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### How Justify **Compulsory Drill?**

Last June the attorney general of the United States broke the bubble of belief that land For University Hall. grant colleges would lessen their revenue under the Morrill act if they eliminated compulsory military training. Discussion waxes warm in opportunity to cast overboard the compulsory rule, making drill elective. The University of Nebraska, however, is marching along under the same old colors, choosing to retain compulsory army duty for first and second year men.

The Daily Nebraskan is opposed to compulsory military science. We believe that the collegiate draft system accomplishes no worthwhile purposes. Further, it has a detrimental influence on students who are coerced and upon those who realize that the University of Nebraska has endorsed this plan.

Promoters of compulsory training present many pleasant sounding justifications of their cause. They maintain that drill is beneficial angle. They assert that it develops leadership, fosters discipline, that it is valuable preparation for the "the next war," or, strangely, that make known the positive need for one strucit will help to prevent another armed conflict ture, at least, on the city campus. between nations.

Under the present system, underclassmen entitled "Slash and Double Slash." drill for one three hour period each week. To say that they drill during this time is not true. for part of the period is spent in the classroom, where staff officers lecture to the sleepy cadets on the fundamentals of warfare, showing what tactics were found effective in the World war reform schools? -and what ones may be used in "the next war."

officers-have expressed this opinion. We trust | class. the judgment of the reader to determine benefits.

slaughter young men from another, we preach to them about the glories of patriotic living, CR. BLEYER DEFENDS the way to carry a musket, how to fire it. If we hunger for world peace, why do we

think in terms of "the next war," and attempt to build up a sentiment of inevitability regarding deadly combat between nations?

Since it succeeds in doing only one thing, and hat opposed to the welfare of state and nation, compulsory military training should be crossed from our books. To those who are interested in being officers, let us present an efficient course, but stor this deplorable prac-tice of shoving every young man into the ranks of our army.

We realize that our views will meet violent opposition, but we are prepared to answer in-telligent letters of disagreement. This discus. telligent letters of disagreement. This discus- fense of Mr. Flexner's accusasion must be based upon reason and not upon tions emotion. Our editorial columns are open to students who have opinions concerning compulsory military science, and we invite an open discussion of the thing which we believe should be abandoned.

We might have another honor roll for the place in the training of future Greek lodges who really come through with newspapermen. This idea is di-rectly opposed to that of Abraham Flexner in his recent book, "Uni-

### Slim Chances

As plaster sifts through from the ceilings of dilapidated University hall, we discover that cluded by him from all universitthe prospects of having the landmark replaced ies. are extremely slim. Arthur J. Weaver, retircollegiate circles over the merits of the force ing governor of Nebraska, recommends that all system. Some institutions have welcomed the building projects other than the construction by all editors and writers of the of a women's dormitory, an addition to the school of medicine in Omaha, and a home eco- influence today. "If." stated Dr. nomics hall for the college of agriculture, Bleyer, "lacking adequate preparshould be frowned upon by the legislature.

> replace University hall, add to Morrill hall, lous the newspapers and periodicand construct an Astronomy hall.

> the burden of classes from the cramped and is generally assumed the press ancient "U" hall. We are willing to accept zens of the state and members of economy, but is the legislature certain that it society. is economizing without hampering the educa-

tional possibilities of the university? Yesterday The Nebraskan suggested that the ability to apply that knowledge to legislature look into the university situation current events and problems than cause. They maintain that drill is beneficial registrative look into the university situation does journalism. Professor Bleyer to freshmen and sophomores from a physical more carefully, acquainting itself with condi-tion of the second sec tions as they exist on this campus. Such an fession whereas Mr. Flexner dubs informal investigation we are certain would it a vocation

Introducing Art and Charley in a slicing act

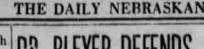
### Are Colleges

### **Reform Schools?**

Does the public expect its colleges to act as vinced that our college courses in

In every class that enters grade school, there In every class that enters grade school, there erage student the ability to think are seevral who are destined to become more logically and to apply intelligently This program of physical development could or less successful-more or less famous. These what he has learned to his work be greatly improved by compelling students to few, unknown at the time, are the subject of as a reporter, copy reader, or spend three one-hour periods in a gymnasium many an inspiring oration. The world expects cach week. Prominent physicians-even army great things from someone in each high school broadly cultural rather than nar- It was an open bid-every one

