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MORE DEBATE INTEREST

Debating Board Takes Action Looking to Increasing Interest in Logic—Rate Made for Season.

A plan that will undoubtedly put debate at the University of Nebraska on a firm financial basis has been adopted by the debating board, which met a few evenings ago.

The plan is to get out a season ticket for all the debates that are held during the year, six in number. The Senior-Junior, the Sophomore-Freshman, the inter-class championship, the two evenings of the preliminary debates for the inter-state appointments and the final Missouri-Nebraska debate which will take place sometime during May. This season's tickets will sell for 35 cents. For those not holding season tickets single admission to any of the debates, excepting to the Missouri-Kansas contest, will be 10 cents. The admission fee to the Missouri-Nebraska debate will be 25 cents.

This action of the board was taken as a result of the growing interest in debating shown by the movement toward inter-class contests. The idea of inter-class debates is a new one in the university, but it certainly, if permanently established, will increase interest in debating, and also will strengthen the teams that annually meet representatives of other institutions.

To aid in permanently establishing inter-class debates as a custom, the debating board has promised upon the sale of 750 season tickets, to purchase a trophy to be annually awarded to the team winning the inter-class championship debate. If the finances warrant the board will also provide each member of the winning team with a prize ensignia.

The classes are heartily in favor of the proposed plan. The Juniors met yesterday, when W. F. Meier, secretary of the board, presented the matter, and a unanimous indorsement followed. This morning the Seniors and Freshmen met, and it will be presented to them for their approval.

The secretary of the board is in receipt of a letter from the president of the Epworth League assembly, proposing that a state oratorical contest be arranged to take place at the assembly in July at Lincoln park, between the University of Nebraska, Hastings, Bellevue, Doane, Grand Island and Wesleyan. This proposition the board did not entertain, inasmuch as the university found it advisable to withdraw from the State Oratorical Association, composed of the above-named institutions because the association barred members of the law college.

Juniors will have until the holidays to get their pictures taken. All photographs must be in the hands of the Sombrero editor by January 1. None will be accepted after that.

Juniors Deliberate.

The Juniors held a lively meeting in U. 210 yesterday during convocation and transacted some important business. The attendance was good.

Chairman Newton of the athletic committee made a report. Mr. Moore of the committee on debate informed the class that the Junior-Senior debate has been postponed until after the holidays. The exact date has not been set as yet.

Mr. R. E. Noyes was elected basket ball manager by acclamation.

Secretary Meier of the university debating board, then presented some important business relative to the class debate. His plan met with the hearty approval of the class and it was unanimously decided to adopt it and lend united support towards making it a success.

The coming girls' tournament, which takes place Friday night in the armory, was discussed. The class championship is at stake and the Juniors became enthusiastic. Miss Scott, captain of the Junior team, was called for and responded briefly, presenting the situation to the class, in a way which received loud applause. Mr. Newton was called on, and urged the class to turn out and support the team. Miss Shinbur, another member of the team, then discussed the coming contest in a few well chosen words. She assured the class that the team would do its best to win and that support from the side lines would help greatly. Her remarks were greeted with a storm of applause.

Some one suggested that the class colors, which were found to be cerise and blue, be worn at the tournament, and it was agreed that this would be done. All were unanimously in favor of a leader of the rooters' squad being appointed, and that he be responsible for the rooting on that night. Mr. Newton was appointed to fill this place. A class yell was then decided upon.

Settlement House.

The college settlement building is completed, with the exception of finishing the rooms in the basement. To finish these rooms, pay off floating indebtedness and defray the necessary expenses of fuel, light etc., \$500 will be needed. The management hope to raise part of this with the play Thursday night.

The total attendance at the house is 127, and is constantly increasing. The classes are open without any charge to those who wish to take advantage of the instruction. The children's sewing school is very successful. The attendance is good and the children take a great interest in the work.

Dr. Fling has an article in the November number of "La Revolution Francaise," a magazine published by the society of the French revolution. This article is a treatment of the results of an investigation, whereby Dr. Fling thinks he has discovered the real author of the third volume of the so-called "Memoirs of Boilly."

