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ATHLETIC ANNUAL ASSURED

Athletic Board Decides to Issue It This Spring

WORK ALREADY UNDER WAY

Will Contain 60 Pages Profusely Illustrated—Every Department of Sport Will be Represented

Some time ago it was announced in the Nebraskan that the Athletic Board was seriously considering the subject of getting out an athletic annual. At first such an annual was only an idea, but this idea has been growing and has at last taken tangible form. It is now a reality and the first athletic annual will be issued this spring.

It will be published under the auspices of the Athletic Board. Mr. W. H. Oury has already been chosen business manager and I. S. Cutter assistant business manager.

It would be hard to find in this University two better men to push such a project as this. Both are hustlers and the fact that they have the matter in charge makes it certain that the Annual will not fall from lack of some one to push the enterprise. Mr. Oury has always identified himself with athletics since he entered this institution. Mr. Cutter has shown his interest in athletics by securing several trophies from local merchants for various athletic contests.

With such an able business management a good editorial staff is all that is necessary to get out a fine book.

Mr. Oury has already reported that the prospects for advertising are very bright, and hence the business end which must needs always be the important part of such an enterprise, appears to be progressing very satisfactorily.

The purpose of the Athletic Annual is to arouse a greater interest in athletics and to provide a means of preserving University Athletic records. The book will contain all the athletic records in every department of sport in the University, from its very beginning down to the present time. It will contain about sixty pages, replete with illustrations. The pictures of the Varsity football, baseball, basket ball and track teams, with various other University athletes, will be seen in this book. There is a strong probability that the military department will also be given a section of the book. Pictures of the cadet officers and the six companies would form very attractive pictures and would make an interesting part of the Annual.

For a Trans Mississippi Meet

The athletic board of the University has just sent out a call to the colleges of the western states for a grand track meet to be held in Omaha this spring at the Trans-Mississippi exposition. It is intended that all the colleges west of the Mississippi shall participate in the event and make it one of the largest athletic meets in the country. Such an affair once started would doubtless become an annual event and a pan-western athletic meet would become a fixture.

A central athletic committee at Omaha invited the University of Nebraska to send out the call for such a meet as soon as they had secured a suitable grand stand, track and field from the Trans-Mississippi exposition authorities. They find the need of further assurance to the exposition authorities of the feasibility, the educative value, and solid financial promise of such a meet. Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska have in process of formation a quadrangular league in track and field athletics. In reply to a recent inquiry asking Kansas if they would favor holding the annual meet this year at Omaha during the exposition, they expressed themselves favorably toward such a plan. Doubtless Iowa and Missouri will be found enthusiastic for it. Minnesota, in a letter dated February 28, also approves and would send representatives. Accompanying the circular sent out are enumerated some of the advantages to be gained by such a meeting dur-

ing the exposition. They are as follows:

1. That it would educate public sentiment in favor of clean sport as opposed to professionalism.
 2. It would increase public interest and support of athletics throughout the west.
 3. It would form a suitable beginning for the organization of a permanent athletic league for the promotion of athletic interests across the Mississippi.
 4. It would provide a suitable incentive for the first gathering together of western college athletes.
 5. It would provide a representative company of people in the grand stand to see the sport.
 6. It would provide financial support for such a meet such as would be possible at no other time or place.
- We should expect to have present prominent physical educators and officials of the various athletic associations of the country. Special exhibition rates will greatly assist athletic organizations in getting representatives to the games.

The Ladies' Minstrels

The ladies' minstrel show, which was billed to come off on March 11, has been postponed one week. The girls meet in the gymnasium every day for practice, and are progressing very satisfactorily. They are at present engaged in mastering the cake walk, which will be one of the features of the performance.

The show is to be given for the benefit of the base ball team, to aid in the purchase of new uniforms. There is no doubt but what it will be one of the events of the year. This year has already seen several ladies' minstrel shows, notably at Minnesota State University and Northwestern. Both scored a big hit and the memory of them will linger long in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to attend them.

The girls are fortunate in being able to secure the services of Lieutenant and Miss Stotsenberg to drill them.

Lieutenant Stotsenberg took a prominent part in getting up a similar affair at Leavenworth last fall, and with the assistance of Miss Stotsenberg, who took one of the leading parts in the show mentioned, the outlook is promising for a high class entertainment.

The girls have already learned the knack of beating the tambourines and rattling the bones in a surprising manner. In the boys' minstrels last spring, Bob Manley had his "niggers" working for a month trying to rattle the bones, but the night before the performance is was unanimously decided to cut the bones out of the show and the fellows were advised to practice during the summer in order to be well versed in the art when they returned to college this fall. But when the boys gave their last minstrel show there was not a coon among them who could play a scale on his bones. This fact has only served to make the girls' success in this line all the more gratifying and to stimulate them to greater efforts.

