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## Staff Editorials.

## Some Observations.

Is the charge a true one that the University of Nebraska has less "college spirit" than almost any other institution in the country. Football is the only university enterprise at all adequately supported, and that only after years of exhortation and effort. Baseball receives surprisingly poor support; basket-ball, track athletics, and debates, almost none. College publications, even free ones, find it difficult to obtain an efficient circulation; college enterprises, outside of fraternity affairs, can be made successful only by the self-sacrificing efforts of an interested few, and at the cost of considerable humiliating "begging."

For such a condition of student indifference to University enterprises there must be some explanation, and may perhaps be some remedy. The majority of students are "poor"—they have little money, and must use it discreetly. They are also busy, for they must use every moment of their time in order to get through on their incomes or allowances. The location of the school in a large city also detracts from university unity. College life becomes more "business," and less a period of living apart from the rest of the world. A large town never supports the same quality and quantity of college unity and enthusiasm as a small and exclusively school town.

All of these influences are worth considering before a wholesale condemnation of university people for failing to attend the first performance of even such a creditable organization as the Glee club. Yet when matters reach such a state that this organization openly refuses to again perform in the university town, it is about time some serious thought be devoted to the situation. Probably better results would have been obtained if the concert had been advertised more thoroughly; as it was, only a small proportion of the people of Lincoln knew anything about the concert, and those who did know about it, did not realize its significance.

Rather than have the club start on the road with an empty purse, and—what is more—a feeling that they were not appreciated in their own school, why not arrange for another concert? The same program could be rendered, with but few and slight variations, and it would mean little additional work for the members of the club. If the interest of a few outsiders can be secured a canvas may easily be made and the matter advertised so that better results may be obtained. The Nebraskan is anxious to see the club succeed and advertise the University throughout the state, and with that idea in view is willing to aid the enterprise to the full extent of its ability.

That the walks surrounding the cam-

pus are defective is very apparent to those who have had occasion to use the south walk since the snowstorm of two weeks ago. Whenever the weather was warm enough to melt the snow, the walk was almost entirely covered with water, sometimes to the depth of two or three inches. In spite of the fact that a man was employed to keep the walk clean, the pedestrian was subject to many inconveniences. If the walk could be raised the nuisance would in great part be done away with. The superintendent of grounds and buildings ought to get busy and see that the matter is attended to, at least to the full extent of the University's limited financial ability.

What has become of the Pan-Hellenic Congress? Its influence has not been in evidence for some time, and there is a suspicion that it has gone out of business. As far as it went, the congress seems to have been unsuccessful through lack of union and perseverance on the part of the members. There is a growing need of such a body in the University, and we hope to see the matter revived. University people have been subject to several impositions that could have been done away with if the Congress had carried out their original intentions. Union is necessary in order to make the thing a success, and all petty grievances should be dropped in the promotion of a more important cause.

Yesterday was the day of the republican primaries and it would probably be safe to say that over one-half the students are not informed as to the question at issue. As a rule, the students pay too little attention to city politics. There are many voters in the University, but few express an interest in or help to direct the affairs of the city. The government of a city that is their home for four years should be a matter of importance to students, and they should be influential in directing the policy of its officials.

## Nebraska, Too.

(Wisconsin Cardinal.)

The system now in operation of making entrance fee payments to the secretary of the university can at this time hardly be passed over without comment. For some time this method, that of standing in line for several hours and awaiting your turn in order to make these payments has been employed. The office hours of the secretary being only from 9 to 11 and 2 to 4, and all payments being made at a time from one window, and there being about 2,500 students, many of whom take out class cards and make payments on the same day during those four hours, thus causes a great rush and much delay. It seems as though a university of this size and one over fifty years old should have some better system than one worthy of some grammar school in a small town. This system having caused great comment all through the state, owing to the lack of business principle, deserves the censure of the Cardinal.

## Convocation Notes

## Program for the Week:

Wednesday—Dr. Clements: "The New York Botanical Gardens."  
Thursday—C. C. Tellesen, senior president.  
Friday—Musical program.

## Yesterday's Exercises:

Professor Dann spoke at convocation

yesterday morning on "The Abolition of Compulsory Greek in the German Gymnasium." He discussed the changes made during the past year in the curriculum of the German gymnasium, whereby the student has been given the option of selecting an equal number of hours in French, English or mathematics as a substitute for the hitherto required work in Greek. This is a step in the right direction and has long been inevitable. Those in charge of the classical courses do not ask unwilling devotees. The study of Greek has been put on the right basis, in that it has been made more especially a study for those to whom it appeals. This change of course will have a wide bearing. Already the registration for the study of Greek has been reduced one-half in the incoming class. It is probable that the proportion will become still larger in the future. The question of the relative importance of Greek and other classical studies has long been under discussion. The same problem that is facing the German instructors is also present in this country. In fact this latest move of the Germans has been anticipated in this country, Greek having been made elective in most of the universities, among them in the University of Nebraska. Here the course has been widened so as to include a study of the religion, art and history of the Greeks. It is not now necessary for the student to defer these studies until after the Greek roots are mastered. In this way opportunity is given students who have neither the taste nor time to devote to a long course to acquiring a knowledge of antiquity. An Athenian in the time of Pericles is nearer us than a medieval saint or baron. Free discussion and open-mindedness of modern life would appeal strongly to the ancient Greek, who was much akin to us in mind and thought. Several problems have arisen which are still to be solved. Methods must be devised by means of which the essential facts of Greek antiquity may be brought to the minds of students so as to leave lasting impressions. The charges that have been brought against the study of Greek are aimed almost entirely at the linguistic side, the chief objection being that the knowledge acquired is too meager. It is hoped next year that a schedule may be presented, which will appeal both to those seeking historical knowledge and to those seeking culture. In Germany, a number of problems will have to be taken up and dealt with, which as yet have not been faced. It will be interesting to see what the outcome will be. These problems are rendered all the more difficult by the fact that those attempting their solution must keep in touch with modern life without letting go of the bonds that bind to the past.

Cornell University is demoralized by an epidemic of typhoid fever. Each issue of the Daily Sun contains an account of one or more deaths, and between 800 and 1,000 students have left school. The epidemic is attributed to impure water supply and efforts are being made to install a filtration plant.

The Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women offers a fellowship of the value of \$500 for the year 1903-04, available for work at either an American or a foreign university. Applications must be in the hands of the chairman of the committee of award (Dr. Mary Sherwood, The Arundel, Baltimore), before March 30, 1903.

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