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LAURENCE SLATER
 For This Issue

BE THERE!

Thursday at eleven o'clock, is the time set for the first football rally of the year. This statement alone should be enough to assure the presence of every true Cornhusker in the Armory at that time. Nebraska's attitude toward victory or defeat in the Iowa game will be shown there and this attitude will be the attitude of the team. If the team, gathered on the platform Thursday morning, sees the University is behind them; expects them to fight every minute of the play and win in spite of the great odds against them, they will then and there resolve to do those things. The least any student can do to help win this year is to be present and use both lungs on "U-U-Uni" whenever it is called.

Tuesday's practice showed clearly that if Nebraska, with only four veterans, is to defeat Iowa's machine, built around a nucleus of nine heavy-weight letter men, she must defeat with the spirit of fight and determination alone. Such spirit can only come from the rooters in the stands and rooters in the stands can give the right brand of support only after they have practiced their yells and understand the need for them. Hence, the traditional rally.

AN HISTORIC DAY

Tuesday, October 1, 1918, will be a day memorable in the history of colleges and universities of the United States. Over 150,000 students in 500 colleges will, on that day, have taken the oath of allegiance to their country and their flag and entered upon a system of training, partially military and partially academic, but all under strict government supervision. The induction ceremonies, held simultaneously over the entire country, will have officially marked the recognition of universities as essential to the welfare of the nation and their products as leaders of men and doers of great deeds.

In the one year that has passed it is safe to say that colleges have been changed more than in any quarter century of their existence. As out of the civil war grew the Morrill act, providing for government land-grant colleges which would give training in military science, so, out of the Great War, has come the decision of the President and the Secretary of War that colleges should "shoulder arms" in their class rooms as well as on the drill ground.

Accordingly, the installation of student training corps in the various colleges has seen the passing of the old life as it was formerly lived on the University campus and the entrance of a more serious life purposing to bring the greatest good in the shortest time. With the erection of military barracks and tent-camps on the campus; and the evolution of the athletic fields into training fields, has passed the freshman, with his gaudy cap, and the sophomore, with his exhibitions of the latest styles and in

their places have come great bodies of grim-faced men in khaki, severely practicing for the work of war.

To find the person or persons responsible for this great change would indeed be a difficult, if not an impossible task. It may be said, however, that government officials and educational leaders worked in fullest cooperation. With the opening of the war, the high-spirited men of ideals, found in the colleges, flocked to the colors in such numbers that the institutions were threatened with becoming ladies' seminaries or being forced to suspend all work as in France, England and Canada. Educational heads, seeing such a condition in the immediate future, sent a commission to Washington to confer with the government leaders.

Previous to the arrival of this mission, the government had realized the great need for college-trained men, especially those trained in the work of engineering. Sixty per cent of the nation's fighting force was at that time, and is today, engaged in what may be termed engineering pursuits and the colleges alone were able to furnish the trained men necessary. A plan worked out by the educational commission and the government heads and elaborated by the federal board for vocational education, was adopted, and the "militarization" of the colleges took place in a surprisingly short time.

Just what this new move may lead to, is difficult to say but there seems every reason to believe that the change will, to some extent, be permanent. The least that can be expected is compulsory University training and military instruction for every man during a certain period of his life. Just how long a period this might be or at what age it might be given is all a matter for conjecture. Engineering and other scientific and technical subjects will undoubtedly receive more attention and the so-called "cultural" subjects, called "snaps" by the students and neglected by them with impunity, will fall by the way.

At first glance it seems paradoxical that we, while fighting Germany, should consider adopting a school system patterned so closely upon that which has been in existence there for many years. In that country, as will probably come to be the case in this country, university instructors are officers of the government and all men are required to spend a certain period of their life in a military school under government supervision. The system is good; the things taught are wrong. We may copy the efficient school system of Germany but we must be sure that American ideals are the guide and stays which keep us from dangerous paths.

Whatever the outcome may be it is certain that American universities are being permanently made over by the war and that they will never return to the time-worn and inefficient methods. While the boys at the front are giving their all for the cause, the universities at home will "carry on."

STEWART STATIONED AT ALABAMA TRAINING CAMP

Ex-Cornhusker Director is Coaching Soldiers at Home Pending Orders to Italy

Dr. E. J. Stewart, director of athletics at the University of Nebraska, who was given a leave of absence to engage in army athletic training in Italy, was held up at New York as he was about to sail for overseas service, and has been planted down at Camp McClellan, Alabama, to train the soldiers at that big artillery school until his difficulties have been straightened out. The government fixed an age limit for overseas duty after Coach Stewart had left Lincoln and until the complication of affairs has been untangled, the doctor will not see the shores of Italy.

In a letter to a Lincoln friend he writes in part:

"We have a great camp down here. That's my consolation and I am already organizing it for a big football schedule between companies, battalions, regiments and brigades. Fifty thousand men are here and 25,000 more are coming, which means that this is some camp. Four million dollars will be spent on new barracks.

Harvard Star On His Team
 "I have Wendell, formerly of Harvard, as one of the regimental athletic officers and he will play on my camp

football team, with others from Ohio state, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Work and more work is the slogan and, believe me, I am getting my share. The boys are getting the real intensive stuff.

"We expect to have a strong camp football team and I will coach it. We will play other camp teams in this southeastern section and, if we should prove to be the best, may look farther west for a game. I shall watch for scores from the west quite anxiously as long as I am here to get them.

"I have word from the New York office of the Y. M. C. A. that passports and all other arrangements have been made for me to go as soon as the government settles the age-limit question. All Y. M. C. A. men under thirty-six years have been returned to the U. S. by the war authorities, pending this settlement. With best wishes to you and all Lincoln friends, I am,

"Sincerely,
 "E. J. STEWART."

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