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REGENTS' REPORT

The Excerpts are of University Interest.

The Institution is Outgrowing its Present Facilities.

Considerable space is devoted in this issue to extracts from the Seventeenth Biennial report of the Board of Regents of the University to the governor. This report is accessible to every student, in the general library, but the items printed here are of such interest as to warrant their publication. The fact that nearly every department is asking for increased facilities proves the growth of the University to have been very rapid. There is hardly a single department that has not reported facilities inadequate to properly provide for the work in that department. In some departments, notably the agricultural and that of physics, adequate facilities are now being provided, and every pressure is being brought to bear to relieve the strain in other departments.

"The health of students has during the past two years been unusually good only two deaths having occurred, one of these by accident."

"The bound volumes added to the library during each of the past five years ending on Nov. 1, are as follows:

Date.	By Purchase.	By gift.	Total.
1900	4096	604	4700
1901	2862	2538	5400
1902	3036	539	3575
1903	3792	783	4575
1904	3372	652	4024
	17158	5116	22274

"University athletics cannot continue to thrive without a new athletic field. The erection of the physics building on the old area has cut down its dimensions to such an extent that effective baseball can no longer be played here. Much of the ill luck that has beset us in football the past fall is directly traceable to the cramped and otherwise unfavorable condition of our grounds. The soil of the campus is not suitable either for diamond, for track, or for gridiron. Players have been constantly on our hospital list this year on account of injuries received through the roughness and flint-like hardness of the soil on which they played. The ground is too hard to permit fast time by runners. The diamond has to be worked upon constantly to keep it in any sort of condition for the limited uses of which it is capable."

"The elective system, operative in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, is disclosing some incidental defects. Thoughtless, easygoing, and immature students make ill choices of studies. A plan to obviate this infelicity has been proposed requiring every student to have a faculty adviser and to consult him both in regard to the student's courses in general and in regard to his particular studies semester by semester. In the same interest a classification of all courses as majors and minors, with insistence on a certain number of majors as necessary to a degree, is favored by some. Neither of the palliatives suggested has thus far secured a majority vote in the college faculty concerned, so that the subject must be urged upon them for further study."

"Another phenomenon occasioning some concern is the decreasing proportion of men, as compared with women, taking academic and general courses. In liberal studies women are rapidly winning the ascendant. Some very important culture courses have scarcely a male member apiece. It is not clear that the change results wholly from the popular tendency of the day to the so-called practical and the material.

Officers' Hop

Fraternity Hall, Friday, Feb. 3

EDDIE WALT'S ORCHESTRA

TICKETS, \$1.50

We must inquire if other factors are not at work. Have our programs or methods of instruction been growing effeminate, appealing to routine industry and memoriter proficiency, discouraging independent reflection and deep thought? Does our teaching lack spirit and ardor? Is it richer in mechanism and details than in life? The subject deserves careful investigation by a faculty committee. If present tendencies continue, two schools will result, one for women, monopolizing the specially educational and cultural subjects, hitherto regarded as of the greatest possible value in the development of choice humanity, and the other for men, teaching only "bread and butter studies." The University could hardly suffer a worse calamity than a cleavage like this, if complete or even pronounced."

"The time has come for more liberal remuneration to the University Faculty, many of whose members are regarded by authorities the country over as among America's foremost teachers and specialists.

"Professors have worked in Nebraska till their reputations were made, only to leave us for other universities bent on securing able men. Such gentlemen usually prefer to remain here, removing only because with us their future seems fiscally unpromising, while offers from other states are generous. Nebraska cannot afford to let this brain leakage continue. The best teaching talent in the land is none too good to instruct Nebraska youth.

"Our University pays heads of departments lower salaries than any similar state institution, perhaps \$500 below the average.

"Since 1865—and the salaries of our professors were fixed at a later date—general wages in the United States have steadily risen. So far as this advance was due to fall in general prices, fixed incomes shared in it, but so far as the advance has been due to rise in money wages, fixed incomes have not shared.

"It is thus obvious that most members of our faculties are underpaid. In fact our salary schedule differs little from that on which professors taught twenty-five years ago, when the University was an experiment, funds were meager and students numbered only a few hundred. This year the attendance will probably reach 2700, while good buildings and modern apparatus, with superior teaching, make the University one of the choicest in the land, a position attained largely through the influence and reputation of teachers serving on very small salaries. Such efficiency on so low salary payments of course can not continue. The situation betrays bad policy as well as injustice, as it must have the effect of weeding out our best talent.

"Besides some increase to salaries provision ought to be made at once for certain additions to the teaching capacity of the University.

