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We would like to ask what seems to us a very pertinent question. Why has not a manager for the football team been elected yet? We are standing still, watching other teams about us, filling up dates with the choicest institutions, while we will have to take the leavings next fall. September is no time to negotiate for dates. We should do it now. If the board of managers is not capable of making a selection, they should turn this duty over to the members of the athletic association. It is of vital importance to our athletic welfare that this office be filled soon and preliminary arrangements for next season settled.

There promises to be quite a little interest manifested in the oratorical election to be held at 1 o'clock in the chapel this afternoon. The old barb-frat question of course will be exhausted. Now we see no harm in a good straight and above-board "scrap" of this kind. Experience has proved that this is the only way a little interest can be aroused in anything. But some of the petty politicians are already dabbling with student honor. We hope that any move bearing evidence of "smoothness" will be frowned down. If a man wants to stand up for his principles regarding the barb-frat question, we think he has the right, but let everything be done honorably and on the square.

The article appearing last week on our editorial page regarding the plea for a college song should in no way be taken as the opinion of this sanctum. Unfortunately the signature was omitted from the communication and to readers of this page it must have seemed our opinions regarding the production of a college song had suddenly changed. They have not. We intend to clamor just as vociferously as ever for one—or a dozen. The music need not necessarily be composed. Howard's song is adapted to an old Scottish air. The German air the English club selected is a very good one. Some really excellent words have been set to it, but these unfortunately have been lost, yet their resurrection is quite possible. There is very good ground for belief that the English club will yet come to the rescue and supply our deficiency in this respect.

We still vociferate—let everyone see what he can do.

Harvard college has set an example which should serve as a criterion for emulation by every American college and university. A recent decree of its athletic committee is to the effect that in the future Harvard will meet none by collegiate teams on the football field. If there is any possibility that football will descend to professionalism, there is only way to root it out. That is discourage it as much as possible outside of the college campus. Much of the prejudice and stigma now attached to the sport, has arisen from the roughness which characterizes the games with professional athletic teams. In nearly every instance the result is more injurious to the players, a greater display of temper, and increased ill-feeling.

The university of Nebraska has an excellent opportunity to emulate Harvard's example. If the management will persist in negotiating for games with alleged Y. M. C. A. and athletic association teams, the members of our athletic association should enact an amendment to the constitution, prohibiting this. We have played in the past, several games with such teams, but no one has yet seen the advantage derived from them.

ENGLISH CLUB OBJECTS.

Editor Nebraskan: In a recent number of the Nebraskan appeared an edi-

torial which referred to the English club as a side enterprise of members of the Union society, or to that effect. As this is altogether untrue and as it has occasioned and may further occasion some misunderstanding of the purpose and work of the English club, I take the liberty of correcting the statement. The club has never in the slightest sense been connected with the Union society any more than any of the other college organizations to which its members belong. Its members have been almost always proposed for election by instructors in the English department on the merit of work handed in to that department. It is true that there are more members of the Union society in the club than of any other society or other association, but they are not a majority of its whole membership and do not represent even a "clique" in club affairs.

H. B. ALEXANDER.

The Nebraskan apologizes for the misstatement, but warns members of the Union society who belong to this organization not to make such boasts, as it was upon this evidence that the statement was made.—Editor.

WELL SAID.

There is a well defined rumor to the effect that final examinations this year will be held during class hours on as many successive days as our individual instructors may see fit. This plan was tried two or three years ago and, as we supposed, thereafter dropped for all time. It is hard to see any good and sufficient reason for giving it another trial as the system has no particular merit. Half-hour or hour examinations are optional with each instructor and may be held at any time, but what nearly every student expects and desires at the end of the semester, if he is to be examined at all, is one, two or three hour periods in which he may concentrate his energy and attention on one subject and try and do justice to it. The ordinary fifty-minute recitation period is hopelessly inadequate for a real test and does not give the student time to get warmed to his work. When the gong rings he must rush off to be catechised in something else and the next day or the second day come back to the former subject, without having had any respite from his daily program of recitations in the meantime. If final examinations are to be made a real test they should be so arranged that the student may give them his whole and undivided attention for the time being. If he finds that he is still left with unemployed time during examination week, let him use it to arrange his schedule for the next semester, or even in recreation. It is a long time till the Easter recess.

