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FOR BETTER ATHLETICS

Athletic Board Adopts a Set of Regulations.

RAISES ATHLETIC STANDARD

All Participants in Athletic Contests Required to Take Physical Training—Other Important Provisions.

The athletic board last Saturday adopted a set of rules which if lived up to as they should be means the strengthening of athletic work in the university. Heretofore no specified amount of training has been required from candidates in the various athletic events. The rules adopted now provide that each candidate shall have had at least one semester's physical training when the event takes place. This puts the men in solid training so there is no danger arising from strains and other injuries. Aside from avoiding the risk of injuries, the records of the university cannot help but be allowed, when every contestant has been properly trained. It may also mean the winning of the intercollegiate contest and trophy and perhaps the university may stand some chance of winning the big trans-Mississippi contest this year; a joint meet, composed of representatives from all the colleges of the west and middle west and perhaps some eastern teams. Following are the rules as adopted by the athletic board:

Rules governing athletic training in the University of Nebraska:

Whereas, The athletic board of the University of Nebraska desires to raise the standard of the university by the adoption of the most advanced methods of organization and of training, and we consider that our especial care must be to render athletics beneficial to participants as well as to raise the athletic records of the university; and since the responsibility rests upon us to keep the university free from this taint of professionalism which may arise from lack of supervision of registration and class standing by the athletic board; and because we desire to secure the university against unnecessary and often serious accidents which arise from neglect of physical examination and of a prescribed course of physical training for contestants, therefore the following regulations shall be adopted:

1. Every student who represents the university in track or field events or is a candidate for such representation, that is, participates in, or is a candidate for fall or spring meets, shall take at least one semester of physical training. This training shall cover the semester in which the event takes place.

2. The requirements for entry as a contestant in such indoor and outdoor athletic events, shall be registration for physical training at the office of the registrar; physical soundness to be ascertained through physical examination by the physical director; satisfactory class standing to be ascertained by reference to the records of the registrar and regular attendance; and practice of a proscribed course of physical training three times a week.

3. Members of university athletic teams and candidates for such teams wishing to enter field or track events who have taken during the same university year the regular season of training under direction of coaches, and captains, shall, if they so desire, be credited with the time thus spent as so much toward the semester's training required for track or field events.

By "University Athletic Teams" is meant the first eleven in football, and the first nine in baseball. By "candidates for such teams" is meant men practicing regularly against them.

4. These rules shall take effect at the beginning of the second semester of the university year, January 31, 1898.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING.

The senior class held an adjourned meeting last Friday afternoon in room 3. Nothing but routine business was brought before the class. The committee on class play, composed of Misses Green and Henry and Messrs. Mueller and Sutton, reported through their chairman, Miss Green, that work on the play was progressing in a very satisfactory manner. The committee meets every Thursday evening for work and will continue to do so until the class accepts their work. Miss Green stated that the committee was very anxious to receive any ideas which might come to any member of the class on the subject. An invitation was given to anyone who had any suggestions on the matter to meet the committee at its weekly meetings.

Mr. Cutter chairman of the committee on the class book, stated that the publication of the volume was now an assured fact.

He outlined the character of the book and gave other information as to its nature.

According to present plans it is to be a paper covered volume of perhaps a hundred pages, containing a picture and a short biography of each member of the class, together with any other matter of general interest to the class which it may be thought advisable to embody.

The cost of the book will be 25 cents per copy, and each member of the class will pay an additional 50 cents for the half-size cut used in producing his likeness.

At least 1,000 copies must be sold in order to meet expenses. The bids of the various photographers of the city for senior pictures were stated, and Mr. Townsend of the Elite studio made the best offer, and on motion all senior work was turned over to him. His bid for ordinary sized cabinet photos was \$1 per dozen, with a reduction to 75 cents after the first six dozen were purchased.

On motion the date for election of officers for the last semester was set for Friday, January 21, at 1:15 p. m., room 3.

FRESHMAN RECEPTION.

The freshman class will give a reception and "hop" Friday evening at the University Conservatory of Music. The upper parlors and halls will be used as general reception rooms while the dining room will be open to those desiring to dance.

Various kinds of amusement have been provided by the committee for those who do not dance.

It is hoped that all Freshmen will attend this reception in order that the members of the class may become better acquainted with one another.

The reception committee is composed of Misses Margie Winger and Emma Outcatt and Messrs. Carl Friche, Harry Tukey and Claude Reed. No pains have been spared by the committee to make the affair a great success.

A CASH PRIZE.

