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Editorial Remarks

This evening two vigorously fought games of basket ball will take place in the armory and about these much interest is centered. Our first team will strive to encompass the downfall of the city Y. M. C. A. team, while the faculty team will measure its strength with the business and professional men of Lincoln. The interest attached to this event has been enhanced by the number of invitations that have been sent out in the city. These are calculated to bring out a large and representative crowd of university people and citizens of Lincoln, and the entertainment promised will be of the highest class.

Our team will endeavor to remove the stain from its fair record through its defeat by the Y. M. C. A. men, and they will certainly be playing under better advantages this evening than they did in the game a week ago. The games that our team has engaged in thus far have all been productive of useful practice and are preliminary to the busy season which will soon open. The game this evening will, however, be a stiff one, as the Y. M. C. A. men have demonstrated themselves to be strong players and are animated with a desire to beat the University team on its own ground. Let all turn out and back up our men and see that the faculty do not suffer injury at the hands of the Lincoln business and professional men.

By a great many instructors examinations are considered merely a matter of form, a following out of certain rules in the college curriculum. The regents say give examinations and so they give them, and as the result of a two hour effort a success or failure is recorded. Does it not seem that a certain grade of daily work should excused from examinations.

By holding excuse from final examinations out to students as a common prize, would not the student work harder and more steadily and consistently day by day?

And is not consistent daily work more to be desired and worked for than good work for two hours? It is not that which gets into the head by a week's firecracker cramming that sticks there, but it is the knowledge that is gained and used day after day which stands in good stead when wanted.

Whether this system of excusing from final examinations would bring the work up to desired mark or not is an unsolved question, but it certainly would be better to have a daily average of 70 per cent than one of 40 per cent with a final in the nineties. There are those that can and do "cram" for exams and pass and when a student passes it is difficult and seems hardly fair for the instructor to flunk him, when in reality his knowledge of the

subject at hand warrants nothing but failure.

It seems that if a student could by good daily work, escape final exams, the bug bear of the ordinary college man they would make the necessary effort and even if they were to fall short of the mark, would still be the gainers.

A great many college papers over the country have been guilty of regaling their readers with the following embodiment of a misconception of business principles that gain the favor of the students and make the paper a success. Such a spirit as gives utterance to such complaints could never make a success of anything, for the students can hardly be whipped into line no matter how severe the castigation may be. Under the caption of "Four Ways to Kill a College Paper," these four sections of unmanly and unbusiness like complaints have been dodging up into view in college publications until the very sight of them makes one weary. Here are the four alleged ways in which the demise of the respected college paper may be accomplished.

1. Do not subscribe or buy a copy. Borrow your classmate's paper. Just be a sponge.
2. Look up the advertisers and trade with the other fellow. Be a chump.
3. Never hand in a news item and criticize everything in the paper. Be a chump.
4. If you can't get a hump on your anatomy and help make the paper a success—be a corpse.

The best way to kill a college paper is to give voice to such complaints as above. If the management of the college paper can bring their publication up to a respectable standard, it will be patronized, if the business and circulation interests are sufficiently pushed. No one can expect to succeed without displaying at least a moderate amount of energy. But if all the departments are well attended to the rest will come naturally. Even in the midst of adversity the best and wisest thing to do is to put forth greater energy.

But if the students and faculty must be reminded of their obligations, we believe that there is a better way than mere complaint or humble appeal. At all events something more potent than a character analysis is necessary. It is certainly an alluring inducement to anyone whose patronage is sought to be reminded that he is a "sponge," a "chump" or a "corpse," and would it not be best after all to follow some policy more closely connected with business principles? The paper that complains and blames others for not supporting it, can never be admired, and unless it adopts a more cheerful policy of looking at things it career will be ended in the misery of failure.

The Dramatic club will give its first production in Memorial hall tomorrow evening. The two plays that will be rendered have been looked forward to with much interest and expectation by University people. Those having parts have trained hard and faithfully and there will no doubt but both plays will be full of interest and well acted.

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