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The Kingpin Is Down.

The kingpin is down. A survey of the athletic activities of Big Six schools reveals that Nebraska this year has succeeded in annexing only one championship. The swimming team was the only aggregation strong enough to best the stiff competition offered by the other five schools in the conference.

Various factors have entered in this rather poor showing. Complaints have been voiced against the way some of the teams have been coached. In other sports, it was a lack of men, while in still others ineligibility cut a wide swath in the ranks.

Rather than making excuses, however, and begrudging the victories of her sister schools Nebraska should be proud to acknowledge her defeat by superior teams. It shows a fighting spirit within the conference.

The spoils this year were divided along different lines than they generally are. Kansas State went home with her first football championship of any sort. Oklahoma came thru with her first outdoor track victory in many moons. Nebraska, generally exceedingly powerful in these two sports, could come out no better than second and third.

This, looking at it from the standpoint of the whole conference, would seem to be rather a

healthy situation. Nebraska, always powerful in football and track, received the plaudits of the nation regardless of the showing made in other sports by the other conference teams. One sports commentator during the football season stated something to the effect that the name Cornhusker was used to frighten little children in other Big Six states. While the implication is obviously exaggerated, it is true that Nebraska was receiving more than her fair share of fame and glory.

Now that things have been evened up a bit, it will undoubtedly make for better spirit and sport within the Big Six. Nebraska, recently inclined to be a bit cocky over her successes, has by now surely lost all traces of conceit and will be down with the rest of the teams earnestly fighting for a place at the top.

It is no more than natural that the Nebraska campus should wish its teams to win, but it takes an occasional sound licking to keep a school's vanity from going beyond all bounds.

A 'Voluntary' Parade.

TUESDAY afternoon the ROTC held a parade. Other departments attempted to hold classes. In some cases attendance dropped 80 percent (on the eve of examinations).

Attendance at the parade was, according to authority, "purely voluntary." However, instructors of regularly scheduled university classes were requested by cadets to sign excuses permitting them to attend those self same regularly scheduled classes, and thus excusing them from an entirely "voluntary" attendance at the ROTC parade. It should be noted that no excuses were forthcoming from the military department for the cadets who missed their regular classes.

Are we to assume that the offer of two hours extra military credit for attending the parade is an incentive for attendance at regular university classes? Student officers are ordinarily fined 50 cents an hour for missing such parades. This rule was temporarily suspended for the parade, although this knowledge was withheld from the officers, being reserved as a happy surprise until after the "voluntary" parade.

Such a situation might be more easily tolerated if it were an educational function of an educational department. But being, as it indubitably is, mere militaristic ballyhoo, it is extremely hard to swallow. This is the feeling not only of onlookers but has been vigorously expressed by certain cadets and student officers.

A decision at which university authorities must eventually arrive is whether we are to have a university as an educational institution or as an adjunct of an overbearing war department.

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Strain Inevitable



—Peace in the Newark Evening News.

of 'The Taming of the Shrew' has drawn a hearty round of approval this spring from those cities that have been fortunate enough to have a visit from this leading duo. Batteries of press material have verified the fact that the play still belongs to Shakespeare, but from delightful rumors that have broken, the production is decided Lynn and Alfred. This version will take the road again in the fall, arriving in the Guild theater in time for the Christmas Holiday throngs. And of course this will be a must for the more ardent playgoers.

A Hamlet that has been startling English drama fans from their quiet routines is that acted by John Gielgud, a comparative newcomer on the British scene. Mr. McClintic is in England now making the preliminary offers for the Broadway showing of this version, but as yet no gotted lines have been signed, nor fluttered press reports released.

All of which brings us back to the fact that Final Examinations are just around the corner; and that a few of us are still bemoaning the fact that we bought that excess supply of spring clothes at vacation time. The top-coat feels pretty swell even this twentieth of the month! However, there are still Summer Theater Plans to be discussed, but not this morning.

Rules are rules at Ohio State university (Columbus). There was a big blaze in the women's dormitory there, and firemen found the charred end of a

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The actress-manager packed the Martin Beck theater in the Broadway sector for three months with a superb production of the Shakespearean tragedy as New York has seen for many a decade. Carefully cast with many of New York and London stars supporting her; thoroughly directed by her producer-husband Guthrie McClintic; beautifully designed by one of the foremost of our American Designers—Jo Meilzner, the production came as near being the essence of perfection as the modern theater has boasted. At least that is the humble opinion of one member of the Nebraska staff who saw the play during the Christmas recess.

Nor was the venture unprofitable in the least according to the reports from the managerial office of the McClintic firm. Altho

Miss Cornell expected to accept a loss on the play this year, her audiences were so insistent that she continue that before the profitable run was ended, in favor of a revival of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," some two hundred and fifty thousand dollars had passed thru the wire wicket.

Did someone say something about a depression? Or that the theater was dead? Or that Shakespeare had no appeal?

Speaking of Shakespeare, the theatrical dispatches of late have been laden with notices of plans for next season. Top names are proudly announced for road productions of a variety of the Bard plays: The Cornell company will be on the road, and what is especially heartening to Nebraskans is the announcement that Omaha is tentatively on the route for the winter showing! As mentioned several weeks ago Philip Merivale will be seen in "Othello" and "Macbeth" with Gladys Cooper, one of London's more brilliant representatives of a brilliant theatrical family, as the leading lady. Mr. Merivale has had a varied career, varied in characterizations that is. Several years ago he was Hamibal in Robert Sherwood's "The Road to Rome;" later he played Death in "Death Takes a Holiday;" last season he played the hearty Earl of Bothwell in

"Mary of Scotland;" and this year besides touring in this play, he portrayed George Washington in "Valley Forge."

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