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Editorial Remarks

The report is being spread by the city papers that Omaha did not try to defeat the University Monday, but simply played horse with the Cornhuskers. The only reason given for this belief is that Omaha let Nebraska defeat her in order to have a better crowd Tuesday and thus reap a larger financial harvest from her two days' stay in Lincoln. This idea is entirely erroneous and ungrounded. The Omaha men were frank in admitting they were outplayed. It did not matter to Omaha how small a crowd attended the game, as they had a guarantee of so much money, regardless of gate receipts. Further, if some think that Manager Rourke is salaried men to lose games, a moment's reflection would certainly change their opinion. Captain Stewart stated that his men did the best they could to win the game, but the Cornhuskers had a good team which was too much for them.



With all due respect to the excellent work of the Cornhuskers thus far this baseball season, there are two or three men on the team whose form of playing brings forth frequent expressions of disgust from interested spectators. These men can play good ball, but they are continually attempting to make "grandstand plays," and in the course of a game sacrifice considerable by committing errors which would otherwise not have been made. It is such work as trying to "scoop" or catch the ball with one hand when both hands could and should be used to insure "freezing it," that gives enthusiastic supporters a desire to hiss. To let a strike be called just for "fun," or to show that the pitcher "can't fan you," may cost a score and perhaps a game. If these men will reflect a moment, they will certainly see their folly, and break away from this detrimental habit. It is suggested that they try to copy after four or five of the best men on the team, who put up a cool, steady, fast and sure game from start to finish, and can always be relied on when it comes to a "crisis."



The Nebraskan is asked to comment upon the practice several young ladies have of coming late to chapel, and, instead of taking seats in front or in the gallery, going to the back of the room where the seats are filled, and standing up. The young men in the back seats across the way feel obliged to go to the gallery, thus causing confusion and loss of time. This has occurred several times this year when special programs have been given. Would it not be just as well for these young ladies to take front or gallery seats, and thus avoid confusion and delay of exercises?

A DENTAL COLLEGE.

Plans to Affiliate With the Lincoln Dental School.

Yesterday's State Journal announced that the Lincoln Dental College would soon be affiliated with the University, with relations between the two similar to those existing between the Omaha Medical College and the University. The plan, it was stated, would be put in operation at the beginning of next school year, when students in dentistry will register in the University as special students. Hereafter, then, it would take four years to complete the required course in dentistry, the first year's work being taken almost entirely at the University proper, the second quite evenly divided between the two schools, the third almost wholly at the dental college, and the fourth wholly in that school. Under this plan the college of dentistry, which has hitherto been affiliated with Cotner University, would retain its own faculty and pay its own expenses, but a portion of the tuition would be received into the treasury of the University. That the Journal is correct in its statement there is little room for doubt, but the authorities at the University have as yet made no such plan known, because any change of that character must be acted on by the regents before it can be settled. The regents will meet the latter part of the month, and if such a plan is contemplated by University authorities it will then be considered. The scheme, if carried out, will give better opportunities to dental students than they now have in the state, because it will open up to them all the facilities here at the University and raise the character of the work in the dental college itself. The plan is well in keeping with the course of the University in affiliating with the Omaha Medical College, and the attempted absorption of the school of music.

The Function of Play.

Prof. Arthur Allin of the University of Colorado, department of psychology, lectured before the students of psychology and pedagogy Tuesday evening in the old chapel. His subject was "The Origin and Function of Play." He said children had continued to play through all the ages of human culture, in spite of the most severe repressive attempts to put a stop to it. Play is a fundamental instinct of human nature and an essential factor in the preparation of an individual for life. Its highest function is to be found in the fact that it is a socializing force. In most plays boys are trained in the habit of working together for a common end, in the obedience of commands on the one hand, and in decision and resolute firmness on the other. On the biological side co-ordinations of vascular, glandular and muscular activities take place. Upon the origin of plays the author mentioned four sources from which our plays come, but he dwelt particularly upon those that were occupational. Many plays are simply survivals of past customs and practices of the race, that have long since ceased to be a part of the social order. Another important source of plays is the imitation of present social customs. He said the play impulse was more widespread than we are accustomed to allow. Any activity that is performed with a pleasureable and masterful purpose is to be looked upon as play. He called attention to the fact that the frequent indulgence of northern peoples in hilarious excitement, or as the Germans call it in a "Rausch," is a form of play that is very interesting, but partly understood. His lecture was profusely illustrated. A vein of suppressed humor and scintillating wit ran through it all, making it one of the most entertaining lectures heard upon the University campus this year.

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