

# Rallies and Rooting

By William E. Kavan

Nebraska spirit, as shown at football rallies and rooting at the games has been very good this year. Compared to recent years it is probably safe to say that there has been a big improvement. This no doubt, is largely due to the fact that it has been a successful year in football, and also no small amount of credit is due to the good cheer leading. However, spirit is not displayed as yet that can be compared to that shown by some of our sister state institutions. It is not agreeable to admit it, but it is a fact that the spirit at some of our states where they have been having unsuccessful football teams has been greater than here. At Kansas, for example, during the week preceding the Nebraska game, they had parades, rallies, and other gatherings every night of the week. Wednesday night they had a parade through town. Thursday they had a bonfire, and Friday they had a mass-meeting. Besides this, every evening at almost any hour one could here the mighty Rock-Chalk and other Jayhawk yells resounding through the town. Compare this to the spirit as displayed at the torchlight parade that escorted the team to the depot on the Thursday preceding the Kansas game. Less than 250 students were carrying torches.

To be sure, there was a large number of students on the sidewalks down town watching the doings, and quite a few were on the campus before the parade started, but that is not a display of real spirit. It is a shame to admit that there are quite a few students who consider themselves too important and too dignified to get into such affairs, but it is a fact. It is that class of students who hinder the development of the real spirit. These students seem to think that it is only the Freshmen and Sophomore who usually do these things, but as a matter of fact at most schools and especially at such schools as Yale, Dartmouth and Harvard where college spirit is famous, it is the old student who is the enthusiast.

At Minnesota before the Nebraska game the students had a big bonfire and parade, escorting the team to the depot, and the Nebraska game has been considered a comparatively unimportant one. At Harvard the rallies are not planned and advertised beforehand as they are here. They are spontaneous, called at any opportune time before a game. Of course the fact that the students are congregated together more closely in dormitories has considerable to do with it, but still it shows that they are not too dignified to show heir enthusiasm.

At the rally after the Minnesota game the Awgwan offered a prize of \$5.00 for the best suggestion that would help to build up a better Nebraska spirit. There was not enough interest in the matter to even bring out a single suggestion.

To those who have watched the matter it seems that about

the only thing that can now be done is to keep pegging away along the old lines. There are prospects ahead that some day we shall have a student commons, and possibly the single tax, and a slight possibility of student dormitories, all of which will tend to bring the students closer together. Then perhaps we shall be able to get the "real pep" out of all the students.

# The Cornhusker Banquet

By Merrill V. Reed

As a climax, a final wind-up to the successful football season of 1913, the annual Cornhusker banquet will be held the Friday night of the week following Thanksgiving recess. Plans for this banquet have been under consideration for some time, and the final draft of the program and menu will be both extraordinary and excellent. Roswell Haskell, 1914, is in active charge of the program.

The Cornhusker banquet is the big stag event of the year, one of the only events of Nebraska U to which the co-eds are not invited. When we speak of Nebraska's traditions, one of the tangible bright spots, upon which we can place a finger, is the banquet, and as for Nebraska spirit nourishment, there is nothing to compare with the efficiency of the yearly feed. To gather with the crowd, yell the old yells that have stood the test of past seasons of football, and live over the success of the success of the season just closed makes a man glad to be a Nebraskan, win or lose. The smoky atmosphere of the banquet room lends itself peculiarly to the transmission of good fellowship, and old grads mix with the active students in celebrating for the hours of the feast.

Needless to state, the Cornhusker football team, champions of the Missouri Valley for the fourth time, will be the guests of honor. And in no lesser place, will the boys who worked as second-string men for the season come in for their share of the entertainment. Coaches Stiehm, Dudley, and Harmon—the invincible trio—will be there, and the *wonder-worker* will probably disclose a few of the secrets by which he gained the mastery over the mighty Gophers and the other M. V. runner-ups. The toast list will be recruited from among the most gifted and loyal of Nebraskans, since it is to be a Nebraska affair through and through. The announcement of toastmaster and speakers is not yet made public, but the record of past banquets will be met and overcome.

The 1913 Cornhusker banquet, to come after a season of victories for the Scarlet and the Cream, is commemoration of a season unsullied by defeat. Iowa yet to be met—will be another high-tide mark in Nebraska development, in pace with the supremacy of Nebraska athletics.

U ——— U ——— U ——— N ——— I  
 VER ——— VER ——— VER ——— SI ——— TY  
           N ——— E ——— BRAS ——— KI  
 O ——— O ——— O ——— O ——— MY