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## SHALL NEBRASKA HAVE A FOUNTAIN?

The suggestion in yesterday's Nebraskan regarding the placing of a fountain or some other similar decoration on the campus has met with the approval of several members of the faculty. The plan is undoubtedly a good one and one that ought to be pushed through to success.

The Nebraskan will be pleased to receive communications regarding it from persons interested.

Professor Emerson of the department of horticulture writes as follows:

Editor Daily Nebraskan: I note your editorial in today's paper suggesting the placing of a fountain or other similar decoration on the university campus. I wish to second the idea most heartily. The new plan of ornamental planting which is being gradually worked out on the campus anticipates the possible use of fountains, statuary, etc. It seems to me it would be well if all the classes now in the university or some group of classes that have gone out of the university could unite in erecting a fountain, group of statuary or other similar decoration, the various parts of which might represent the individual classes concerned. It would then be comparatively easy to secure unity of design in the whole group, something too seldom seen in buildings, ornamental planting, etc. Sincerely yours,  
R. A. EMERSON.

### ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING.

At the meeting of the athletic board last night it was voted to expend \$200 in the purchase of suits and supplies for the baseball team. Manager Shidler reported a few open dates in his schedule. The games will be played, so far as it is known now, as scheduled in the Nebraskan last week.

Manager Engel of the football team reported his schedule as complete and contracts signed for all the games. There has been no change in the schedule since its publication a few days ago.

A track committee composed of Professor Richards as chairman, Cortelyou and Manager Clinton, was appointed. No further provision was made for track meets with other institutions.

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This month's Cosmopolitan contains an interesting article on cassava, the latest thing in the way of agricultural possibilities. The plant is raised to great advantage in the southern states, and is valuable for the amount of starch it contains, and also for the food product known as tapioca.

### "German University Life"

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Theological club often invites in a minister to address them or to lead in the discussion of some question. So they were recently discussing "The Coming of God's Kingdom on Earth" from behind their beer mugs and cigar fumes.

The students here look upon drinking as a manly sport, much as they do upon fencing, and it would be as difficult to eradicate the one evil as the other. The "Commerz" and the "Mensur" both are time honored student customs. The student songs abound in exaltations of bot. practices. And though the "Mensur" is restricted to the "Schlagenden Burschenschaften," that is, "fighting fraternities," it must be quite generally participated in, judging from the number of scarred faces one sees. I have seen three bandaged faces in a single class. So long as the "Mensur" flourishes as it does here in Strassburg there is no danger that duelling will become an absolute custom in Germany.

I do not wish to convey the idea that drinking and fencing are the chief occupations of the average German student. Far from it. The German student knows how to study, and he is a hard and persistent worker. He participates in drinking and fencing not for their own sakes, but as a means of recreation. Not infrequently the leader in the "Kneipe" is also the leader in the "Seminar." The German student believes in a thoroughness that would appal many of us. Almost without exception students specializing in physics take third year mathematics. Four years is looked upon as the minimum for the doctor's degree and many students spend five, six and even seven years at the university, but I am told that the standard here is somewhat higher than in the majority of the German universities.

The semester is drawing to a close. The official date for closing is March 22, but most of the lectures will close by March 1. The custom of closing thus early is said to survive from the Napoleonic regime, when an ordinance was passed compelling students to pay rent for the full month. The result was that students dropped out by the first to avoid paying the March rent. It is one of the cases in which a single man's mistake causes joy to untold generations.

### NEBRASKA CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

An important conference is to be held in Lincoln on the 5th and 6th days of April, aiming to improve the methods of religious education. The call for this conference was issued by a number of gentlemen connected with the University of Nebraska and others representing the Pastors' association of Lincoln. It has been supported heartily by men of prominence and power throughout the state, and a program of exceeding interest and promise has been secured. The conference is now regarded by those interested in it as an assured success.

The aim of this movement does not include the discussion of religious views or doctrines. It is merely an interdenominational effort to meet and overcome the difficulties which beset the problem of religious training in modern life. To a great extent these difficulties arise from a want of knowledge concerning the things to be taught and the best methods of teaching them. It is believed that much light may be thrown upon problems of family training and that the effectiveness of Sunday school work may be improved by the application of modern educational methods. This conference will contain much of good for many people, and should receive the hearty support of all interested in the upbuilding of the religious life of the nation.



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