This is all as it should be. But there are the judgment of the reader to determine This is all as it should be. But there are it should be willing to pit the av-whether compulsory military training may be also, in that same class, several others, des- is a should be willing to pit the aveven mildly justified on the basis of physical tined by heredity and environment both to a the average liberal arts graduate enefits. How does the basic course develop leader-How does the basic course develop leader-



# JOURNALISM SCHOOLS

### Says Newspapermen Need Training; Flexner Does Not Agree.

Although Abraham Flexner

f our army. There are other phases to this controversy. ment offers its students is very great if the opinion of Prof. Wil-

In a speech delivered before the annual meeting of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism and the American Association of Teachers of Journalism in Boston, Dec. 29, Professor Bleyer said that schools of journalism have a definite versities, American, English, German." In his beek, Mr. Flexner brands the department along with those of business, pharmacy,

and several others as "vocational" departments and would be ex-

Preparation Needed.

Adequate preparation is needed modern press, for the reason that that organ exerts a tremendous ation for their work, writers and Mr. Weaver advises rejection of a plan to ficial, inaccurate, and unscrupuals that they produce will not ex-

There is a need for some lecture hall to take ert the wholesome influence that

of knowledge or greater range

Teaches Straight Thinking. The function of the study of Bleyer is to teach students how to think straight about what is going on in the world and how to apwhat they have learned to ply understanding and interpreting the day's news. He makes the statement that "after thirty years as a university instructor, I am consubjects other than journalism do

not result in developing in the av-

"Courses in journalism are rowly technical," Dr. Bleyer in- in the house opened it. sists, and he further added "that



of annoying you it was in 1930 B C. (Before Christmas). Since we have received no threatening messages or words to that effect we feel warranted to keep on annoy

a surprise when they called out the riot force to quell what they thought was a communist gathering in front of Social Science Monday morning. They forgot that it was the first morning of college and that the cakes were back

And speaking of cakes brings to mind the recent disappointment of one of the local baker's daughters. She went skating with one of our noble institution's rah-rah boys and found her evening ruined because her cake fell.

They say that good St. Nick travels a la reindeer, and also in the most modern of ways, by airplane. Personally we think he must have used an Austin

Now that the Christmas season has passed (and what detours) and everybody got just what they wanted, we are positive that busi-ness will pick up. This time of the year is always characterized by increased activity in the 'exchange.

A characteristic expression of cheap novels and likewise cheap movies (which gives us quite away) is "Came the dawn!" With a slight alteration and in the correct after-holiday spirit we can now say, "Came the dun!"

Women set the styles. From close observance of any number of the more delicate sex on New Years Eve we gleaned a sure enough style tip. Believe it or not, to rectify it. but if New Years eve is any indi-

cation we're in for a season of MARSH DECRIES tight skirts.

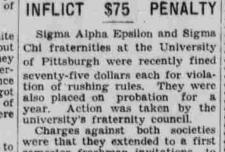
He was well educated-how's hat for a deep one.

General Pershing, they say, is to receive a fabulous sum for his story of the war. We wonder how much Sherman got.

They say the Indian has passed, journalism, according to Dr. but judging from a number of New Bleyer is to teach students how to Year noses there are still plenty of 'redskins" left.

> modern college girl is wearing less than her grandmother used to banker in my wool every minute." wear. How true! Why here in Nebraska the girls wear so little diversified farming and a cutting that even the corn is shocked. down of overhead, Dr. Keim stated. that even the corn is shocked.

> That would lead everyone to believe that the present generation is Nevertheless we are not so good. rather dependable. Just think what an unstable lot they were back in very valuable. A mixture of ordithe days of long ago-always losing their heads over something.



semester freshman invitations to rushing events before the season had opened formally. Name of the fraternity bringing accusations against the lodges was not re-vealed by the fraternity commit-

The period of probation will extend from Jan. 1, 1931 to Jan. 1, 1932. During this time an officer from each house will have to report formally each month the activities of his house to the dean of

It was alleged, in the charge against Sigma Alpha Epsilon, that a freshman had been asked to that fraternity by a pledge a number of days before the season opened. The pledge and the rushee both admitted this to a sub-committee appointed by the fraternity committee to investigate the charges. The pledge declared he was unfamiliar with the rushing rules.

Charges of inviting the same rushee in advance of the season were made against a member of Sigma Chi. Change of date of the opening of rushing season, occasioned by the Ohio State football game, had confused him, said the Sig Chi. He stated that after he realized his mistake, he attempted

## TREND TO FARM

CORPORATIONS (Continued from Page 1.)

