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The Fiction of 'Compulsory' Drill.

TO C. R. K.:
(In Today's Student Pulse)

Fraternity "bull sessions," since time immemorial, have never lacked consideration of two stock subjects—sex and war. In the discussion of the latter, compulsory military training is bound to come up. After the issue has been sufficiently aired on both sides, someone ends the discussion with the fatalistic argument, "It doesn't do any good to worry about it. The university got a lot of land back in the sixties for making drill compulsory, and they have to keep it compulsory to keep their income. And you won't see the university turning down a slug of dough just because someone doesn't want to take drill."

If the institution called "bull session" were subjected to close scrutiny to determine the origin of the bovine aspect of its terminology, it would be safe to wager that the preceding argument in reference to drill was the cause of the odiferous appellation.

In other words, that drill must be compulsory to enable the university to collect its land-grant income is a lot of hoey.

There was not one word in the Morrill act of 1862 that required military training in colleges be compulsory. Until 1916, universities formulated their own policies as to compulsion.

In the militaristic frenzy that preceded the entrance of the United States into the World war, congress passed the national defense act, standardizing a compulsory two-year course in military training in all land grant colleges. It was natural for a country preparing for war to conscript college youth; we will always maintain that students have no equal in making acceptable cannon fodder, as they seem to enjoy it more than older men.

But that law was an emergency measure. There is no present need to continue conscription; Mr. Morgan's millions have not yet been placed in jeopardy similar to the circumstances preceding our entrance into the World war. At least, that's what the Wisconsin legislature thought in 1923, when they prohibited compulsory military training at the University of Wisconsin, a land grant institution. That's what the Minnesota Board of Regents had in mind in 1934, when they removed the compulsory feature from military drill. And neither school lost one cent from their land grant sources of income.

The action of Wisconsin was later upheld in a ruling by the Department of Interior, and by an opinion rendered in 1930 by the Department of Justice through former Attorney General William D. Mitchell. Mitchell ruled:

"I, therefore, advise you that you are justified in considering that an agricultural (land grant) college which offers a proper, substantial course in military tactics complies sufficiently with the requirements as to military tactics in the act of July 2, 1862, and the other acts above mentioned, even though the students at that institution are not compelled to take that course."

The action of these two universities was also referred to in the supreme court decision on the case of the California student, to which C. R. K. makes reference. This decision did not assert that it was necessary for the University of California to make military training compulsory; it merely declared that students could be expelled for refusing to follow the dictum of the Board of Regents.

If Nebraska wished to abolish the compulsory feature of drill, it could do so with no loss in income from the Morrill act, or without violating any federal statute that possessed the slightest degree of constitutionality.

There is little probability however, that Nebraska's administration will ever act to make drill optional. Its record has been one of paternal interest in the affairs of the military department, usually against the wishes of a majority of students.

If any number of students still desires to see the compulsory aspect of military training removed from the Nebraska campus, they now have an opportunity for appeal. It does not lie with the university administration, but with Congress, which is now considering the Nye-Kvale amendment to make military training in land grant colleges optional.

The method of appeal is trite, but it is still the most effective means of influencing legislation that exists. Let George W. Norris or Edward R. Burke or Henry C. Luckey know that you believe conscription is as effective in promoting peace as shipping munitions to Spain. Let them know that you believed an experienced militarist, Frederick the Great, when he said: "If my soldiers would think for themselves, not one of them would remain in the ranks."

The method may seem indirect, but it is the only way to rid a campus of compulsory drill where the myth still persists that optional drill would mean loss of revenue to the university.

Student Pulse

They Couldn't If They Wanted To.

To the Editor:
 Your attack on the university administration in Friday's paper for supporting the military department in all its activities of "indoctrination and gaudy pageantry" might have been very noble and all of that, but it didn't show any knowledge of the facts.

It would seem that after four years on this campus you might have heard that the administration doesn't make drill compulsory because it wants to, but because it has to, due to the provisions of the Morrill land grant act. If you'd read the papers when a California student took his case for exemption from compulsory drill before the supreme court, you might know that the court upheld compulsory drill.

I suppose it's great sport for editors to sit around and pick things to pieces, but I'd suggest that you at least base your remarks on fact . . .

C. R. K.

Can the Campus Be Beautified.

TO THE EDITOR:
 Yes, I believe the campus of the University of Nebraska can be beautified if proper action is taken immediately. For many years, the board of regents has been threatening to enact some program of campus beautification, but as yet this program is but a pipe dream. Why hasn't some action been initiated? Why do we not have green trees, grass, and shrubs surrounding our buildings as do the majority of midwestern universities and colleges?

