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Now is a good time to study in order not to be so crowded at the last of the semester. Nebraska spring weather makes it hard to study during the last two weeks in May.

We congratulate the junior class on their spirited and yet fair election. Mr. Nielsen will no doubt make a strong aggressive president and uphold the dignity of that office.

Professor Ross' quiet entrance upon his work here is the strongest kind of a recommendation. He is a man of deeds and not words. We extend to him a most

The seniors took their revenge on the juniors last Friday evening and will soon have pictures of the illustrious junior president on sale. The juniors, however, think that the seniors might have done something new. The criticism is probably a just one and it is up to the members of the class of '01 to hustle out some new plan. In the meanwhile, the rest of the university laughs at the antics of the "dignified" upper classmen.

The "benevolent assimilation" of the library books still continues to be a nuisance. Some students seem to think that just because the books belong to the state it is not a very great wrong to borrow them for a semester. Then, carelessness results in their not being returned at all. This results in a great wrong to the student body as a whole. Much time is wasted in searching for a book which is not to be found. Expulsion from school is not too severe a punishment for such gross carelessness, or to make it plain, such *thievery*.

University affairs during the second semester promise to be of more than unusual interest. Events are coming thick and fast, which attract the attention of all. Both the junior and senior classes will issue annuals, far superior to any productions of the kind in the history of the university. The rivalry between these two classes has started early and promises to keep up excitement. The athletic board election will take place in May. Every one will be especially interested in this because of Nebraska's sudden stride to

the front among western universities. We must have an athletic board which will push matters.

The base ball season and track athletics will begin as soon as the grounds are in condition. Several severe losses have been sustained in both these branches of athletics. The two best pitchers will not be seen on the diamond during the coming season. An outfield and an infield piece will be open to new men also. However, new men will be able to fill the places and make a winning team. In track athletics, Nebraska has lost her best short distance runner and will probably not be able to fill the place with another man as good.

In the literary and debating circles of the institution, more activity has never been shown. Chancellor Andrews strongly encourages such things and good men are at the heads of the various organizations. We will probably debate with Leland Stanford in Lincoln. This will be our first debate with that university. An extemporaneous speaking contest with Minnesota will take place on the 15th of March. Arrangements have also been completed for a story writing contest with the same institution. The debates with Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska will take place as usual. With as much activity as this, we should be able to keep interest at a fever heat.

Many of the eastern colleges and some of the western universities are preparing for spring coaching of their foot ball teams. By this they hope, as in the past, to materially strengthen the team work and keep the men in better condition. We have games scheduled with some of these colleges and the question naturally arises "Why can't we adopt the same policy?" Several men for next year's team are now in school and it seems that light practice during the spring would be a benefit. Team work and development in general and foot ball practices in general brightened up in the minds of the players. More time could also be given to the development of a good punter. Our goal kicker cannot be excelled but we should have a man who can punt forty or fifty yards under ordinarily favorable circumstances. Light practice during the last few weeks of school would give an excellent opportunity for every man to try his skill in that line. Another advantage, and an important one, would be the interest aroused among the students and even the faculty for not only foot ball but all athletics. Men at work on the field would interest everyone. When school closed this feeling would be carried home. Alumni of the university will hear of the activity of their Alma Mater and their interest will be revived. Preparation can then be made to begin the fall practice by the first of September. When the students return to register and find the team organized and hard at work, no effort will be needed to secure the support of the student body. The home sick freshman will forget his troubles in the excitement of a game between the first and second elevens. The old students will find the foot ball bleachers a convenient meeting place to talk over last season's success, the individual work during the spring practice, and to wonder what the new men on the team will be able to do.

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