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The response of the University to the call of the nation has not been more a matter of action than it has been of attitude, of complete willingness to do whatever is deemed best to be done, and to do it cheerfully and with all one's power.

The withdrawal of seven hundred students from school is a reflection of the patriotic feeling that is felt in the breasts of all of the students. Fully realizing that some have left simply as a means of getting credit hours, it must not be forgotten that they are taking up men's work for a cause that requires men.

The students and the faculties of the foreign universities have been the leaders in the fight for their countries in the war. The students and the faculties of the American universities have proved no less quick to seize the opportunity for service. No group understands so clearly the necessity for action, and it is not surprising that the response should be so immediate.

A scene was enacted at one of the fraternity houses the other night that doubtless has had its counterpart in every fraternity and boarding house of students. After the evening meal the fraternity songs were started. These changed into the University songs, and then, without a word being spoken, but because of a common feeling of that which was nearest their hearts, the men stood up and sang "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," with eyes bright, and faces serious but not sad.

Every man and every woman of Nebraska is ready to do work. A selective draft for both sexes could not but fail to meet with the co-operation that means success.

FORUM

The Forum

To the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan: In closing the Forum, the editor of The Nebraskan did two things: (1) He assumed that he had the right to close the Forum to those letters that "smacked of unpatriotism and un-Americanism." (2) He set himself up as the judge of what should be included under those terms.

To both of these points we cannot agree. In regard to the first: The Forum is based on the principle of free and open discussion of all public questions. It is a means for any student to express his opinion on a public matter. It is not one-sided or restricted. Its one great characteristic is its accessibility to all. It does not represent the opinion or policy of the regents, of the chancellor, or of the editor. It belongs to the student body, and every student has the right to use it freely. The editor has nothing to do with what is written in it; it is his business to print what the students write. If there is any criticism, it falls upon the students who write the articles. It is the only part of the paper that distinctly belongs to the students. The editor may run all else in or about the paper in his own way; the Forum is the students' sacred property. In our opinion, when the editor undertook to state what should be put in the Forum and what should not be, he violated the rights of the student body. If such a course is allowed to continue, then the Forum cannot be said to exist; it might as well be included in the editorial column.

Now as to the second point. If we are forced for the present, to yield to the right of the editor to interfere with the Forum, then we are

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obliged to ask just what the editor's definition of "smacking of unpatriotism," and of "un-Americanism" is. We know of one letter, written to the Forum not long ago, defending the principle of free speech. That letter was not printed. We are again constrained to ask whether such a letter would come under his definition of unpatriotism and of "un-Americanism."

The editor seems to have the idea that all who do not agree with him have a grudge against him. The Kaiser has the same idea. Yours truly,

R. T. GERE.

For Student Government

Omaha, Neb., May 3, 1917.—To Faculty and Students of the University of Nebraska: The Omaha alumni council of Alpha Sigma Phi, recommend that your faculty and student body of the University of Nebraska adopt student control.

This council is composed of men from universities and colleges from practically every section of the country, and who have witnessed the success of student government.

The situation at Nebraska has been discussed with the students from Nebraska, and the alumni members, and we as a body have decided that the adoption of student government would be of material value, both to the faculty and student body. In accordance with the plans at universities and colleges, where student control is in existence, we would suggest that the student be given control of all activities in which they participate, that is athletics, publications, forensics, etc. Further, we would suggest that the student board, consisting of representatives from various classes, and the faculty, have the power of recommendation in all matters pertaining to student life. The adoption of student government would be the best thing that the faculty and students could choose. The fact that no colleges ever regretted or discontinued student control is the best positive proof of the merits of the system.

You want to make the University of Nebraska the university, so why not adopt a system of control that will bring more loyalty and better co-operation among the faculty and student body.

OMAHA ALUMNI COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Five Years Ago Today Nebraska easily took the track meet from Ames by a score of 69 to 45.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Nebraskan Staff

Applications for election to the following positions on The Daily Nebraskan for the first semester of the school year 1917-18, will be received at the student activities office until 5 p. m. May 17, 1917:

Editor-in-chief, managing editor, woman associate, man associate, business manager and assistant business manager. Application blanks can be secured from the secretary, T. A. Williams, secretary student publication board.