"That the College of Law may be made the greatest possible credit and benefit to the State it should at once have an additional professor as well as a much larger sum for the purchase of books.

"The valuable instruction already given in the history and criticism of the fine arts should be amplified into a full professorship; and besides this, a

professorship of architecture established."

MECHANIC ARTS.

"The crowded condition of the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and of Mechanical Drawing and Machine Design, together with the lack of sufficient assistance, has made inexpedient any attempts to extend the usefulness of the School of Mechanic Arts during the past two years. In the shops we are unable to accommodate all of the regular engineering students, and the drawing rooms are altogether inadequate for present needs. The short course in mechanic arts was arranged to accommodate students who are unprepared to enter, or who had not the time to complete one of the regular engineering courses. It was expected that this work should be done without encroaching upon the higher work.

"That the work of the school is of value and is in demand there is no doubt, as is attested by the character of the students in attendance in the past, and by the work done by them after leaving school. With increased facilities for instruction, the usefulness of the school could be extended. However, considering present conditions, it is a grave question whether it is not wiser to abandon the work of the school unless it can be given reasonable support and opportunities for growth.

"To provide for this work it is necessary that there be a largely increased shop and drawing room equipment, with a corps of competent instructors to take charge of the several technical and general subjects taught. In particular it is important that permanent instructors in mathematics and English be provided. In English a new instructor has been assigned each year, and in consequence there has been no continuity of work or method and much of this instruction has been of little use to these classes. While better instruction has been provided in mathematics than in English the work could be improved if one capable instructor were placed in charge of the work of both years.

"It is to be hoped that in the near future some of the work in the second years of the course may be made elective, in order that the requirements of the students may be fully met."

LAW COLLEGE.

"Our law library facilities are still very inadequate. The matriculation and diploma fees will suffice to keep up a library, but they will not suffice to procure one. It is not merely that modern methods of legal study require full sets of reports for the immediate use of students. The student, if he is to go to the bar fully equipped and is to be of service to the community because of his legal knowledge, should know the literature of the law thoroughly. He should know what the books are and should have handled them more or less, and thus have learned their value and application. With our present meager library it is often impossible to do creditable work. The State Library, which is complete and up-to-date, happily mitigates this difficulty in part, but the habitual use of that library by students is an expense to the state as well as an inconvenience to those for whom it is primarily intended, and cannot

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A MASS MEETING

Chancellor Andrews and Prof. Wyer This Morning.

Matters of University Interest Will be Presented.

A mass meeting of the whole student body is called this morning at 11 in Memorial hall. Just what the meeting is to be called for is not known. Nothing could be learned as to its purpose at the executive office. Chancellor Andrews and Professor Wyer are to address the meeting. Tho' nothing would be given out regarding the purpose of this meeting the very fact of its being called so suddenly and that Chancellor Andrews' is to talk makes it certain that matters of no little moment will be presented. Everything should be dropped at 11 and the chapel should be crowded.

DR. FLING TALKS

Student Action Against Cribbing Advised.

The sparks of the reform movement, kindled by Chancellor Andrews in his address at chapel Monday morning, have begun to burst out into flame and the students and faculty are discussing the subject with the greatest interest.

How to keep the students who cheat from cheating is the theme and it is certainly of sufficient importance to demand the notice that it does.

Dr. Fling, in his class of method work in European history, gave up his regular lecture to discuss the subject, and his talk was well received by more than a hundred students who listened eagerly to his words.

He emphasized that the evil was certainly a deplorable and unsatisfactory one and was of the opinion that the only sure remedy to cure it was by the strength of the student body. He did not think that the movement should come from the faculty as much as from the students themselves. He thought, that they should not tolerate such dishonesty among their neighbors and classmates and that they should expel them from their organizations if caught gaining credits by such underhanded methods.

Dr. Fling furthermore urged that this matter should be given the strictest attention and that it would be a noble step, indeed, if the class organizations would assume sufficient responsibility to appoint committees for investigating such matters, throughout the year, and to recommend the withdrawal from the University of guilty members, if necessary.

A general sentiment like that he thought would soon stamp out the evil. The talk throughout was good and was silently applauded by the members of the class.

Professor Sweezy.

The scientific stereopticon lecture of Prof. Sweezy at chapel yesterday morning was well attended, especially by a large number of farmers, who came in from the farm where the agricultural meetings are being held, to attend the exercises this morning. Some of the views that he had were very picturesque, indeed, while the others were scientific views of plants and their measurements, all of which were ably elucidated by the speaker.

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