Keim added, "I would like to have a tractor, a truck, and the newest of everything. The chances are if I used old Dobbin, who will eat cheap grain and hay in the summer and winter on cornstalks and oats straw, and fix up some of dad's old tools and build up a capital stock, that ten or twenty years hence I will be independent and A New York paper says that the happy and can then buy some newer things without having the Agriculture needs a system of Much of this is evident now. The acreage of spring grains is on the increase and there is an increased use of adapted strains of corn. "Good hybrids are becoming

nary red or white corn is of no value. Hybrid seed corn deserves careful inspection because increased yields of from 10 to 15 percent are being made.

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\$75 PENALTY

Is Cause for Action

Against Lodges.

FRATERNAL GROUPS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1931

ship? We need not quarrel with those who on . . . believe that army training inculcates this trait to join the ranks of R. O. T. C. Perhaps a few for criminal notoriety. lucky underclassmen are promoted to positions military training develop leadership?

Discipline is alleged to be something that young men should be taught. It involves the training. It must be made casy, we suspect, if questioning or thinking. Those who have gone emerge without having learned discipline, whether it is a thing to be desired or not. Being forced into the regiment and knowing that severe punishment is unknown in the department, underclassmen sluff through their factory? Can it make honest, successful cititraining. It must be made asy, we suspect, if | zens from the group that is headed by environit is to remain in the good graces of any institution.

Does compulsory training teach discipline?

Some individuals believe that preparedness is the best way to avoid future war. The young their own shortcomings. man who slides through two years of military drill at the University of Nebraska is not prepared, physically, for war. We believe, and our belief is backed by many experienced men, that a few weeks in an efficient army camp would more than replace the two lazy years of collegiate training. We speak of the horde of students who take drill because they are compelled to.

Unless the backers of the training contend TO THE EDITOR : that compulsory drill develops personality, honesty, energy, or other gold medal character a speech in Chicago recently. Appearing betraits, we have presented our answer to their fore the American Library association, he critiassertions. If the course were made elective, cized the public school system declaring the The Nebraskan believes that it would be far tendency today is to teach the public school more successful in reaching its advertised boy or girl "more and more about less and one for the present four inch teleideals than under our present plan.

In addition to the failures we cite, there is another ugly reason for which the compulsory doctrine should be abandoned. It is our sincere promoting mental preparedness.

"Our university compels us to take military than elevate it." drill, to learn something about fighting. It

to think along peaceful lines, we draw them should be lower? through an atmosphere of war. When we Let me repeat, the librarian filled out his speaker at the sixteenth annual might show them that war is a horrible exper- speech with the idea. But isn't that about all cultural college extension conferience, wherein young men from one nation it amounted to?

The average class is graduated from high in men, for our concern is with the term during school. It reaches college, still with its few which freshmen and sophomores are compelled destined for fame, still with its few destined

The group on its way to fame and honor of slight authority, but it is more often because receives high praise. Again, they are the subthey have had previous training than because ject of fine speeches by overplump politicians, they show qualities of leadership. Does the by business men about town. But, of the other ability to shout commands signify leader- group, one drops by the wayside in the educaship? Just how, we repeat, does compulsory tional race every now and then. Whenever tional race every now and then. Whenever never expect to find a spy glass in this does happen, the public grows indignant, the depths of a university heating angrily asks, "What's wrong with our educa- tunnel. That, however, is pretional system ?"

Does the public have any right to ask this head of the department of astronquestion? Can we politely request our teach- omy ers and professors to remodel all the products through the basic training at this university of varying home environments that are handed history." over to them with the command, "Educate this group of promising citizens?'

We fear the public expects too much of its colleges and universities. Is a college an angel ment and heredity toward a life of crime, if not sniftlessness? We say no. There can be no satisfactory substitute for a good and thorough home training.

Parents should not condemn a college for

How about making a roof garden on the roof of "U" hall? Or a miniature golf course.

**Telescopes** Are Found

constructed.

lodged

In Queer Places: Ours

Appropriations Blocked.

scope it was stored in the heating

tunnel where it has since been

In nearly every report to the leg-

islature the board of regents has requested an appropriation for

new facilities for the department

of astronomy. This year a \$50,000

request for astronomy funds is be-

exceedingly doubtful of results. He

hopes that some day he may have

a new building with ample class-

room facilities, a departmental li-brary, and two observation domes,

scope and one for the twelve inch

"peeper" remaining in obscurity beneath the surface of the campus.

