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**SCHOLARSHIP.**

For the purpose of needed agitation along a line which is receiving less and less attention at the hands of the student body, we suggest that what ought to be uppermost in the mind of every student in these opening days of the new semester is scholarship. A student in the last analysis is a man who studies. Because we study or are supposed to study, we are distinguished from the rest of mankind and called students. To this distinction no man ought to be eligible unless he puts in at least fifty per cent of his time on his books, and receives a grade which, barring accidents in examinations, is the minimum of scholastic efficiency.

This pedantic truism is dug up from a simple but persistent past because people still tell us that the main thing to do at the university is not to "grind"; that the main thing to get out of the university is not a high grade. Some even go so far as to say that the main thing to get out of the university is not the capacity to think. Still everything a man wants to do in this university depends on his scholarship. You can't get on an athletic team to save your life unless you are an 80 student. You can't even debate for the university unless your wit is worth the efficiency average of 80. Even for the privilege of applying to push this pen you have got to produce from the registrar a statement of your scholastic standing. Without a reasonably high average the "pull" you can muster for any one of these student activities isn't worth the effort at convenience at which is purchased the support of several more or less disinterested persons. Scholarship, so far the efficient part of the university is concerned, is still the main thing to take with you.

Remind yourselves at the beginning of another round of courses that all your collateral activities depend on your record as a student. The most valuable possession of an active student is his report book. It is the foundation for all his froth; his every channel for letting off surplus steam. If you can't make a mark that is the result of natural wit,—and university standards are happily excluding that kind of a mark—you can at least make a grade that is the product of hard work.

Duty, a sense of obligation to the society for whose work we prepare directs our wandering eyes back to

the books. The entering freshman thinks we students study. His parents think we students study. The general public thinks we students study. And upon that opinion they willing pay taxes for our support. The legislature of Nebraska, a potent, immediate and sympathetic element of our support thinks and has a right to think that we students study. And we might as well remember that the aid of all these necessary elements of public opinion is best gained when we for whom this great and growing university was founded, join with the people in making it essentially the workshop of the SCHOLAR.

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