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LOOK FOR FAST TEAM.

Basket Ball Men Showing up Well--Old Men Back--Schedule for Season in Process of Arrangement.

The advent of the football men is causing a gradual increase in the ranks of the basket ball squad. While only a few of the gridiron warriors have appeared for practice as yet, a number of these will soon be out. Kellogg and Cuff were out for practice Tuesday and Pillsbury, Captain Koehler and Cortelyou were on the side lines deeply interested in the play. Cortelyou reports that he will not be able to play for two or three weeks because of his injured knee, but the others will probably be out within a week.

So far the showing of the men has been excellent. Fifteen are already out and practicing three times a week. From among these a team of unusual strength and speed can be chosen. Four of last year's team five are either playing or will be soon. They are Cortelyou, Pillsbury, Koehler and Thomas. A large number of the remainder of the squad have had more or less experience with the game.

Hard practice will continue three times a week. The team will probably not be chosen until after the holidays.

Manager Merrill is planning to take the team down into Kansas some time during the season. No games have been definitely scheduled yet but he is in correspondence with several institutions with prospects of securing a good list of dates. Arrangements are being made with the Haskell Indians. The University of Kansas, Topeka Y. M. C. A., and the Kansas City Y. M. C. A. Return games will very likely be played in Lincoln with Haskell and Kansas.

Correspondence has been opened with Minnesota regarding a game. No promise was made by them but indications are that they will play if suitable terms can be made. The matter will be presented to their athletic board, and the decision will rest with them.

The management is somewhat handicapped by a lack of funds. An effort is being made to have the board appropriate some money for the use of that branch of athletics. If that is done the prospects for a successful season are bright.

COLLEGE ELECTIVE SYSTEM TO BE EXTENDED AT PENNSYLVANIA.

The academic council of the college of the University of Pennsylvania have adopted a new system of electives which will go into effect next year, whereby a student may complete the amount of work necessary for the undergraduate degree in three, four or five years, at the option of the student, the amount of work consisting of sixty counts, each count being one hour a week attendance throughout the year at lecture or recitation, or two hours of laboratory work a week.

The work required in the Course in Arts and Science will be reduced to twenty-two units. While the group system is retained, it is in a form so modified that a student may select a group of either two or three subjects. The number of units of work assigned to the group is eight-

teen, as at present. The additional number of units required for graduation (at least twenty) is to be made up of free electives. In his selection of subjects a student will be restricted only by the necessary sequence of studies, and by the limitation of the roster.

In the course in Finance and Economy each student will have twenty-eight units of required work. Of the remaining thirty-two units required for graduation, twenty-four must be selected from the list of studies now assigned to the Junior and Senior years in the course in Finance and Economy, and eight units are assigned to free electives. It is recommended, however, that students who desire to complete the course in three years enter with advance credits for six units in Foreign Language, Mathematics or History.

The course in Biology remains practically as at present, but the students who desire to complete the course in three years are recommended to enter with advance credits for two units in mathematics and three years in the required Foreign languages, and that they do at least one summer's work in Botany or Zoology under conditions approved by the Committee of Instruction in Biology.

Under the old system only about one-ninth of the student's time was left for free electives after meeting the demands of the required and group work. Under the new plan the work required of all students is considerably reduced, an one-third of all the time of the course is given to free electives.

The features of the new plan that will undoubtedly appeal most strongly to the faculty and students are the possibilities of completing the College Course in three years and of electing courses irrespective of class and year, thus obliterating to some extent distinction between classes in the College.

ATHLETIC BOARD MEETS.

The purchase of fifteen "N" sweaters was ordered by the athletic board at a special meeting last night. They will be given to those players who played in the most games with recognized colleges. In addition to these the board will procure thirteen sweaters without the letter.

Manager Cowgill gave a report of the progress of the work he has been doing towards scheduling games for next season. Professor Richards reported on the building of the grand stand.

An offer from Mr. Garoutt of Lincoln to fence the athletic field was accepted.

Nothing was done at the meeting towards choosing a manager. The advisability of hiring a graduate manager on salary was discussed at some length. A proposition to donate a sum of money to the college settlement aroused considerable discussion. There was much opposition manifested by some of the members of the board.

Chancellor Andrews announced at convocation this morning that he would like to see all the seats filled in the central part of the house. He said it would be an inspiration to the person conducting the meeting and a convenience to the audience in the matter of hearing.

WANT BOOTH TO STAY.