GIRLS' BASKET BALL

Teams Getting in Shape for Friday's Tournaments—Sale of Tickets—Those Who Will Play.

Since the invitation extended to the Minnesota team was not accepted, it is possible that the tournament Friday night will be the only girls' event of the season. Tickets are now on sale at the university book stores. Many orders for reserved seats have been received already, from Omaha as well as from the city.

Most of the teams are now ready for the contest. The Sophomore team, present holders of the cup, is captained this year by Miss Pearl Archibald. Miss Archibald has not yet fully decided how she will arrange her "men," but they will probably play as follows: Forwards, Miss Minnie Jansa, Miss Edna King; centers, Miss Pearl Archibald, Miss Adele Koch; guards, Miss Alice Towne, Miss Ruth Bryan; substitutes, Miss Lorraine Comstock, Miss Frances Bell. Miss Koch is playing her first season at basket ball. Though easily eligible for a midget team, she is promising in speed and activity. Miss Jansa, Miss Towne, and Miss Archibald play together on the varsity team, ranking among the strongest in the school. Miss Bryan played on the second team last year, and is guard on the Academy team. Miss King was formerly captain of the Lincoln high school team. Miss Comstock, who played on last year's championship team but has not been practicing this fall, is from the Omaha high school team. So is Miss Bell, who does well in the position of guard. All in all, the team is a very strong one, with a good chance for retaining the pennant for the season of 1902-03.

The girls at the University of Indiana show their interest in oratory by purchasing shares in the Oratorical society.

Mr. Davis, who attended the university from '83 to '85, visited the institution Saturday. He is engaged in the stock raising business in the north-western part of the state.

Prof. R. W. Emerson of the agricultural department, returned from Minneapolis Saturday. Mr. Emerson attended the State Horticultural society's convention, which met there last week.

Ralph Bennet, a former student and graduate of the university, is taking a doctor's degree at Heidelberg University, Germany. Since 1900 Mr. Bennet has been traveling through northern Europe and Asia in the interest of the department of the interior. Upon receiving his degree he expects to return to the United States and resume his work in the agricultural bureau at Washington.

Smith Talks at Chapel.

J. L. McBrien, deputy state superintendent, who was to have spoken at convocation yesterday, was unable to be present. In his place Chancellor Andrews introduced Mr. Smith, of the psychological department, who spoke on "Some Phases of the British Educational Bill."

He said in part:

On this side of the Atlantic we are apt to get an exaggerated idea of the state of the British mind in regard to the pending bill. The matter has drifted into politics, and that is why we hear so much about it. The bill is not entirely revolutionary. I found during my recent visit to England that, in general, the educated people favor it.

The English schools are grouped differently from our own. In the elementary system there are the infant schools which the children between three and six years old attend. These have almost as long hours as those for older children, and the pupil is put through the form of a regular course of study. Kindergarten is almost neglected. Next they have the schools for boys and girls (often separate) from six to fourteen years. Besides there is usually a department for manual training. There are also schools for defective children. Many whom we merely class as dull and allow to stumble along with others mentally their superiors, are placed here. This grouping is more pronounced in closely settled communities.

With us, the secondary schools and the university are open to all. In England there are no such advantages for the masses.

Some elementary schools have added a few simple secondary subjects. But these generally charge tuition, thus shutting out a large number. There is also a class of higher elementary schools recognized by the government, beginning with about the fifth grade and extending through four years. Sometimes a school of science is found which is about like our grammar school.

They also have a system of scholarships. If a boy is bright he may by an examination win one of these, thus getting the means of attending a higher elementary school. Here, if he is a very good student, he may win another, giving him the means to attend some endowed secondary school, there perhaps winning another, taking him through the university. Few boys, of the masses, get a secondary education except through these scholarships, and for that matter, few get it at all.

Old Timers' Program.

One of the most entertaining literary programs of the semester was rendered by the alumni members of the Palladian literary society Friday night, December 5.

Mrs. Glen Talbot Babson, '88, one time Palladian president, presided and Messrs. G. F. Fisher, '94 and O. B. Polk, '88, acted as secretary and critic.

The debate between Professors Caldwell and Fossler was particularly witty. Miss Bullock and Messrs. Stuff and

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