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Now that everything adverse that could have happened and the team has left for Michigan, we can think things over and see where Nebraska stands just before her biggest game. Bad luck has been so much in evidence that it all can't be true. If the old saying that a poor rehearsal means a successful first night, then Nebraska should do as much tomorrow as we ever expected her to before Fortune began to make ugly faces. It is disheartening to have a number of bad things happen all on the eve of a crisis, but it is not necessarily demoralizing. We must remember that Nebraska has never displayed her full strength to any team, not even the full strength of her crippled team. Although The Nebraskan has not sought an answer in the depths of a crystal globe, we venture the prediction that Michigan tomorrow will have one of the toughest fights she ever had.

We must not think, however, that we have done all we can do, now that the team has gone. The men have undertaken the journey alone, without even the cadet band to accompany them, and they need our support. We, therefore, must foster here at home the same fighting spirit they will have, we must get together tomorrow and battle with them.

How hard it is to judge our own behavior under the cloud of war! We are here to get an education under significant circumstances, but with this education is still interwoven the whole framework of college life as it has always been. There are changes in the atmosphere of the institution, a greater earnestness in the attitude of all, but we have our student lives to live nevertheless. Just what should be the change in ourselves and in our conduct? Certainly the war should not make youth gloomy and mournful; certainly we should not deliberately curb our natural impulse for play as well as work. But it is none the less certain that we should in a sense govern that impulse, should turn it into the channels of good taste. For instance, there is something else connected with formal parties besides the extravagance which goes against one's grain. Over-stressing the social side of life, the fluffy folderol of idle peace-time, is just as unpalatable. As in the past, University students should have their play the same as any other mortals, but they should not cling unthinkingly to the tattered traditions of a butterfly life which the war has made an anachronism.

**LEAVE VARIOUS CALLINGS TO STUDY TELEGRAPHY**

A variety of callings and ambitions are represented by the eighty-two persons who are now learning to be telegraph operators in the new war course recently installed at the University of Wisconsin, at the request of the signal corps of the United States army. Thirty-one of the prospective telegraphers are not regularly enrolled in the university and are holding other positions.

Of those enrolled, thirty-nine are women, many of whom wish to learn the Morse code so that they may relieve commercial telegraphers who will be called by the government. Some of the women are learning the continental code which is used by the signal corps of the army.

Two high school teachers, one university instructor, nine clerks and stenographers, and others including buttermakers, photographers, machinists, switchboardmen, engineers, and married women are in the course.

Of the forty-three men, twenty-two expect to be called soon in the draft, fourteen students and eight others. As soon as they have reached a speed of twenty words a minute they will be recommended to the signal corps.

**GERMAN CLASSES SHOW 42.9 PER CENT DECREASE**

The number of students enrolled in German classes at the University of Wisconsin has decreased 42.9 per cent this year and the number studying French has increased 14.2 per cent, according to a report just prepared by Dean E. A. Birge of the college of letters and science. The number of teachers in the two departments show a proportionate change.

The greatest decrease in the German classes is in the elementary courses; the number of registrations in these classes has dropped from 775 last year to 287 this year—a decrease of 62.9 per cent. In advanced German classes, 470 are now enrolled, as compared with 551 last year—a decrease of 14.7 per cent. The total number of registrations in German this year is 757, as compared with 1,326 last year.

The total registration in the Romance language courses has risen from 1,943 last year to 2,080 this year—an increase of 7 per cent. In French, however, the enrollment has increased 14.2 per cent from 1,206 last year to 1,378 this year. This increase is mainly in the elementary classes where the number has grown from 513 to 670—about 30 per cent.

The number studying Spanish has decreased 4.5 per cent—from 772 last year to 689 this year. This change is mainly in the elementary courses. Thirteen students are enrolled in Italian classes, as compared with fifteen last year.

The decrease in the university's total enrollment is 19 per cent, but is greatest in departments whose students would not ordinarily be enrolled in foreign language classes.

The changes in the teaching staffs of the departments are proportionate. During the past two years, the German department's staff has been reduced by a total of nine and one-half full-time instructors and now has the equivalent of thirteen full-time teachers. The Romance language staff which has been increased in accordance with the growth in enrollment now has twenty-five teachers and is put to make-shift arrangements because of the difficulty of securing teachers.

**FOOD ECONOMY**

This is our war as much as it is that of our allies. It would be unconscionable for us to continue to live in ease and plenty while they suffer all the hardships. If we make no sacrifices we have no moral right to enjoy the fruits of victory.

We have done no small thing in giving our men and giving a start in food conservation. In spite of constantly rising prices, the nation, as a whole, has not devoted much serious attention to the subject. We have been less tender with our dollars than our dinners. The observance of a wheatless or meatless day in the household is, of course, not a very dramatic or spectacular thing, but in point of patriotic service it ranks high.

One thing that has been lacking is organized, systematic direction. The food administration, however, is laying comprehensive plans to enlist every household in a program of conservation. During the week beginning October 21 a campaign will be made to get the women of the country to sign the Hoover pledge card, which constitutes a promise to follow the advice and instructions of the food administration. The signers of these cards will be supplied from time to time with recipes designed to conserve our food supply.

It is not a starvation program that is proposed. It is not the intention to deprive any one of an adequate supply of food. But it is the intention to eliminate waste and utilize our food materials to the best advantage. That can be accomplished if the people of the country, and especially the women, give the full measure of co-operation.

We may be thankful that we do not have to submit to bread cards and meat cards. Wasteful food consumption, however, will tend to raise prices still further and ultimately force the government to adopt the food card system. We need price regulation to equalize abnormal conditions, but no system of price regulation could convert a shortage into an adequate supply. Our primary duty, therefore, is to practice food economy, adopting as far as possible the recommendations of the government experts. To follow an opposite course is to deplete our resources, weaken our allies, and lengthen the war.—Chicago Tribune.

**RALLY FOR BIGGEST GAME OF SEASON**  
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gan's scalp, they'll do it. If we let them go off without the 'slap on the back,' they will think we expect them to lose, and of course they will get beaten. Show your interest and confidence in the team."  
"We want to show Michigan that

Nebraska students are as good as Michigan students even in football," Assistant Coach Owen Frank said.

"Michigan has one of the best teams in the United States," Professor Scott asserted. "With the possible exception of Pittsburg, we will meet one of the strongest teams in the country."

"Spirit for football is stronger this year at Nebraska than ever before," Professor Scott said. The team, coaches, students and faculty are working together, combined with just one idea, to play football next Saturday. "I'm going along to carry the support of the faculty," Professor Scott said.

"We'll never be whipped. We may be overscored—I think not. When the game is over next Saturday, Michigan will know she has had to fight, whether she wins or loses. Show the team that you are behind them, win, lose or draw!"

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