One has only to see the beautiful surroundings of Iowa State, Iowa university, or Kansas university to realize how the University of Nebraska has neglected its program of landscaping. Even Nebraska's private colleges, with their limited funds and facilities, are able to provide for campuses which far excel that of our university. Although many elaborate buildings have been constructed on our campus, it is obvious that the ground surrounding these buildings has been seriously neglected. Oh yes, every now and then a single shrub is planted in hopes that it may add to the glory of it all, but as yet no satisfactory program of campus beautification has been enacted here at the University.

How long are we to wait for progressive action? Is there to be a perpetual neglect of the appearance of our campus? The answers to these questions rest in the

hands of the present generation of students. The cause is not a hopeless one, for there is still time to save our campus if immediate action is initiated. It takes at the longest only 15 or 20 years to grow trees to an appreciable size, and the time necessary for flowers, grass, and shrubs to reach maturity is much less. Therefore, if a program of landscaping were begun immediately, our campus would be very much beautified by 1950. But, if this program were continually delayed and set aside, the time when Nebraska's campus will be attractive in appearance is several years away. If the present trend of affairs continues, no student now attending the university will live to see a complete landscaping of the university campus.

The fate of the Nebraska campus lies in the hands of the students. And I have only one hope to express in closing: That the students will do their part to make our campus one of beauty, and excellence instead of the thing it is today.

RAY L. HARRISON.

POLICE SEEK CAR STOLEN FROM CAMPUS APRIL 20

Regier Almost Intercepts Automobile Thieves In Ford V-8.

Police are seeking the whereabouts of a stolen automobile which, for a brief time during the Honors Day convocation Thursday, was parked among other cars at the curb north of Morrill hall.

Sergeant Regier of the university police, who was near the coliseum directing the parking of cars to avoid traffic complications, noticed two rather ill dressed men who seemingly were having difficulty in starting a car—a dark green Ford V-8—parked near Morrill hall. Suspecting that they were not the owners of the car, he started to investigate. The car started suddenly and the men encircled the mall at the stadium at an excessive rate of speed, turned east, and narrowly missed the officer, who had run to the center of the street to head them off.

Hurrying to the telephone in Coach Jones' office, the sergeant notified the city police, but, tho a cruiser car was sent in immediate pursuit, the car was not overtaken. Check of the license number, 6-244, revealed the fact that the plates had been stolen from Wahon, Nebraska, the day before. Police of surrounding cities have been notified to be on the lookout for a car of the description given.

Phlegmatic, crumby, flutulent, cacophony, treachery, sap, jazz, plutocrat, gripe and plump are the ten most unpleasant words in the English language, says the National Association of Teachers of Speech.

ENGINEERS WILL VIEW AUTO FILM WEDNESDAY

College Assembly Features Six Reel Sound Picture Of Motor Industry.

Six reels of sound motion pictures running the gamut of subject matter from the technicalities of building automobile engines and frames to the frivolities of a technician cartoon will feature the all engineering college convocation to be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in social sciences hall auditorium.

Made available thru the courtesy of M. M. Millsap, educational director of the Chevrolet Motors company of St. Louis, Mo., the pictures have been arranged for by Prof. Jiles W. Haney, chairman of the mechanical engineering department and the engineers executive board.

The complete program of movies is as follows: "Horsepower," dealing with the building of automobile engines; "Four Square," explaining the designing of the frame or chassis of a car; "On the Air," which shows the details and technique of putting a radio program on in a broadcasting studio; "The Other Fellow," a safety driving picture; "Just a Spark," a story of forest fires' prevention; and last but not least, a technician cartoon entitled "A Coach for Cinderella."

A large crowd is expected to attend the convocation as a similar program held last year was adjudged one of the most popular meetings of the year according to Prof. Haney.

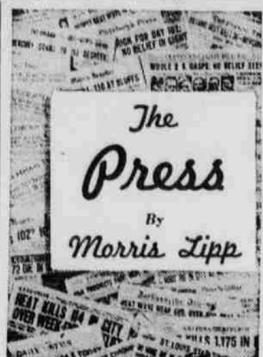
VESPER SPEAKER TALKS ABOUT 'TIME FOR LIVING'

Mrs. Robert Cullum of City Y. Will Address Group at Ellen Smith Today.

"Finding Time for Living" is the title of the address to be given by Mrs. Robert Cullum, city Y. W. C. A. affiliate, at this afternoon's Vespers at Ellen Smith hall at 5 o'clock.

Representing Lincoln high school at the state music contest in May are Rosalind Lefferdink, violin, and Jean Simmons, flute, who will present musical numbers at the meeting. Both girls received superior ratings at the district contest.

