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With Friday's issue, The Nebraskan plans to begin a department for the students of the Teachers' College High School. With its attendance of nearly one hundred and fifty, this school brings the total Summer School attendance near the one thousand mark. This is far larger than any previous year and shows the rapid growth of Nebraska university.

Attendance at convocation so far this summer has not been nearly as large as it should be. It seems strange that students should deliberately pass up opportunities for culture through lectures and entertainments arranged for them by the university, free of charge, when during the rest of the year they would gladly pay for entertainments and lectures which cannot compare with these in value.

The lecture of Dr. Howard, last Monday, on "The New Humanism" was fairly well attended, but it should have been heard by every student of the summer session, especially by those in the teaching profession. The same is true of the lecture on Brazil by Professor Persinger.

The university and the city of Lincoln offer many opportunities for culture besides the regular curriculum work. The latter should, of course, come first, but the student who shuts himself off from all other interests is missing a vital part of his education. If we are to have convocation at all, at least a majority should attend. If the voluntary system fails to secure this, why not make attendance compulsory?

The quadrennial political spectacle is being staged once more for the American people. If the teachers of Nebraska are in reality, as they should be, the leaders in political as well as other lines of thought, they should take advantage of their presence at the university to widen their political knowledge by study and interchange of opinions. One serious political fault from which the student seems less free than he should be is the lack of open-mindedness. Too many adopt the expressed doctrines of a certain political organization and modify the new facts which may come under their observance to suit their doctrine, rather than modify their doctrine to suit the fact.

It would be beneficial in securing a sane discussion of the political issues of the day if student political clubs were formed by the democrats and by the republicans in the summer session—to say nothing of the followers past and present of the indomitable colonel.

This is the year in which everybody is arranging to have a photograph made on their birthday; a record which you, perhaps, have neglected. Let Townsend serve you. Studio, 226 So. 11th St.

SONNETS OF A PESSIMIST

I. Of Poetry-with-a-Purpose

When I consider how much time it takes,
And how much patience, effort, force of will
Are spent on verse and meter, indifferent, good or ill,
And badly turned,—and how much pain it makes
The friendly reader, who, in blind confusion, till
He strike a stumbling block in punctuation kind,
Goes reading on, intent to catch the sense
That has been hidden by the poet's cunning mind
Somewhere in wordy forests, on pretense
Of decorative gardening,—I am appalled.
Why not assert the fact in statement bold,
In ordinary prose, with cause and consequence?
For with this sad example here, consider what is worse
Than some once living thought, embled in verse?

II. Of the Study of Shakespeare

Intent on understanding all he meant,
They chose one book of all the jeweled store
He left us, finely wrought of silver dreams
And golden human passions, melted, blent
Within the furnace of his mind to that rich ore
Of poetry, whose secret none but him has found.
They bought them vari-colored inks and reams
Of notebook paper, all whose space they filled
With curious plots of lines and figures round,
Presenting impulse and effect and style;
The climax and catastrophe to build,
They delved in first editions, critics' works,—the while
The play passed by, in solemn pageantry arrayed,
And they planned out the stage on which it played.

CONVOCATION

Tomorrow: Lecture by Professor Pugsley, of the Agricultural Extension department, on "School Gardening."

Friday: Lecture by Professor Dann on paintings of the Art association in the Art gallery.

CHADDERDON TO LEAD THE TENNIS CLUB

J. A. Chadderdon, of Oxford, was chosen president of the Summer School Tennis association at the meeting Monday afternoon in the student activities office. Mr. Chadderdon will have charge of organizing the tennis tournament that is planned for the summer.

It was decided that only Summer School students and faculty men were to be admitted to the club and to the use of the courts.

Two nets bought by the club and left on the courts have been stolen.

Miss Jean Burroughs, '17, of the Daily Nebraskan staff last semester, is temporarily society editor for the Lincoln Daily Star.



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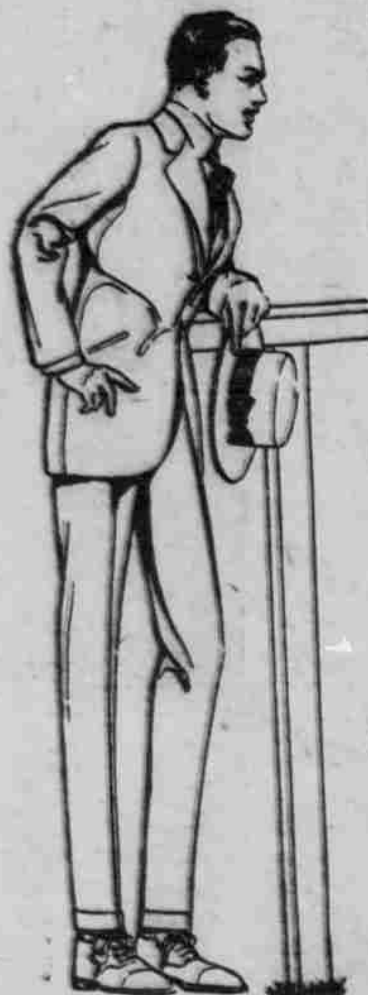
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