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The campaign within the University for 1918 memberships in the American Red Cross begins tomorrow morning. Chancellor Avery, in a letter published elsewhere in today's Nebraskan, places well the responsibility each student, instructor and employe of the University should feel. One dollar gives a membership, and one dollar is a small thing for any of us to contribute to such a work. The goal set, \$1,600, should be heavily oversubscribed by Thursday evening, when the drive closes.

The greatest thing about the memorable 1917 football season is that it could do more than merely entertain the public and defend the athletic honor of Nebraska—that it could lend itself to a worthy cause, and in no mean manner. While other schools in the Missouri valley were losing money, Nebraska was filling her coffers, and she filled them not for herself alone, but for the Red Cross. A total of \$7,000 is the contribution to this great war work by the 1917 Cornhuskers. May the memory of their prowess on the gridiron never outlast the recollection that they played in mediocre equipment on a bare field in order that at the end of the season they might have all the more money to give for the care of democracy's soldiers.

Do the students of Nebraska want a "War-time Cornhusker," or do they want a real yearbook incorporating this appropriate recognition of Nebraska soldiers? It would seem that this year, of all years, the demand of both students and soldiers would be for a complete portrayal of University life. It should by all means be dedicated to Cornhusker soldiers, but it should be more than a strictly military book. No one dares to prophesy what University life a year from now will be like; if there is no permanent record of the present, who will recall it in the years to come? The Cornhusker is for student consumption; it should be the kind of a book students want. Which is your choice? If you want a regulation Cornhusker, see your class representative on the student publication board this morning and give him your opinion.

"AGGRESSIVE PATRIOTISM"

In a time like this it should be a grave offense for one to indiscriminately accuse a fellow citizen of "skim milk patriotism," call him a "bolshevik professor," and recommend that he be given the iron cross. This is the charge made by the editor of The Lincoln Star upon Prof. E. L. Hinman of the department of philosophy, because Professor Hinman, at a meeting of the city school board, said that he saw sufficient justification in the sane side of German culture for the teaching of German in the public schools.

University students who know Professor Hinman to be thoroughly American resent this attack, just as they resent the whole policy of The Star and the Omaha Nebraskan to create an impression over the state that the University is a hotbed of sedition. There is such a thing as patriotism without slobbering, and also such a thing as a broad mind. It is time the editor of The Star were practicing the former and utilizing the latter. Because one does not agree with Professor Hinman in his stand that there is a desirable benefit to be derived from German instruction in the public schools—and it is the minority who do—does not call upon us to plume ourselves as patriots and scourge him as a kaiser worshipper.

As to our duty as Americans there can be no shading of opinion—we are interested. But fighting for her best interests. But fighting for her best interests does not demand that we hy-

terically follow every wof and cry. To be a patriot does not mean to close one's eyes and one's mind and go into spasms of yammering whenever the word "German" is heard. Such an influence does not breed obedience to proper authority; it breeds instead, the blind, sheepish, slavish following after every bag of oats dangled before our noses. It is because the German peoples are victims of just this sort of patriotism that they are menacing the world today.

After all, patriotism is not judged by the largest type or the loudest voice. It does not consist necessarily in playing upon the emotions of a loyal public, of casting discredit and dishonor upon honest citizens. If this extravagant flourishing of the pen, this ranting and bull-doing, is The Star's interpretation of "aggressive patriotism" the time for a revision has come.

Delian Society Gives Christmas Program

The Delian Literary society held its regular meeting Friday night in the banquet room, Temple. The following program was given:
Piano solo—Catherine Tool.
The Lost Boy—Pearl West.
Solo—Bertha Reinke.
Christmas Customs—Mamie Solomon.
The City of Gold—Alice C. Hunter.
Piano solo—Velma Hall.
Christmas in the Philippines—Romula Soldeville.

Komensky Club Remembers Soldiers

The Komensky club held a Christmas farewell party Friday evening, December 14, in the Art hall. At a business meeting held in the evening it was decided to send letters to the club members in service. A resolution was also made to impose a fine of ten cents upon any member caught chewing gum. After the meeting a program was given consisting of songs, solos, readings, a mirror and a speech by Prof. Sarka Hrbkova.

Huge Old Cottonwood At Farm Is Cut Down

The big cottonwood tree which has been standing for half a century at the corner of the state farm campus at Thirty-third and Holdrege streets, was cut down Thursday. The tree was planted in April, 1868, by M. M. Oliver, who two years before had purchased what is now the state farm, for \$6 an acre. This particular tree was one of the first set out on what was then a barren tract of land. A year later what is now the state farm grove was set out. The old cottonwood tree was struck by lightning some years ago and since then has been dying out. Farm Superintendent S. W. Perin said Thursday.

Paul Conner, '18, Made Palladian President

Paul Conner, '18, was chosen president, and Rachael Sutherland, '18, vice-president of the Palladian Literary society, at the regular meeting in Palladian hall Friday evening. Various minor officers were also elected.

A very interesting paper prepared by the members, was read at the meeting. The name of the paper was "Palladian Reflector," and contained stories, editorials, sporting news, beauty hints, society columns, Minerva's mail and other features.

Gifts of toys and candies were hidden about the room and found by means of strings tied to them.

Alpha Phi Sorority Heads Scholarship List

Alpha Phi sorority received first place in the scholarship standing for the year 1916-1917, according to the reports given out by the Registrar Thursday. Due to an error Gamma Phi Beta was ranked first by The Nebraskan Friday, and Alpha Phi, third.

Alpha Phi ranked third the first semester with index 290.5, and second the last semester with index 298.6. Alpha Chi Omega ranked in second place for the entire year, and Gamma Phi Beta third.

TICKETS OUT TODAY FOR ANNUAL JUNIOR CLASS PARTY AT LINCOLN, JANUARY 25

Tickets for the junior prom, the annual junior class party, are out today. The party will be at the Lincoln, January 25. The prom, though not a formal this year, as had been planned, will be very different from any parties so far this season. Mr. Schembeck, "himself" will be present with seven pieces of his irresistible orchestra. The refreshment committee is making every effort to provide the best there is. Seventy-five tickets have been validated, to sell at \$2.00; the entire proceeds from the party will be turned over to war relief. Tickets will not be held for more than three days, and may be had from Helen Dill, Kathryn Howey, Francis Whitmore, Helen Loftman or Katharine Newbranch.

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