In charge of the meeting is Selma Hill, Vesper staff member, who will also read the devotionals. Vesper choir, directed by Maxine Federle and accompanied by Bernice Nellemann, will sing the professional and a special number. All university women are invited to attend this meeting.



APPOINTMENT OF AN emergency board of three to attempt settlement of a dispute between rival workers unions representing railroad and shipping employes by President Roosevelt Monday, marked the first federal action in labor mediation. There are 25,000 railroad and shipping workers involved in this metropolitan New York industrial dispute. Like the incessant CIO-AFL strike, two rival unions are fighting to determine which organization should represent the workers.

VALIDITY OF THE old age pension provisions of the new deal's social security act will be determined soon by the United States supreme court. The act under which 2,700,000 employers and 26,000,000 employees are paying taxes has been a controversial argument in the new deal's socialization program and the ruling of the high tribunal may mean either a pat on the back or a slap in the face to the present administration.

COMMUNIST Angelo Herndon of Atlanta won a 5 to 4 decision in the Supreme Court from an 18 to 20 year sentence imposed on him after conviction on charges of violating a Georgia reconstruction days law Monday. The 66 year old statute forbid the advocacy of forceful resistance to the state. The Herndon case has long been a center of interest because of the unusual legal process involved, which, according to the bench's majority ruling, held that the aged law was improperly applied to Herndon, attempting to deprive the man of his freedom of speech and assembly guaranteed by the constitution. Justice Roberts read the majority opinion.

Inquiring Reporter

We know how Shakespeare stood in the world of his time, we are quite familiar with the opinion that certain of our teachers have concerning him today, but what go the students think of the great bard? Do they even bother to remember any of his quotations?

Preparations for the speech department's annual Shakespearean festival, which gave its initial performance last night, brings to mind the opinion, or lack of it, that college students have of William Shakespeare as an author.

Why did you like Shakespeare's works? Do you remember any of the noteworthy quotations from them?

Enid Gillett, Teachers college junior:

"His characters are absolutely true to life. Of course, there is no basis for judgment of the people of his time, but he seems to accurately describe them, and to portray their emotions perfectly.

"He is a skillful technician. He can keep two or three or any number of plots running thru his plays at the same time, he can develop each one perfectly, and can bring each one up often enough so that the reader doesn't lose track of it. He is versatile enough to please everyone, he has a play, a story, or a sonnet for every mood, or he combines them altogether. Then, too, so few authors have ever been able to write both tragedy and comedy with equal ease.

"I learned Hamlet's soliloquy, Henry's ceremonial speech, the 'Blow, blow thou winter wind,' paragraph from 'As You Like It,' and the 'Mercy speech' from the 'Merchant of Venice.'"

Knox Pucknett, Engineering College junior:

"As a general rule, his works are excellent. I feel that his writings get his point across much better than any of the writers of his age. Of course, there may be several reasons for this. Perhaps it was because so few people of his time were well educated that anyone who could write was outstanding. All people at that time lived practically the same life, all belonged to the same church, and it would have been comparatively simple to pick out a man and make him representative of his age.

"I prefer to think, however, that Shakespeare rose to fame because of the superlative quality of his work. His quotations from 'Julius Caesar' are the only ones with which I am familiar."

Jean Hooper, Arts and Sciences freshman:

"I enjoyed 'Macbeth' because of the vivid picturization which the author employed to describe his characters. Altho they are sometimes not exactly true to life, they are always perfectly drawn.

Bob McMerney, Arts and Sciences senior:

"The writings of Shakespeare concern life, and life has not changed essentially since his time. He had enough foresight to write with an eye to the future, and all his works are as true today as they were when he lived."

Elsbeth Leisy, Arts and Sciences senior:

"The way in which he presents both his characters and his ideas make his works the most interesting that I have ever read. Almost unique in his field, his works have become almost classics of the English language. The only quotation that I remember is 'Hamlet soliloquy.'"

Dorothy Surber, Arts and Sciences senior:

"Both his plays and his literature are based on human nature, and human nature hasn't changed

Bulletin
 Infantry Officers.
 Cadet infantry officers will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 in room 210 of Nebraska hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the annual dinner of the infantry department.

Tassels.
 Tassels will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in room 105 Social Science.

Corn Cobs.
 Corn Cobs will meet Wednesday night at 7:30 in Social Science, room 107E. The group will decide upon an orchestra for their spring party May 21. Five members will be initiated.

Delta Phi Delta.
 Important business will be discussed at the regular meeting of Delta Phi Delta, fine arts honorary, to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Room 204 of Morrill hall. All members are asked to attend.

a bit. The same motives and emotions that moved men to act then still hold true today.

