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ACTIVE WAITING

No man should leave college now and, actuated by the belief that he is thus best serving his country, enlist in the army.

By staying in college, as President Graham said in the mass meeting of Tuesday night and as General Wood has declared, he can be of most use to the United States. The college man has already proved to his country that he is eager to do anything to be of service. When his country really needs him, it will call for him.

In the meantime he should train, strengthen and develop his every faculty in preparation for such a call if it should come. To be eager to serve is not enough; he must also be able. He should do his class work better than ever before. His country now needs more than it needs anything else, "the sinews and steel of men's minds, wit, courage, audacity, resolution, temper, industry, and the like." It needs also men who have the power, as Arnold puts it, to see life steadily and see it whole. For such men the trumpet call has already sounded. And it will sound again.

It is certain that his country needs the college man as thinker. It may also need him as soldier, as a fighter in the field. All of us should train ourselves to fill that need efficiently when the time comes. Every Carolina man except those who are serving or preparing to serve their country in a different way, those who have already had military training and those who are physically unable, every single Carolina man, except those men, should be out drilling with the Carolina companies.

"They also serve who only stand and wait," somebody said. By waiting we can best serve. But it is most important what sort of waiting ours shall be,—blind and slothful waiting or watchful and tremendously active waiting.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Carolina is now approaching the end of a most successful year in athletics. She may look back with the highest pride on her teams and their records in the three most important branches of college athletics, football, basketball and baseball.

And yet you doubtless remember that in the early part of last fall the calamity howlers prophesied that we would lose almost every game we were to play during the year. They said it would be impossible to put out a winning team in anything with our lack of material and with our one-year rule.

They were wrong.

With admittedly poorer material in football, basketball and base-

ball mad with the bug bear one-year rule in football and baseball, we have put out the best, the most successful teams that Carolina has had in a good many years. This year there has been a change of attitude on the part of the varsity players toward their teams and also on the part of the student body toward those teams. It is a fact that the Carolina varsity teams have "played together" better, and that the student body has supported them better, than ever before in recent years.

What is the cause of this? It has been ascribed, and most justly, to Coach Campbell especially and to coaches Cowan, Peacock, and Hearn. Without them a successful year would have been impossible, unthinkable.

Yet there are two other elements which made for a successful year. One is the so-called pernicious one-year rule, the other the purer atmosphere of Carolina athletics.

The one-year rule has forced us to depend on the athletic material within our college walls and on that in the prep and high schools of the State. It has made us more systematic, more self-dependent, more efficient, more successful.

The purer atmosphere of Carolina athletics, too, though it may have been purified partly through the influence of the one-year rule and the personality of Mr. Campbell, is itself an important element in the cause of the year's success. Two years ago when Walter Fuller wrote his notorious baseball editorial, the atmosphere was rather murky, and the year was not a most successful one. This year the athletic atmosphere is pure. Every Carolina man in the grandstands during the year has known that the Carolina players on the gridiron, the basketball court and the diamond were not only amateurs but also representative Carolina men, men who have come here to do other things besides make tackles, shoot goals and hit the ball. The student body has, therefore, been in perfect accord with the teams, for it has rightly felt that they were truly parts of itself. This feeling has manifested itself in vigorous support, such as was given, for instance, in the Virginia games. The result has been a big push toward a successful year.

A Correction

The editors in the April issue of the University Magazine reasoned like this: If any man pays seven dollars for a subscription to a daily paper, he wants to read that publication as soon as possible after it leaves the press. Then if any student pays a library fee of four dollars per year for the community ownership of about four hundred publications, which is approximately 1 cent each per year he ought to have the same privileges in the use of the papers as the individual that parts with his seven dollars. It seems to me that this reasoning does not sound of the quality of logic that a college man should use.

The library mail is "up" about one-thirty P. M. The papers are put in the reading room between two and two-thirty P. M. by some student who rushes from his dinner for that purpose. There have been some exceptions to this statement of the case, when the papers did not come in on the usual mail, or most often when some fellow student, in whose behalf the Magazine writes, borrowed the papers from the library box in the Post

Patriotism Forbids

destructive personal pleasures. Cigarette smoking is a destructive habit.

Office and forgot to return them. Appeals have been made by the library to the Post Office authorities here and in Washington. The boxes have been fixed so that no one except a person who had business in them or a thief could get in. Very often in my efforts to detect the people who would so boldly use other people's property, I have found students reading President Graham's private copy of the Greensboro Daily News as well as the Library mail.

If the Magazine wants to be a helpful factor in college life, let it first search for the truth, and then it might find itself writing editorials on earlier dinner hours or private ownership of the Post Office, or best of all what a college man's ethics should be in regard to the other people's property.

NOT THE LIBRARIAN.

"Patriotism" as Interpreted by the Johns Hopkins News Letter

The following paragraphs from an editorial in the Johns Hopkins News-Letter entitled "Patriotism" is an admirable statement of the intellectual and moral duties of the college man in regard to the great war.

"Yet, as men of a great university, our duty goes far beyond the mere willingness to make sacrifice. It is not enough that we act; we must think, and think constantly, of the reasons for the act. We must ever hold before our eyes the redeeming fact that the strife and hate into which the world is plunged is not the end in itself, but only the bloody prelude to an era in which the ideals of democracy and justice shall reign in place of the ideals of a narrow nationalism. Even in the midst of the dull, grinding routine of drill, drill which has for its purpose the perfection of the technique of slaying, we must keenly realize that we prepare ourselves for organized fratricide only that the blindness which permits that fratricide may perish from the earth.

"If we, as members of the world's thinking class, allow our intelligence to be subverted to our passions; if, in the conflict that is to come, we think only of victory, and not of the reason for victory, the contention of those, who, in the face of a virulent scorn unworthy of democracy, have contended that the United States could have better served humanity by steadfastly refusing to make war, under all provocations, will be justified. Upon us rests the duty of seeing that the calm and noble spirit in which one of the greatest presidents the country has ever known made his plea to Congress that war be declared is preserved, even when the struggle becomes the bitterest, even when the blood-tang of the battlefield rises in our nostrils.

"Nor is the task a light one. It is so easy to regard the nation upon whom we make war as a nation of Huns and Vandals, so perilously easy to believe that, if we conquer that nation, we conquer all the evil that is extant in our civilization. Yet we fight Germany only because, under the German government, the disregard for international law and international morality which the present unorganized state of the world makes possible has become crystallized; for the men in the German trenches, deluded by a militant autoeracy, believing that they defend their land against selfish and mercenary invaders, there should be nothing but respect and sympathy. And the cause for which we fight will need far more than the destructive act of subduing a lawless government to bring it final victory.

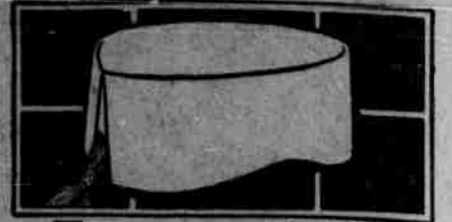
"It is for us, the men of the universities, to keep these things ever in our minds. It is for us to preach the patriotism which looks not only to the triumph of our armies, but the deeper, truer patriotism which looks to the time when the tenet of the brotherhood of man for which our nation stands shall encompass the world.

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