Farmers' Fair Banquet

Financial statement of the Farmers' fair banquet which was held at the Lincoln Commercial club April 13, 1917, is as follows: Total receipts, \$167.50; total expenditures, Lincoln Commercial club, \$140; printing, \$13.50; decorations, \$13.50; door-keeper, \$1; total, \$168; deficit, 50 cents, to be taken up by Ag. club. Audited May 2, 1917. Signed, G. W. Blotz, chairman. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Engineers' Banquet

Financial statement of the engineers' banquet which was held at the Lincoln hotel Saturday evening, April 28, 1917, is as follows: Total receipts, \$126.25; total expenditures, Lincoln hotel, \$102; cigars and incidental expenses, \$8.94; printing, \$8.75; door-keeper, \$1.00; total, \$120.69; profit, \$5.56, to go to the society. Audited May 1, 1917. The complimentary list was as follows: L. B. Weaver, R. E. Campbell, F. A. Wirt, Captain Parker, F. T. Darrow, C. E. Glasser. Signed E. M. Kadlecck, chairman. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Vaudeville Hop

Financial statement of the vaudeville hop which was held at the Rosewilde party house Friday evening, April 27, 1917, is as follows: Total expenditures, rental hall, \$25; refreshments, \$21; music, \$29; printing, \$13.55; doorkeeper, \$1.50; total, \$90.05; total receipts, \$138.75; profit, \$48.70, to go to G. K. Kirsch. Audited April 28, 1917. The complimentary list was as follows: G. H. Kirsch, W. B. Jeffrey, J. L. Giffin, Byron Hunter, Miss Gertrude Munger, Orris J. Pothost, Will Garrison, Earl Moffet, Chas. S. Keyes, Fred Buerstetta, John G. Rathbun, Ralph O. Lahr, E. D. Starboard, H. H. Kirsch. Signed G. K. Kirsch, chairman. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

VARSITY TRACKSTERS MAKE SHOWING

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880-yard dash—Overman, Grau, 2:04 :3.
2 mile—Graff, 9:59.
High hurdles—Finney, :16.
Low hurdles—Finney, :27:2.
Discus—Corey, Gorham, Reese, 117 feet, 10 inches.
Shot-put—Shaw, Corey, Reese, 37 feet 6 inches.
Javelin—Rutherford, Riddell, 135 feet 7 inches.
Pole vault—Barnes, Gerhart, Nims, Davis, tied at nine feet.
Broad jump—Werner, Jones Zumwinkler, 22 feet 4 inches.

PUBLISH NEW SERIES OF BOTANICAL SURVEY

The new series No. 1 of "the Botanical Survey of Nebraska," has just been published by the botanical seminar. The number contains reports of researches by Dr. J. E. Weaver, associate professor of botany, and Albert F. Thiel, a student of botany, on phenomena in connection with prairies and forests. The publication contains sixty pages, and is illustrated by numerous figures and half-tones. It is a contribution to our knowledge of plant life of the prairies.

"The Botanical Survey of Nebraska" was organized by the Botanical Seminar on August 24, 1892. The original numbers of the survey were contributed by J. G. Smith, Herbert Marsland, Roscoe Pound, P. A. Rydberg, A. F. Woods and F. E. Clements, with the late Professor Bessey as the botanical advisor. The survey thus constituted, published eight reports upon the flora of Nebraska. At the present time, none of the original members of the survey are connected with the University, but with the accumulation of data and other material Lawrence Bruner, professor of entomology U. of N. The biggest bug

since the appearance of the older publications, the Seminar has resumed the publication of reports. These reports are published locally, and without expense to the University or the state.

The seminar publications have attracted favorable attention of many botanists.

PREPARE POST FOR COMING RECRUITS

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Waters at this point. There are two bridges, lithe and majestic, spanning the stream at the fort. It is the clear cut splendor of the cliffs, which extend for miles south down the valley, intermingled with the green wonder of the rugged hills, that make the people of this part of Missouri say: "You cannot match this anywhere."

What Recruits Will Find

The men who are coming here will enjoy the beauties of nature and they will enjoy rigors and hardships—after they become accustomed to this training life.

No officers could be more courteous than the army veterans who are to direct the training of the hundreds of young men at Fort Snelling this summer.

Uncle Sam is taking these men back to nature to care for them in the big outdoors. He will not permit anybody to waste the bright hours of the morning in bed. Early rising will be not an innovation but a regular fixture in this camp as in most military camps.

There is a hum and a stir at the fort; in a few days the men who are to do much in winning this war against Germany are coming to this garden spot to learn how to do it.

Girls Best Spellers

At a recent test held at the University of Iowa, five hundred first-year student were given fifty hard words to spell. The girls made an average of twenty-one errors; the men thirty-two. An important fact brought out was that there was a close relationship between mental ability and ability to spell.—Ex.

The People's Home Library has been adopted as the official report of the International Aid Association which has 250,000 members. The object of this association is to lower the death rate and teach economy. The association believed the distribution of P. H. L. will aid in accomplishing these objects.

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