LIP.

Echoes.

I suppose they all say I was "held up," but when the thug broke in my crown and I lay with my back on the sidewalk I felt I was rather "held down." —Dean Gardner.

"They say," said Bertrand Kid Langworthy, as he counted the third mile stone on his way out to her house, "that the dramatic recital is going to be pretty good, but in order to compensate me it will have to be 'worth going miles to see.'"

THE LAST STRAW.

I have heard discordant voices from the day when I was born,
I live beside a lot of boys and each one has a horn,
And when their horns are broken they sing and howl and yell
And make more beastly racket than the tongue of man can tell.
I have heard the cats by midnight and I've heard the dogs by day,
And next door a mule is living who does nothing else but bray.
I've held my aching head and heard the German bands that played,
And I'm very sad to say I heard the glee club serenade.
I've heard a gang of football boys shriek out the college yell,
The day we beat Missouri and down at Doane as well.
But the worst noise is at chapel just about the hour of ten,
When I hear the "student body" try to sing the last amen!

Yell "Rough house for five minutes" some day in the hall and watch every fraternity man start up and look for something to throw.

Heard during the glee club serenade: "Well, judge, what shall it be, 'Genevieve' or 'Ship Ahoy?'"

WHY THEY LIKE IT.

The Boy—I like the new library staircase

That almost fills up the whole hall,
The three windows so solemn and haughty

That seem to look down on us all.
It gives one a glimpse of the greatness of the life that we so seldom touch.
It's a privilege simply to view it,
And that's why I like it so much.

The Girl—I love the dear library staircase

And the reason I'm often seen there
Is because the new light colored wood-work

Is exactly the shade of my hair,
I can meet all the boys as they pass there

And look and be looked at as well.
So that's why I love the dear staircase
And think it is awfully swell.

THEIR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Fred Clements swore off on serenades,
Doc Everett resolved to start the "Phizooks."

Dean Gardner resolved to part with his revolver and some small change.

John Cameron resolved to play football next year.

McDowell resolved to learn how to ride a wheel.

Vere Wallingford swore off on neckties.

Otis Whipple resolved to get the reverse in the two-step.

Leo Smith and Ben Matthews resolved never to join a fraternity.

Van Cortelyou swore off on dress-coats.

Several fellows resolved not to send more than three dozen roses for the junior prom.

Clint Norton resolved to shave off his mustache and look civilized.

Keene Abbott resolved not to get his lines for Mrs. Manning's dramatic club performance.

Ralph Mueller resolved to stand up in chapel for the benefit of the west half of the congregation.

OH, HORRORS!

The following gem, duly besmeared with red ink, was extracted from the waste basket of the theme department:

A RUFFIAN'S REFORM.

1. In a gambling den in Denver Sat a ruffian looking sad.
He was thinking of his mother,
Who at home was poorly clad.
 2. And now before those present He raises his head to pray
And tell the Lord of all his sins,
For soon, he knows, he'll pass away.
 3. He pleads in earnest
While his last moments speedily fly,
Asking the Lord to forgive him
Before his time should come to die.
 4. He stopped; his prayer is answered,
A smile comes o'er his face;
He looks like a volcano
Upon which everyone can gaze.
 5. He lifts his large white hat
From off his woolly head,
And lays it on the floor beside him,
Then, closing his eyes, he falls back,
dead.
- The poor editor escapes once in awhile.

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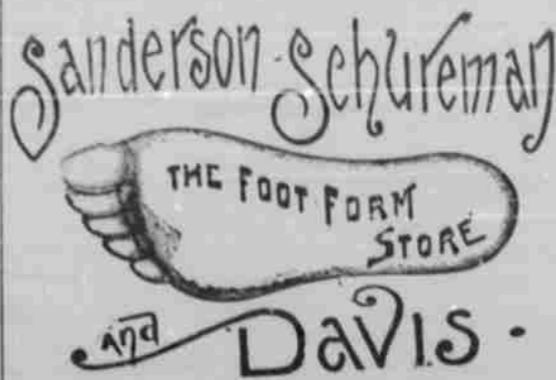
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