Musical specialties will be made a feature of the show, but by no means will jokes take a back seat. The poor co-eds have had to remain silent in times gone by and be associated in roasts with such prominent characters as Joel Stebbins, Dr. Wolcott and Buck McCreery. This has neither been forgotten or forgiven and in a short time such unscrupulous minstrel men as Hunk Mueller, Jesse Rowe, Jack Sumner and George Porter will catch it from the hands of the ladies.

Sophmores Meet Today

Politics in the Sophomore class have again reached a high degree of temperature over the election of the editors and associates of the Junior Annual. An election for this purpose was held some weeks ago, but nothing was accomplished. Since then things have been comparatively quiet on the surface, but the past week has seen numerous sidewalk caucuses and consultations among the Sophomores. They will meet in the chapel today at 1:30 p. m. and endeavor to settle their little differences by ballot.

DONATES BOTANY SPECIMENS

Mr. Webber '89 Adds to the University Herbarium

IS A VALUABLE COLLECTION

University is Fortunate in Securing Several Thousand Specimens, Many of Them Rare and Valuable

The University, especially the botanical department, is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of the large collection of Nebraska plants from Mr. Webber of the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. Mr. Webber, as many may remember graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1889 and for his thesis prepared a catalogue of Nebraska plants. Dr. Bessey insisted at the time that no plant be listed unless a specimen were actually at hand. This was the cause of the collection of an unusually large number of plants. Mr. Webber's thesis was based upon his own collection and that in the University herbarium at the time. After taking his master's degree Mr. Webber went to St. Louis carrying his large collection with him. When he was called to Washington the large collection accompanied him and likewise to Florida. During the interval Dr. Bessey and the botanical seminar had been vigorous in their efforts to persuade Mr. Webber to send his collection back to Nebraska and this last summer Dr. Bessey received the assurance that he would donate his collection to his alma mater. The first lot of this great collection numbering about 2,000 specimens has been placed in the herbarium.

Last summer at Toronto at a meeting of the scientists of the world, Mr. Webber created a great sensation with his zamia antherozoid. While a "prep" at Nebraska he chanced to be watching the present Dr. Peterson assorting the University herbarium, making in all 183 plants. One specimen in particular attracted his attention and the name zamia given by Dr. Bessey, remained in his memory. Some years later, while in Florida, where zamia flourishes, his old interest in the plant was revived, and study commenced. The result of this study has been a surprise to the botanical world.

He found that the fertilization, instead of being like that of the higher plants, as was supposed, resembled exactly that of the lower plants. Mr. Webber's paper, after it had been presented to the American Botanist, was reread before the British botanists by request, with the aforementioned result. Marshall Ward, in closing the discussion on Mr. Webber's paper, said: "This young man is to be congratulated upon adding another stone to the botanical edifice, and he has added it so well."

The Webber collection is the largest that has been added to the University herbarium at any one time. About a year ago J. G. Smith, '90, donated his collection to the University. This collection consists of Nebraska, eastern and foreign plants, with a fine collection of lower plants and slides.

Another collection which is about to be added to the herbarium is a collection of 2,000 plants gathered in France for Dr. Roscoe Pound. This work was done by quite an eminent French collector and through Dr. Pound the University herbarium will receive a valuable addition.

Among the valuable collections which the University herbarium contains are sets of Sullivants and Austin's mosses. Additions are made from time to time to the collection in the herbarium by specimens received from the government. The herbarium at present contains about 80,000 specimens.

The Girls Play Tonight

Everything is in train for the basket ball game this evening and every prospect is bright for a successful event. Enough tickets were sold Thursday morning to assure covering expenses, and this was all that was wanted. The crowd will be of the most desirable make-up. Lincoln society people principally. Quality, not numbers, was

looked for in the spectators, and they are expected to contribute enough enthusiasm for a foot ball crowd. Altogether the whole affair promises to be a brilliant one and not only the players, but the fortunate lookers-on anticipate it eagerly. The credit for the whole affair rests mainly on Miss Louise Pound, who has worked tirelessly, practicing with the team, attending to tickets, and other arrangements, and conducting the correspondence.

The Council Bluffs players will arrive over the Rock Island this afternoon at 3:40 and the University people should see that a large and enthusiastic crowd is out to meet them. They will be entertained in various homes in this city throughout their stay, and Lincoln people will do everything to make their visit a pleasant one.

To make a suitable setting for the game the gymnasium will be decorated and the windows will be draped with the colors of the different societies and fraternities. There will be an organized gang of "rooters" stationed in the gallery, who, under the direction of Miss May Whiting, will keep up the spirits of the University players by judiciously timed and vigorously used vocal encouragement. Luncheon will be served to the players of the contesting teams, to the patronesses and the officials in the band-room in the armory. Mrs. W. B. Ogden has this in charge. The menu for the luncheon is:

Blue Points, with Sliced Lemon.	
Toasted Wafers.	
Celery.	
Chicken Salad.	Sandwiches.
Saratoga Chips.	
Olives.	
Ice.	Cake. Macaroons.
	Chocolate.
	Bonbons.

