duty of the student.

Incidentally, the much higher grades of the women than the men show that the latter still have heights that must be scaled.

### UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Deutscher Geselliger Verein  
 The Deutscher Geselliger Verein meets Thursday evening in the home of G. O. Cast, 660 South Twenty-eighth street. Take Randolph car. Prof. F. D. Schrag is the speaker of the evening. His subject is "Pennsylvania Dutch."

Tuesday's issue of The Nebraskan will be distributed at Station A immediately after 8 o'clock classes, before the formation of the parade. It will publish the complete program for the exercises at the auditorium and also the instructions for the organization of the parade and seating at the auditorium.

### THE DAYS GONE BY

#### Fourteen Years Ago Today

All classes were dismissed from 11:30 until 2 while President Roosevelt was in the city.

The varsity baseball team defeated the Nebraska Indians by a score of 14 to 2.

#### Thirteen Years Ago Today

Requirements for membership in Phi Beta Kappa were changed to correspond more nearly to the studies taken by University students.

#### Eleven Years Ago Today

The tennis season started with a rush and three new courts were put in shape. It was planned to arrange a number of tennis tournaments with other colleges.

#### Nine Years Ago Today

All intercollegiate activities in athletics by women were forbidden by action of the board of regents.

A school of pharmacy was established.

#### Eight Years Ago Today

A plan of the present athletic field which was being proposed at that time was printed in The Nebraskan.

#### Seven Years Ago Today

Plans for Ivy Day were being rapidly completed, the forenoon to be spent on the campus and the afternoon entertainment to be given at the farm campus.

Chancellor Avery spoke at a get-together-banquet attended by about seventy football men at the Temple.

At a meeting of the Missouri valley conference a resolution was introduced providing for abolishment of football from the represented institutions after December, 1910. The debate on the resolution lasted the entire morning but it was finally defeated.

#### Four Years Ago Today

The closing act of the legislature was to refer the question of University location to the people to be voted on at popular election.

#### One Year Ago Today

"Cub" Wiley broke the University broad jump record and Edson Shaw set a new mark in the 16-pound shot put in the interclass track meet in which the sophomores won an easy victory in points.

Nearly one thousand visitors were shown the work of the engineers in their laboratories on University night.

Playing in the first dual meet in history the Cornhusker tennis artists defeated Wesleyan in all three matches played.

### MINNESOTA MAY CUT SOME SUMMER COURSES

All faculty appointments for the summer session in the University of Minnesota this year are made subject to cancellation or modification on account of the uncertainties of the war situation. It is not expected that the summer session will be abandoned, but the number of courses may possibly be curtailed.

### Rat Mail

At the University of Ohio the postmaster was bothered with the rats, that are up perfectly good bulletins and licked the stamps off the outgoing mail. The postmaster was reminded of the government rule to mix cornmeal and poison, and thus kill the rats. But those were not ordinary corn-fed rats, and didn't bite. So he mixed in a little paste, and not a rat has been heard in the house since.—Ex.

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### PI PHIS ECONOMIZE AND CONTRIBUTE TO WAR FUND

The Pi Phi—Pi Beta, not Pi Kappa—enjoyed a house dance last Friday night—but they so managed that the dance resulted in a net gain for the war fund of the College Woman's Naval Reserve league of \$5. Nor did anyone have any the less a good time because it was, in a way, a charity ball.

Instead of the usual expedient of doing the usual thing and hiring a union musician to play the piano for the dance, the sorority enjoyed music by one of their own members, Lillian Gnam volunteered to play and thus enable the saving of the V. Her offer was accepted. Saturday the five dollars that would have gone toward music was presented to Alice Proudfit, president of the College Woman's Naval Reserve league.

Those who went to the dance declared that the music was of the best, and some rumors have been going around that if Miss Gnam cared, she could play at other places for charity.

And one good thing about the story is that the Pi Phi didn't tell about it, but the report came by devious channels.

### BANDAGE CIRCLE

#### MAKES MANY ROLLS IN FIRST DAY'S WORK

One large box of bandages was the first contribution of the bandage circle of the College Woman's Reserve league, which met in the basement of the First Congregational church last Thursday afternoon.

The work was carried on under expert instruction from Lincoln women, who are said to have declared that the swift, neat work of the members indicated that the circle would be able to render valuable services.

The bandage circle will meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for the rest of the school year, and all University girls who would like to help can come, even if for only part of the afternoon. Harriet Ramey, '18, and Florence Wood, '18, head the committee in charge.

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