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Editorial Remarks

NEBRASKA SPIRIT.

Although not agreeing entirely with the sentiment contained therein we must refrain from expressing anything but approval of the spirit which prompted the communication printed in another column. The sentiment regarding the aiding of our Alma Mater by bringing here promising material, not only athletic, but all material which will be of use, ought to

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be such a common, every day, taken-for-granted sort of feeling as to make comment superfluous. But this spirit, and we say it with deepest regret, is so unusual that this exhibition of the right sort merits some note.

There never has been such a thing as Nebraska spirit prevalent among our Alumni, that is, prevalent to an extent at all approaching what it should be. Now and then the unexpected, in the shape of a similar communication, bobs up, but so rare are these evidences of Nebraska spirit among the great body of our Alumni that we like to dwell for a time upon them.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Alumni committee to make Alumni day of commencement week some such a reunion day of old Nebraska men as it should be. The undergraduate body of students can do a great deal toward making this day

a success. A personal word of invitation is far-reaching. The committee can and will reach a great number of the Alumni. We ought to aid them by reaching every old Nebraska man possible and get him here in Lincoln on Alumni day.

The appearance of the gridiron warriors in battle array on the field yesterday brought back visions of long punts, flying tackles, end runs, touch-downs and goals, of a sea of faces gay with scarlet and cream ribbon and pennants, of voices, hoarse with previous effort, uniting in a grand triumphant "U-U-U-N-I"; visions strangely inconsistent with the meager garb of the track men and the hot rays of the spring sun. But the vision was a good one. If the spirit displayed at the first spring practice holds the colors of a certain five state universities will float beneath the scarlet and cream next fall. To get out, time after time, in the hot football suits and go through work which, but for what it means after awhile, is drudgery itself, will require an exhibition of real Nebraska spirit. From present indications the exhibition will not be lacking.


Communication.

Editor The Nebraskan:
Would you permit a few words from a former student, not a graduate, rather one of the many "undergraduate" alumni, of Nebraska, whose privilege it has been to call the old school his for a while only? However, these all wish her well. Last Thanksgiving there were many who came, some of them hundreds of miles, to see the game with Illinois, and yelled themselves hoarse and sang insanely with the rooting squad.

It is a common matter of wonder that Nebraska does not make a more general and systematic effort to draw recruits for her athletic teams from the high schools of the state. It would benefit the university in other lines as well as in athletics. Nearly every year good men are persuaded to go to Peru, Hastings, Bellevue and such schools, for their representatives are in the field. These fellows are practically lost to athletics and are seldom heard

of. All over the state in the various high schools are strapping young fellows by the dozen with bone and muscle of the farm in them, many of them, just high school boys, around six feet in height and weighing from 160 to 190 pounds and some are mighty fleet of foot. By the time these boys have graduated from high school many of them have had several years training in high school football and have made good records. A large number of them are financially able to go further, without trouble. But at the critical time is lacking the urging word, the touch of enthusiasm which would set their faces toward the University, and the boy goes to school no longer. Or perhaps some day the emissary of some denominational school stands in the pulpit of the local church and talks in beautiful imagery of the advantages at College View, Uni-

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versity Place or some suburb of Omaha; convinces the old folks of the strong "moral environment" and in a month or two the boy is packed off to four years of oblivion, so far as athletics are concerned.

With some well directed effort by the right people, with little expense, and all legitimate, many promising men could be brought to the university every year.

Suppose this had been the regular policy for some years past, and say a dozen good men had thus been added to the list of eligibles, next fall would Booth have to worry about finding men to send against Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois?
E. H. TIPTON.

The meeting of the Student's Debating club was well attended last Saturday night in spite of the various other attractions. After the usual parliamentary scrap the orders of the day were taken up. Curtis and Petersen spoke for the affirmative and Hartley and Legro upheld the negative of the question of government ownership of railroads.

The debate with Alpha Omega of Doane is now assured for May 6.

The judges for the evening will be Dr. Ross, Judge Hastings of the Law school, and Attorney Miller, former instructor in rhetoric and debating at the university. J. A. Maguire will preside. The meeting is open to all interested in debating. No admission will be charged. The Student's club is represented by Whelan, Hunter (R. C.) and Yoder.

The conference of college men of the Middle West under the supervision of the international committee of Y. M. C. A. will be held at Lake Geneva, Wis., June 16-25. No better ten day's outing can anywhere be found for the actual expenses involved. Men who are contemplating a camping trip early in the summer would do well to talk with the general secretary of the University Y. M. C. A.

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