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COMPULSION AND RELIGION

spread and college newspapers from the blues.

compulsory chapel seems to be that it. And it is only individuality which ning at 8 o'clock in Temple 202. The religion and compulsion are incom- will solve the problem as I conceive program will be given by old mempatible. It is pointed out that students rarely derive spiritual benefit "problem" bespeaks the attitude of from a chapel service which they do the reformer. We are discontented not wish to attend and, that if they with moderate achievement and do wish to attend, compulsion is unnecessary. There is something al- over children. In the nature of Home Management House. most ironical, it is argued, in literally cramming religion down the throat ed. And perhaps we can learn to of the individual when religion is primarily a personal matter.

The idea which underlies this objection is the same one which led the University Y. W. C. A. to request last fall, that sororities cease requiring their freshmen to attend the weekly Vesper services at Ellen Smith Hall. It was felt that there was something putting an end to a pleasant bit of compulsory chapel service is carried as much as a brick of the same proto a successful conclusion such a policy will be followed in many of the leading colleges of the country.

MORE ABOUT THE BIG MAN F. H. in his letter in the Student Opinion column touches on one of the most regrettable aspects of the Big Man myth when he remarks that the natural leaders among the students are "gobbled up by the going concern of athletics, activities, etc." It is largely because the men who have chosen to devote their intellectual and physical energy to activities are men who have some talents and ability that the Big Man doctrine holds the place it does on the campus. It will not be until those men who have intellectual independence and initiative devote their abilities to some thing besides activities and athletics. that the dominance of the Big Man idea will begin to wane.

In view of the recent discussion at Nebraska of the question of compulsory military drill, it is interesting to notice that a bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature making work in the R. O. T. C. optional at the university of that state. Wisconsin is the only state at present in which drill is not required. The Minnesota bill is sponsored by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom The League holds that the Morrill Land Grant Act, which applies to the University of Minnesota, requires only that courses in military science be offered and that it contains no provision which makes the training compulsory.

Student Opinion

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents, and reserves the right to exclude any communication whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. Except by special arrangements communications cannot be published anonymously.

Dear Editor: Very pleasant to me was your editorial, "The Big Man Myth." You have seen and set forth sanely and lucidly the harmful aspects of the situation. But did your probe reach far enough? The central question is as to the cause of the condition pictured. Why is it so? And arising out of that comes a challenge for change, and a further option. How shall we change it? Of course neither the question nor the tent with things as they are. But

The Daily Nebraskan many are not so content, even as a book was based directly upon its

customary standard out of motives not a physical exertion. It is a comof prudence. They lack courage, fort to read at least, and not be forcwhile the youngster lacks knowledge. ed to combat a fatigue arising from

issue as to what is to be done. It seems to me the noble, vigorous inthis information must come from experience and not from the books. Every man must strike out for himself, to live such a life as seems best to him. And most potent in starting and encouraging such a move- be written out and handed in at the ment, would be the example of the editorial office, U Hall 10, by 4:00 natural leaders of the group. But the afternoon previous to their pub- ning from 5 to 8 o'clock. There will under the scheme of things as they lication are, the natural leaders (from whom The institution of compulsory cha-variation and individuality might be pel has become the center of contro- expected) are gobbled up by the goversy in a score of American colleges. ing concern of activities, athletics. A straw ballot at Brown University etc. Men with stamina enough to break away from these usual holds showed that 460 out of 750 students and go it alone are most rare. I were opposed to the compulsory cha-would sooner undertake to find you pel service and at Amherst College a man who could back a skittish team the students presented a petition for up a narrow alley. For such a one the abolition of the service which they described a "cuite likely they are the are they are the are they ar they described as "antiquated." The that in the end, he will find himself discussion has now become wide-soured. Per aspera, ad astra, and I

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to me that the young fellows are dime novels which one was supposed Cornhusker which they have reservcontent with things as they are. to read behind the barn or the wood- ed by March 25 or their picture will And I finally came to think that shed. The book that did not burden not be printed. Youth is just as Tory as age. And the hand which lifted it was unworthy there can be little doubt that that is of a place in the library of a discrimthe case. But there are different inating person. reasons underlying the conservatism

The reading and publishers are at practice at 3:00 daily at the Armory. of you. The young man is conservalast outgrowing the myth that light Freshman practice will be assounce. tive because he has never seen reading is found in light books. The ed later. things as they are, and has never value of the binding is not contin-been sufficiently exposed to the dis-gent upon the difficulty with which a cipline of the industrial order of book can be moved. Ornate leather things. He dwells in a land of fic-bound volumes of highly glossed frail Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Faction and his actions are largely imi- paper are becoming things of an age ulty Hall of the Temple. tative. He is a manikin moving at which is passed. Publishers no longer the control of those who have gone strive to contain the work of a Milbefore. While the older men, who ton or a Shakespeare within a single have pierced many a sham, which the binding. boys are subject to, conform to the Reading is after all, a mental and

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bulk and weight. Assorted with dull All organizations, clubs and so-For a long time it was a puzzle paper and light volumes were the cieties must pay for the space in the

> Varsity Baseball Members of the Varsity baseball squad are expected to be ready for

> Komensky Club. Meeting of the Komensky Club

> Ag College Students. Ag College Mixer Saturday evening at the Ag College Cafeteria in the Home Economics building.

Meeting of the Union Friday at

Notices

All notices for this column must

Big Sister Tea.

will give a tea for all Big Sisters

Friday afternoon from 4 to 6

o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall. All

Big Sisters are urged to come, es-

pecially those who intend to con-

Student Council.

Student Council meeting Friday at

There will be a meeting of the

Regular business meeting of Phi

tinue the work next year.

o'clock in U Hall 102.

The Big Sister Advisory Board

Fencers To reduce crowding in one of the Picture for the Cornhusker will tentions of the youngsters must be buildings at the University of Wis- be taken at the campus studio Tueshooked up with information. And consin "traffic rules" are being used. day noon. All members of the class for the first or second semester be there with foil and mask. white ducks and white shirt.

Girls' Commercial Club. Girls' Commercial Club will hold a mixer at Ellen Smith Hall Friday evebe initiation of new members at 5 o'clock and dinner at 6 o'clock. All members are urged to come.



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