The following announcement was published in the armory last Wednesday afternoon before the cadet regiment. The Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company of this city proposes to give a cash prize of \$25 in gold to the best all round drilled cadet in the regiment. The cadets will be judged on a total of one hundred points. The record and attendance of the cadet will count 25 points his general appearance also 25 points and the individual open drill will count 50 points. A committee to pick the winner to be appointed at the end of the year by Chancellor MacLean. The fact that the prize is cash will appeal more directly to the cadets than any sort of a medal and while it is doubtful if it arouses the best motives it certainly will arouse great interest in the drill as there is more than one cadet who imagines he is perfectly capable of taking care of the \$25 in gold.

INTERESTED IN ORATORY

Oratorical Association Experiences a Revival of Interest.

PREPARE FOR STATE CONTEST

Many Names Already Entered—Annual Election of Officers Tomorrow in Chapel.

That the oratorical association has not been dead but merely sleeping is evidenced by the new interest in its affairs now being shown by students generally.

The preliminary debates have for some time overshadowed everything else of like nature, but now that these are a thing of the past the officers of the oratorical association feel justified in calling the attention of the student body to the claims of their organization.

As is generally known the university is a member of the state oratorical association, which in turn is a member of the interstate oratorical association, composed at present of ten states. Altogether there are about 100 colleges of various character represented in this organization.

Nebraska, with a membership of four colleges, has probably the smallest number of any state at present in the league.

This year the annual interstate contest will take place at Beloit, Mich., on May 7.

Next year the local organization will have the honor of entertaining the orators, for the association meets in Nebraska in 1899 and the University of Nebraska will be called upon to do the honors.

At present the membership of the state association comprise the following colleges: University of Nebraska, Doane college, Grand Island college, and Bellview college. Wesleyan, after an absence of a couple of years, is again seeking admittance, and every indication now points to her application being favorably acted upon.

The officers are Mr. J. D. Dennison, U. of N., president; Mr. H. S. Evans, U. of N., secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Ellison of Doane, vice president.

On March 26 the state contest will be held at Crete to decide who shall have the honor of representing Nebraska at Beloit on May 7.

The local association has passed through some perilous experiences in the last few years, but is at present in a very prosperous condition.

Its officers for the past year were Mr. R. H. Graham, president; L. V. Patch, vice president; and C. W. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. March 6 is the date assigned for our local contest.

Already many names have been practically entered for this event. A few students most frequently mentioned in this regard are Messrs. Cake, Dennison, Sams, Hager, Meier, Mawby, Walker, and Van Vain. The fact that so many prominent students are counted upon to enter gives promise that the university will again be the victor at the state contest.

Doane has already elected their orator in the person of Mr. Ellis, who is said to be a very strong man.

It is the intention of the local association to so thoroughly advertise the local and state contest as to create an interest in oratory which will extend through the coming year. By this means it is hoped to arouse sufficient enthusiasm to insure the success of the interstate association to be held in Lincoln in '99.

The annual election of officers will take place on Saturday, January 22, in the chapel at 1:15 p. m.

Everyone at all interested should make it a point to be present at this meeting, as much important business is to be transacted.

L. V. Patch '99, is again in his class after two weeks of sickness.

OMAHA, 16; UNIVERSITY, 12.

The game of basket ball between the Omaha Y. M. C. A. and our first team was an interesting spectacle. Both teams made a good showing, especially on individual playing; the team work was lacking, especially by the Omaha men. The most striking feature was the strict interpretation of the rules, which caused a game of fouls from the start, the Omaha team making eleven, of which the university threw seven goals and the university made twenty-four fouls, of which the Omahas threw three goals. The game had no more than started than the calling of fouls began. The teams were well supported by the enthusiastic crowd, the Omaha team having brought with them a joyful crowd of about thirty Y. M. C. A. men. An attraction of Omaha's crowd was a little white dog highly decorated with Omaha's gold and crimson colors. Between the halves the ball was rolled across the floor and the dog went after it. This created considerable sport for the spectators.

In the second half the teams played their hardest game, and at one time the score stood 13 to 12 in Omaha's favor, with the university doing good work.

Story, the university's little forward, considering the six-footer he played against, did good work in throwing goals and was excellent on foul throwing. The game ended with a score of 16 to 12 in Omaha's favor.

FOR THE COLLEGE SETTLEMENT.

After the examinations are all over something new is going to happen. Mrs. Manning's advanced classes are going to give an up-to-date program.

It will contain two farces, and a burlesque, besides some short numbers. "The Revealing Wedge," a farce from the "gridiron," will be given by some of the men of our own room, and ex-Captain Shedd will be the chief character.

"Auxdames," a unique burlesque, will be presented by four girls.

Every number will be lively, and the characters are some of Mrs. Manning's best students.

No one can afford to miss this program. The admission is only 25 cents, and the proceeds go to the college settlement fund.

