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THE WEEK'S REVIEW.

Being a Brief Resume of the Events of the Past Week.

Students return from Thanksgiving vacation refreshed and invigorated.

Leonard Purdy is elected captain of the 1913 football team.

Nebraska receives favorable recognition from the valley dopesters, securing three and four men on the All-Missouri Valley team.

Herbert Johnson, a former student of the University, speaks at convocation on the subject of cartooning. Mr. Johnson is now associated with the art staff of the Saturday Evening Post.

Nebraska's stock judging team wins fifth place at the Chicago stock judging show.

Dr. Fred M. Flung goes east for a month where he will conduct a series of lectures at Yale University.

Nebraska's cross country team wins first place at a meet held at Omaha under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A.

Professor Engberg of the committee on delinquent students reports fewer delinquencies than at this time last year.

According to a report filed by Secretary J. S. Dales of the University, it costs over \$1,000,000 per annum to run the institution.

The Junior and senior Proms are to be united into one big All-University dance if plans of the two class committees materialize.

The Kosmet Klub holds an initiation banquet and takes in seven new members.

A Kiosk machine is to be erected on the campus through the generosity of the government.

Varsity basketball season begins under favorable conditions. Over thirty men, including freshmen turn out at the first practice.

OUR THOUSAND DISTRACTIONS.

Can the average Wisconsin student keep his mind on his studies? We hate to say "No"; but "No" must be the answer. Should we say "Yes" the journalist would never forgive us, for he well knows that he is haunted night and day for fear "the story" will escape. In his quiet room or in the classroom, he feels a burden hanging over him; and he is ever so resolute to pay strict attention to his lecturer, his mind tricks him, and off it goes and wanders in search of material for his daily columns. The actor knows that he must have his "lines" by night; and, try as he may, the same monotonous rumbling of questions and replies buzzes in his head; and his class work for the day necessarily suffers. The athlete nurses a lame foot or shoulder; the pending game is ever on his mind; he must get those signals down "pat"; and while the professor is attempting to drive home a point, John is hitting the line for a ten yard gain.

Mabel, too, has her troubles. She has two bids for the Friday night dance, and to play fair she has "made a mess of it", consequently the last lecture was "awfully dry." Then there's the business manager; it's 11 o'clock and no "ads." No one can describe his agonies during the next hour. More numerous is the distinguished committeeman who must positively call a meeting today. If you see him rushing through the corridors, think not that he is storming for his next recitation. No, he must find "Bill." Chances are he doesn't find him, and you might as well offer him Mother Winslow's as try to soothe him with philosophy. There's a meeting at 4 o'clock, another at 5, and three more in the evening, besides a special at 11. You pick up a book with a sign of relief, and the telephone rings. You listen for a half hour to what was "accomplished" in session number two, discovering probably that your whole scheme fell through or that you lost the election. The mental strain is too much, but you keep right on plotting another scheme or hatching out another idea. There's no use trying to get the French verbs tonight; and the day has ended for you—and for everyone else.

Neither retrospection nor introspection can analyze our active student life differently. There are elections and initiations from September to June. For what? Into what? Each student must answer such questions himself. Unless he is getting something out of his work beside mere empty "honors," the quicker he drops that work the better it will be. Over activity in "student affairs" is certainly a bane upon our college life.—Wisconsin Daily News.

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