Largest One in Wisconsin.

The largest lens telescope in the

Is in Heating Tunnel

He cudgled his brain for a thought-why the old browbeater.

Famous last words: "So long, old top."-Louis XIV.

### Underclasses Deny Seniors Honor at Annual K.U. Prom

LAWRENCE, Kas. The seniors at the University of Kansas were recently denied the ancient cus-increased efficiency in farm operatom of presenting the Shepherd's tions. The overhe Crook at the Junior-Senior Prom must be watched. Telescopes may be found in a number of queer places, not excludwhen the underclassmen put over ing the dim interior of the Sahara a successful theft of the tradidesert, but certainly one would

tional symbol. The crook, which has been handed down thru the eighties, gay nineties, and almost a third of the cisely the case on our own campus, twentieth century was taken from according to Prof. G. D. Swezey, one of the fraternity houses where it was supposedly in hiding. However this does not mean that the A good many years ago, "so long Crook will not put in its appear-

ago that it is practically ancient ance at the Prom this coming Satto use Dr. Swezey's urday night. words, a twelve inch lens was pre-The underclassmen who have sented the astronomy department stolen the Crook are said to be arby Dr. Minnich of Palmer, now de-ceased. Shortly afterward an Crook with their classes's colors, eighteen foot mounting was conplus a piece of black crepe to structed for the lens with the inshow that the presentation was tention that the new telescope would be installed in a \$25,000 obnot made by the seniors as per schedule but by either the sophoservatory which was to have been mores or freshmen depending, of course, upon which class stole the Crook.

The Shepherd's Crook has been By some unexpected twist of stolen only three times since this conditions the observatory approold custom was started back in priation did not go through, even But from all indications after specifications and drawings 1930 will be another uneventful of the new building had been made. For lack of sufficient year for the seniors at the Junior-Senior Prom. space in which to install the tele-

"Weeds rob \$2 per acre from the farm income," Keim pointed out, "and there are 17,000,000 tillable acres in the state. Control of

Weeds Rob Farmers.

plant diseases is necessary, also, for the successful farmer does not take losses. Then, if the trend is for more livestock production, pastures must not be forgotten.' There are other phases in agriculture that the speaker emphasized and they all centered about increased efficiency in farm operations. The overhead, he cautioned.

"You must study your business," Keim charged, "and you must analyze yourself. Keep farm records and know what you are doing.'

RENT A CAR

Fords, Reos, Durants and Austin

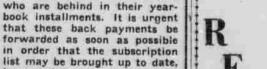
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he reported.



ger on the 1931 Cornhusker staff, reports that 300 bills have been mailed to students who are behind in their year-



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## MORNING MAIL

Speech Filler.

Gilbert H. Doane, university librarian, made ing submitted but Dr. Swezey is less." He stated the tendency today is to 'spread thinner and thinner the butter of scholastic training."

The librarian continued, declaring that pedagogical theories of professional educators have belief that although the R. O. T. C. fails to invaded the schools and . 'permeated with take effective steps toward physical prepara- the democratic ideal of education for everytion for war, it is dangerously effective in body, which in the long run tends to lower the general level of intellectual attainment, rather

This makes good material to fling at an is in order that we may be better prepared to fight in 'the next war.'" This is not an un-for speech filler. The doctor's idea would be inches in diameter reasonable reaction from underclassmen, and it very good for a group of conversationalists. is one often voiced. Not to help pave the way But he surely could not mean it seriously. Why for world peace, but to improve their chances not democracy with education for all? Isn't to get an easy job in the next battle is the that an ideal to strive for? Just because more freshman's aim, which he takes as consolation. people are getting an education, is that any Instead of teaching the youth of this state reason why the level of intellectual attainment

M. C. G.

world is located at the Yerkes observatory in Williams Bay, Wis., Swezey remarked. The lens measures forty inches and the station is owned by the University of Chicago. The largest reflecting telescope is the one at the Mt. Wilson obser-

vatory in Pasadena, Calif. It has a mirror which measures 100

### McKelvie to Address

**Colorado** Conference FORT COLLINS, Colo .- Sam R. McKelvie, member of the federal farm board and former governor of Nebraska, will be the principal speaker at the sixteenth annual ence, to be held here Jan. 12 to 16.



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