CHOOSE THEIR LECTURER.

It was announced in the Nebraskan last week that the electrical engineers have decided to engage a lecturer for Charter day to talk on the latest electrical improvements and discovery. The person finally selected is Hon. Isham Fandolph. Mr. Randolph is at present engaged in work on the Chicago drainage canal, being chief engineer of that enterprise. He is expected here about February 14.

The executive committee of the engineers has also appointed sub-committees and they are rapidly getting down to work.

Professor Peterson will offer a course in Henrik Ibsen for the next semester. As Professor Peterson is personally acquainted with Ibsen it will be more than usually instructive.

The Union boys' debating club have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, F. G. Hawxby; vice president, L. H. Ewart; secretary, D. R. Hilton; and sergeant-at-arms, G. E. Hager.

The subject of sending delegates to the world mission convention, to be held at Cleveland February 29, was the topic of a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. A pledge of \$30 was made to send the delegates.

Janitor Uhl found one of the university swords in one of Lincoln's pawn shops last week. An investigation has been started to discover how it got there.

Hon. J. V. Wolfe gave a short address to the students Thursday morning. Mr. Whitmore, president of the Stock Breeders' Association, also gave a very humorous talk.

The students in the mechanic arts department are building a fine oak cabinet, which will contain the work of the students and be on exhibition at the trans-Mississippi exposition.

PERSHING RIFLES HOP

Their Annual Ball Was a Very Great Success.

LIEUT. PERSHING PRESENT

His Presence Adds Greatly to the Enjoyment of the Evening—List of Those Present.

Notwithstanding the continuous round of gaieties preceding the 14th of January, the Pershing Rifle Hop went off with undimmed brilliancy and eclat, and promises to rival all succeeding social events of the season. As usual, at such affairs at the Lincoln, the decorations were tasteful and harmonious, the floor was perfect, the music inspiring and the ices most refreshing. But what increased the pleasure of the participants many-fold and crowned the auspicious occasion, was the presence of our beloved former commandant, Lieutenant Pershing. At 9:30 he, with Miss Stotsenberg, led off the grand march, followed by Lieutenant Stotsenberg and Mrs. Stotsenberg; then the officers of the Pershing Rifles in order of their rank, and following them a long line of guests. The march was short on account of the lateness of the hour, and the programs were soon distributed. The design on the programs deserves special mention for its unique beauty and appropriateness. The officers of the company were in full uniform, and wore their swords, which was a pleasing innovation. The uniforms bearing their insignia of rank, the clanking swords, the gaily dressed maidens—all mingling together, evolving, dissolving to the sweet strains of the orchestra, in ever changing kaleidoscope views, brought vividly to mind Lord Byron's words:

"There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gathered then
Her beauty and her chivalry and bright,
The lamps shown o'er fair women and
brave men;

A thousand hearts beat happily and
when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake
again
And all went merry as a marriage-
bell."

Following are those who were present: The Misses McCune and Robinson of Omaha, Cunningham, Parks, Wiggernhorn, Richards, McFarland, Tuttle, Latta, Helen Woods, Colson, M. Winger, Whiting, Galley, Harper, Hargreaves, Weeks, Schwartz, Outcatt, Garten, Tukey, Francis Gere, Collins, Nance, McMinnimy, Houtz, Woodward, C. Hammond, Cook, Weber, Du Bois, Vancil, Reynolds, Noren, Welch, Minor, Cropsey, Holbrook, Hallie Wilson, Kelly, Reynolds, Miller, Randall, Lansing, Risser; Messrs. Kormeyer, Van Vain, Reed, Collett, Clements, Pancoast, Atwood, L. Kormeyer, Pound, Schwartz, Chapin, Hirschey, Shuff, Watkins, Shedd, Oury, Bartlett, McCreery, Tukey, T. Ricketts, Davenport, Summer, Osterberg, Clapp, Kenny, Harmon, Ricketts, Shick, Larvey, Morrison, Roddy, Owens, Hitchman, Davies, Robbins, Kind, Porter, Barber, Risser, Hayward, Haggard, Whedon, Abbott, Mansfede, Welch, Price, Wiggernhorn, Noyes, Weeks, Hedy.

DELIAN RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Miss Ruth Pyrtle and Miss Nora Davis, members of this society, have recently been called upon to mourn the loss of a mother and aunt,

Therefore, Be it resolved, that we give public expression of our unfeigned sympathy with them in the grief of their bereavement.

And be it resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the two young ladies, that a copy be handed to each of the college papers and that a fifth copy be incorporated in the minutes of the present meeting of this society.

Done and adopted by the Delian society this fourteenth day of January, 1898.