Students Express Themselves at Chapel--Chancellor Andrews Speaks on "Football"--Praises Men on the Line.

Coach Booth's popularity among the students of the University was attested yesterday at the convocation when every person in the room arose as a sign that they wanted the big coach to remain at the head of Nebraska football next year.

The rising vote was taken at the instance of Chancellor Andrews during a talk on "football" supplementary to the remarks of the coach the day before.

The Chancellor told of Mr. Booth's speech Tuesday in which he talked about football and said not a thing about himself and he spoke of the remarkable modesty of the man, accompanied by great reserve power. "He has been a positive factor in almost everything good since he came to this institution," said the Chancellor. "Other universities want him and are ready to offer him large inducements. I would like to see how many are in favor of having him remain with us, provided we can make him as good an offer as he gets from elsewhere." He then asked those to stand up who would like to see Mr. Booth remain. The house rose in a body.

Speaking of the team he said that every member of it was to be commended. Bender's run was a brilliant one and he deserved much praise.

The athletic board is to be praised for the work it has done. "The papers have spoken of the spectacular plays he said, 'I want to speak of the line. He said the line had done exceptionally good work in standing under the rushes of heavier opponents. In conclusion he said: 'If there has been any roughness in playing this year, it is to be deprecated. I do not believe in football, that is not clear, fair and square and above board.'"

TALK ABOUT BIRDS.

An open meeting of the Bird Club was held last night in the lecture room of the entomology department. A large crowd was present to listen to the discussion of two papers which were read.

Dr. Robert H. Wolcott talked on "A Trip to Southwestern Nebraska and over the Line in Colorado." The principal aim of the paper was to show the great loss of bird life from striking on telegraph wires along the railroad. In walking two miles along the track he discovered 52 birds which had been just recently killed. This number included several species of sparrows, a killdeer and a prairie chicken. He also had stuffed specimens at hand to show the variety of birds in this region. Another interesting feature was the great variety of ducks upon the irrigation ponds which have been artificially built. Twelve distinct species were noticed on one pond at the same time.

"Holt county Bird life in 1883-84 and in 1901," was the subject of Prof. Laurence Bruner's interesting paper. He pointed out the marked decrease in the variety and number of birds in the sand hills of Nebraska during the last eighteen years. This de-

crease, he said, is due to the advent of the market hunter into these wild regions. The change in variety of bird life is in the immigration of birds which follow civilization as a result of the tree planting. The experiences were made more interesting because taken at the professor's own timber claim in Holt county.

The club, which is connected with the state ornithological society meets every two weeks for the discussion of "Nebraska Bird life." Monthly open meetings are held at which carefully prepared papers are read. The next open meeting will be held early in January.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS.

The College Essay Publishing Company of 807 Colonial Building, Boston, Mass., has offered a number of prizes, amounting in all to \$2,550 to be competed for by students of any college in the United States. A student will be allowed to write on any of the subjects named below:

1. Literature, embracing History, Art, Biography and Fiction.
2. Science, including Physics, Medicine, Law, Geology, etc.
3. This group will comprehend papers on Philosophy, Psychology, Religion and Sociology.
4. Poetry.

The College Essay Monthly will be divided into five departments, viz., Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior and Post-Graduate, and in each of the five departments three prizes of \$150 each will be awarded for the best papers on any of the subjects in the first three of the following groups.

1. Fifteen purses of \$150 each will be awarded to the students writing the best papers on the themes mentioned above.
2. Five purses of \$30 each for the best poem in each department.
3. The sum of \$100 will be equally divided among the ten students relating the best college incidents.
4. Three purses of \$25, \$15 and \$10 each will be awarded for drawings significant of college life, as football player, baseball player, golf girl, etc.

A member of the Freshman class will be expected to compete with a Freshman only, either of his or her own college or of another, thereby assuring each contestant that his competitors will be of his own standing.

All contributions must be typewritten and all competitors will be governed by the following conditions:

1. No papers shall exceed 5,000 words (poems limited to fifty lines and incidents to 400 words). Write on one side of the paper only.
2. Not the author's signature, but his nom-de-plume and name of college and class must accompany the manuscript.
3. His or her name, nom-de-plume, name of college and class must be sent to the above address under separate seal.
4. Manuscript must be mailed before February 1, 1902.
5. Each manuscript must be accompanied by stamps for mailing.

Keene Abbott, a former reader in the English department has been spending a few days about the University. He is running a weekly paper at Lawton, Oklahoma.