The patronesses of the game are Mrs. A. B. Moore of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Chancellor MacLean, Mrs. S. C. Richards, Mrs. C. H. Gere, Mrs. A. S. Raymond, Mrs. W. B. Ogden, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson.

The line-up of the team will be as follows:

Iowa.	Nebraska.
Agnes Spies	Guards.
Erma Linkey	Marie Beach
	Marie Kennedy
	Forwards.
Stella Rogers	Bertha Dutell
Kittie Warner	Helen Welch

	Centers.
Vera Linkey	Harriet Cooke
Mabel Cook	Louise Pound, Capt.
	Substitutes.

Clauda Scott	Rose Long
Sadie Grass	
Miss Grace Hardman of Council Bluffs, timekeeper.	

The first half of the game will be played by the official rules, the second half by the Smith College rules, which do not allow knocking the ball from the hands. This is a compromise, the University having always used the Smith College rules and the Council Bluffs team the official rules. The Nebraska players have been putting in whatever time they could get practicing under the other rules lately and hope to play at no disadvantage.

The Midgets will play a game between the halves of the Iowa-Nebraska game. They will use the Smith College rules. The line-up of the Midgets is as follows:

First Team.	Second Team.
	Centers.
Grace Broady	Nellie Henry
Rosa Hess	Jennie Pentzer, Capt.
	Forwards.
Lucy Griffith	Minnie Smith
Adeloyd Whiting, Capt.	
	Grace Wheeler
	Guards.

Edith Schwartz	Mabel Dempster
Mabel Erford	Anna McCroskey
The uniform of the Iowa girls is gray, with scarlet braid. The Nebraska girls will wear a dark blue uniform, with a white "N" on the breast.	

To those who think the game is rough the following will quickly do away with any such beliefs:

Miss Grace Hardman, who will act as timekeeper, was to be one of the players, but in a practice game last Saturday she dislocated her elbow and sprained her right arm. Basket ball as played by the girls is perfectly gentle and harmless.

WILL HOLD A MASS MEETING

Oratorical Affairs Will be the Subject of the Meeting

ANNUAL CONTEST NEXT FRIDAY

Student Gathering to Get up Interest in the Big Event—Addresses by Professors and Students

There are seasons for everything and next week is the one set apart for the interest of oratory in the University. On Wednesday, March 9, a mass meeting of students and faculty will be held after chapel for the purpose of arousing interest and enthusiasm in oratorical matters.

On Friday March 11 at 8 p. m. in the chapel will occur the annual oratorical contest of the University of Nebraska. At this contest our representative for the state contest at Crete on March 26 will be chosen.

Much more than the usual interest has been taken in the contest this year on account of the fact that the Interstate Oratorical association will meet in Lincoln next year. As the success of next year's contest largely depends upon the interest shown this year this fact is very gratifying to the officers of the association and those interested in oratory.

The contestants this year are for the most part persons of large experience in these lines, so a most excellent contest is assured. Those entered are Miss Helen Goff, Messrs. J. D. Dennison, O. W. Meier, C. E. Cake and H. W. Tucker.

Miss Goff is a graduate from the University law school with the class of 1897, and is at present taking advanced work in political science.

O. W. Meier, a member of the class of 1898, has already received his degree, obtaining it on Charter day, and is now taking junior law work. He is well known in debating circles, having won a place on the preliminary debates, both this year and last. In political circles he has been especially prominent on account of his ardent championship of the cause of bimetallism and the principles of W. J. Bryan.

Mr. Dennison received his A. B. at upper Iowa University and is at present a member of the senior law class. He was one of those representatives of the University in the Kansas-Nebraska debate last year. In the oratorical contest of last year he won second place, missing first by only a very small margin.

Mr. Tucker is the only undergraduate in this contest, he being a junior in the academic college. His oration has already won him first place in the Chase-Wheeler contest of the Palladian society.

C. E. Cake, the only fraternity man in the contest, is a member of Sigma Chi. He received his A. B. at Dartmouth college and is at present taking junior law work.

With such representation there is little doubt that the successful contestant will do credit to the University at the state contest at Crete, where representatives from Doane, Gates, Grand Island colleges and the University of Omaha will be met.

The mass meeting Wednesday promises to be an enthusiastic one. President Hager is making every effort to make it a great success.

Addresses by Dr. Fling, Dr. Ward and Dr. Hill will be made on behalf of the faculty and by Messrs. Ewart and Taylor from the students.

This mass meeting will last through the 10 o'clock hour so no classes will recite at that time.

New Members Program

The new members of the Palladian literary society gave their program last Friday night to a crowded house. The program followed the same order as generally given by the society, although there were some diversions from the ordinary routine. The new members all rendered their parts in the most satisfactory manner and they deserve no little congratulations for their success. Miss Nora Johnston had charge of the program. The Tolyn quartet rendered two pleasant selections.