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Next week students will be given an opportunity to show their loyalty to one of the important departments of student activity. Three representatives of the university will meet three men from Colorado on the field of intellectual contest. These men have been chosen because they have shown especial fitness for the work. They have spent much time and energy in preparation and deserve the loyal support of all.

Nebraska has been too lax in her support of debating in past years. This is a form of student activity which, though not, perhaps, as exciting as some, is as important as any other student enterprise. By our success in it will our standing be determined in the minds of a large number of people. It is important then that students and faculty alike turn out and support the teams. The meetings at chapel next week ought to be, and will be, if everyone does his part, brim full of vim, enthusiasm and inspiration for the team.

## PROFESSOR ROSS ON THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Ross of the political science department, when asked his opinion on the proposed national university at Washington and its influence on American education, said that his understanding of the matter was that Carnegie gave \$10,000,000 to universities in Scotland and an equal sum to found a national university at Washington. These sums were to be spent for higher education and the promotion of scientific research.

The institution, said the professor, will come to America at a very opportune time and will fill a long-felt want. There is not another country in the world where the craving for knowledge is as great as it is in the United States. Young men and women are no longer content with a diploma from the secondary schools; they acquire a hunger for something better. The great barrier to thorough research today is in the student's inability to devote his time to study. After he has received his doctor's degree he is compelled to teach, which hampers him greatly in his advancement. The eagerness for knowledge, together with the fact that

universities and colleges are so numerous throughout the country, make the chances of success for the proposed institution peculiarly favorable.

Dr. Ross thinks that the idea that the American is too fickle and too greedy for money to spend his time in a more thorough study of the sciences is a mistake. There is, he said, a large number of students in our universities who wish for nothing better than an opportunity to carry on their work in science. And they would ask for nothing more than a sufficient income to give them a comfortable and respectable living. It has been recognized that science is the highest plane of thought and the most important field of action. It surpasses all of the popular professions.

In America, Professor Ross declared, it may be said that salvation is regarded as dependent on education rather than on faith. The money that was spent in monasteries back in the middle ages is now put into universities and colleges—institutions that elevate mankind by enlarging the mind and broadening the vision.

Dr. Ross was asked whether the fact that the national university will be built by private capital instead of by public money would have any influence on its popularity or not. He asserted that he saw no reason why it should affect the success or popularity of the institution. That class of people that sometimes opposes appropriations for the support of universities, because they realize no immediate benefit from such investments, will have nothing to do with the Carnegie institution. The financial support of the university being secured, there is no doubt as to its being patronized and appreciated.

Finally, the effect of this university on the general education of the American people, Professor Ross thinks, will be to intensify tendencies already existing. That is, it will influence coming generations to pay more attention to education and advancement and perhaps less to gain.

## College Notes.

Some very valuable finds of ancient burial places have been made recently in Egypt by a California university expedition.

Students of Wisconsin are said to be entering more thoroughly into Madison city politics.

Michigan has 15,000 living graduates, Harvard 14,006 and Yale 11,436.

Over 11 per cent of last year's freshman class at Harvard failed to pass final exams for promotion to sophomore class.

Missouri reports a larger number of baseball candidates on the field this spring than ever before in her history.

The sophomores of Cornell gave a large banquet recently in honor of those men who wear the honorary "C."

Compulsory drill for sophomores has been abolished from Cornell.

A portion of the Salt Lake City Mormon choir, composed of 150 people, sang recently at Leland Stanford.

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