"I remember the 'Mercy speech,' the 'Hamlet soliloquy,' and the one that goes 'All that glitters is not gold.'"

George Hanthorn, Engineering college sophomore:

"To me, Shakespeare is the greatest playwright that has ever lived. He was able to take any character that he wanted and make him act exactly as the he were alive. He conveyed his thought with exact shades of meaning, seldom rivalled and never equalled since his day. His characterizations were superbly done, he had a perfect command of the English language, and he was a poet in every sense of the word.

"I remember some of his quotations; such of them as the 'Mercy speech,' the words of Shylock, the remark that 'men by indirections find directions out,' and 'There's something rotten in Denmark,' as well as 'To a consummation devoutly to be wished for.'"

William Van Sickle, Arts and Sciences junior:

"The very compactness of his literary style, and the fact that he was able to put a lot of thought into a few words make him stand out in my mind."

William Turney, Arts and Sciences sophomore:

"His plays make one think more than most literature, you have to think his meaning out for yourself if you expect to get the idea."

When Washington university students first saw a crew of men unload one thousand full whiskey cases into the basement of Brown hall, they wondered who was going to drink it all. Upon investigating they found that the boxes contained 80,000 books belonging to the Academy of Science of St. Louis.

An "electric eye" detects latecomers to physics classes at St. Thomas College. Even while the professor's back is turned, a person can't slip in undetected, for he must cross the light beam and when he does a gong clangs.

DR. H. HOLCK ADDRESSES BIOLOGISTS AT MEMPHIS
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day convocation held in the Peabody hotel April 21-24, was Dr. Thorvald Madsen, of Copenhagen Denmark. Doctor Madsen, who is the director of the League of Nations Public Health Service, addressed

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DAIRY ASSOCIATION TO HOLD CONVENTION JUNE 22 TO 25 AT AG

About 550 Will Assemble In Lincoln for Annual National Meeting.

The university will be host to dairymen and others interested in the field when from 500 to 600 delegates convene on the agricultural college campus June 22 to 25 for the 43rd annual convention of the American Dairy Science association. This is one of the few national conventions to be held here. Advance indications are that this year's convention of the dairy science association will be one of the most important in the history of the organization. Several new features will be introduced, and the number of papers submitted indicate a nationwide interest in the meeting.

While the final program is not quite complete, Prof. H. P. Davis, chairman of the department of dairy husbandry at the university, who is in charge of the 1937 program, announced that among the outstanding speakers will be Dr. L. E. Casida, assistant professor of genetics at the University of Wisconsin; Dr. T. S. Sutton, assistant professor of animal husbandry at Ohio State university; and many others including a group of Nebraska educators.

Introduce Score Card.
 Among the new features to be introduced will be the new seven sample score card which has been proposed for the national student dairy products judging contest to be held next October. In addition, delegates will attend the parish field day of the Nebraska Fairs' cattle club June 25 at the fairgrounds. And for the first time at any of the association meetings two prizes of \$1000 each are being awarded by the Borden company to the individual whose work in the processing and production field is judged most meritorious. Winners of these prizes will be officially presented during the convention program.

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the assemblage on the international standardization of drugs.

Garrey to Head.
 Prof. W. E. Garrey of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, was elected president of the Physiological Society and consequently became the chairman of the Federation for the coming year. In 1940, it was decided, the convention would be held in San Francisco, the first time it has ever been held west of the Mississippi. Next year it will be held at Baltimore, Md., and the following year at Toronto, Canada.

Doctor Holck reported that the midwestern and western schools were very well represented at the meetings. Drs. McIntyre, Bennet, and Morgulis of the Medical School at Omaha, also represented the University there.

THIEVES TAKE GLOVES, DRAWING SET, JACKETS

Students Report Losses To Campus Police Headquarters.

A recent wave of petty thieving which has swept the university campuses as well as the residential sections of Lincoln resulted this week in the theft of a pair of gloves, a group of drawing instruments, and three leather jackets belonging to students and employees of the campus.

On Monday, April 19, an employee in the extension office, at agricultural college, reported the loss of a pair of gloves.

A dark brown suede jacket belonging to Irvin Dodge, 3310 R street, was taken from the experimental station on Wednesday, April 21. On the same day Carl Sorenson, 3268 Orchard, reported the loss of a calfskin jacket taken from the locker room at the Dairy building. Last of the jacket thefts occurred Saturday, April 24, when a jacket belonging to Neil Dawes, 3133 Dudley, was stolen from the experiment station.

Professor L. B. Smith of the department of architecture, reports the disappearance of a group of drawing instruments valued at approximately \$5, taken sometime Friday.

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