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## IN RE SOMBRERO

### Communication Holding Opposite View to Editorial.

The following communication has been handed to us for publication. We freely give it publication, only reserving the right to explain a few points that concern ourselves and the University in general:

"Editor Nebraskan:

"In regard to the article in yesterday's paper pertaining to the Junior Annuals no doubt you have struck a subject which it would be well to look into. If the "Daily Nebraskan" wishes to accomplish something, here is a field for her to work. It is impossible, following the present plan, to get out a book such as would meet the wishes of the student body. The fact is admitted that the present plan is deficient, but can one or two men change the condition of affairs?

"The fact is everyone is enthusiastic and a loyal supporter when it comes to talk about it, and it is easy to put noble thoughts in writing. We point with pride to the fact that all bills contracted by the last year's Sombrero board are paid, but we can not say that all bills owed to the board are paid. (Far be it from such.) It is a fact that people will contract for space and neglect and refuse to pay for it, then turn around and knock on the publication. Yet those are the very ones who "holler" about the "silver lining of the individual pocket." A rule these calamity "howlers" are so tight that a leech would fall from their noble brow in disgust and starve to death for want of blood.

"There never was a movement on foot for the accomplishment of some purpose but what some pig-headed philosopher would "holler" calamity. Simply because they are in a position to put their noble thoughts on paper, where they may be read and under cover of the respect and esteem that an editor is held, will proceed to make charges of dishonesty, which they never think of proving, and would hesitate to make to any individual of whom they speak.

"EARNEST ALLEN."

The above communication certainly falls short of the mark of refuting any editorial opinion that we may have advanced concerning the Junior Annual. Leaving out all the severe terms and personal references the substance of the letter reduces itself to an allegation to the effect that those who contract for space are often remiss in discharging their obligations, and that these are the ones who are opposed to the method employed in the publication of the Junior Annual. If this be true, the high standard of morals that they show in the latter regard excuses their failings in the former.

But it is more convenient to follow the argument through as presented above and see what the contingency may be upon which the claims of upright dealing in getting out these Junior Annuals are based. We are quite sure that we have struck a subject that it would be well to look into, and we have taken some steps in that direction already.

We are quite sure that the present plan, which differs in no detail from past plans, is sadly deficient, and it is in connection with this very thing that the demand for reform is most urgent. A new system should be instituted, compelling the individuals in charge of the Sombrero to keep within bounds and devote more of the money placed in their hands to giving us a decent, representative book, instead of supplying their own needs so faithfully. One or two men of the right character can certainly change the condition of affairs, if they happen to be the editors of the book, simply by exhibiting a proper grade of honesty and striving to

serve the University as well as themselves.

It is very easy to put noble thoughts into writing, when one has such a good field for condemnation to select from, as the conduct of past Junior Annual editors presents. There is no harm in anyone paying their bills, and we think it quite the best thing for the editors of last year's book to pay some that we know they still owe, but anyhow, we should think that they should be willing to rest content with what they have got without bothering about what may yet be outstanding.

The writer of the above letter would limit the number who know the publication to those who have not fulfilled their contracts. The condemnation of the methods of past editors of the Sombrero is a matter in which practically the whole University is united, and the movement for reform embraces the wishes of nearly the entire student body. Perhaps a leech might fall to its doom from the brow of those who now "holler calamity," as they have already been visited by the Junior Annual and suffered worse treatment than the leech could ever inflict.

The "pig-headed philosophers" are certainly obstreperous beings, and it is to be regretted that they have been furnished such good material to work with in decrying the lack of principle displayed by those entrusted with the work of giving the University a decent and creditable book and pointing out the fact that there is room for improvement. We don't find it necessary to spend time in proving the dishonesty employed in connection with the Sombrero as the University public has some decided views upon the matter already. This affair is not a matter of individuals, but it concerns the whole University, and it can not be argued out to a satisfactory conclusion by two, however attractive the inducement might be.

If this is all the argument that can be presented to favor an opposing view the need of the introduction of new methods is certainly urgent. The necessity is made more plain of ruling out all self-interest, if the book is to be raised to a creditable standard. These are our views, and we believe that they represent the feeling of the University at large.

### ELWOOD MEAD TO SPEAK.

#### Engineering Authority Will Be Here Next Week.

Professor Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation investigation, has written that he will be able to deliver a lecture to the Engineering society and to others interested on "European Irrigation." It is quite probable that the lecture will be given in the chapel at 10:30 next Tuesday. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides. Professor Mead is one of the most prominent in the engineering profession and a specialist in his line. The Engineering society is very fortunate in securing this address.

Mr. F. J. Buck is now an assistant in electrical laboratory work. Mr. Buck will take his degree next Monday, but expects to remain at the University the rest of the year.

There are thirteen members of the class in civil engineering 16, "Modern Framed Structures." This is an increase of four over the registration of last year.

Norton Ware, '04, returned from Nebraska City Thursday. He had spent the previous week in a visit at his home.

The classes in foundry work are now running full blast. The first heat will be taken off next Saturday.

J. A. Green, assistant in the civil engineering department, has been ill with ear trouble for the past week.

## ARRANGE FOR WASHINGTON

### Debate to Occur Near Opening of World's Fair.

Arrangements are being made for the Nebraska-Washington University debate, which will occur at St. Louis, about the opening week of the world's fair. This will give our debaters an opportunity of making their trip a doubly pleasurable one. They may be there at the time of the inaugural exercises and in such case they will certainly be fortunate. At present our authorities are waiting to hear from Washington.

There are thirty entries for the preliminaries. A bulletin has been posted requesting all candidates to notify either Professor Fogg or Ire Ryner as to the side they prefer. All of the men are favorably impressed with the question.

The Inter-Scholastic debate which has been held heretofore during the holidays at the meetings of the State Teachers' association, will be held Friday night at the auditorium. That the interests of all nations demand that the Isthmian canal be owned and controlled by the United States will be discussed. The Lincoln representative has been trained by N. M. Cronin, one of our debaters, and an assistant of Prof. Fogg.

Cornell University has abandoned lance and discipline of "cribbers."

An alumnus of Brown has offered three annual prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the best essays on a subject in American or English literature.

The department of English at the University of Illinois has organized a course for the special training of the inter-University debates. The instructor is John Quincy Adams.

Wesleyan University was unanimously defeated by Baker at Baldwin, Kan., last week on the municipalization of street railways.

The University of Missouri Debating league is bringing to Columbia this year several distinguished lecturers.

### Rev. Wild at Convocation

Rev. Laura Wild, pastor of the North Lincoln Congregational church, will speak at convocation tomorrow on "Theological Training for Women." It is intended, if possible, that the Lelderkrantz furnish the music on Friday, with a program of German folksongs. A discussion of the Russo-Japanese war will be arranged for the near future if possible. It is intended by the committee in charge of the convocation exercises to make them as entertaining as possible, in order to provide a fitting recreation for University students. Professor Fossler reports that the attendance at chapel has been increasing very satisfactorily of late.

### Seniors Elect Rest of Officers.

The Seniors met yesterday morning at chapel time and completed the election of officers which they began Monday. Miss Damon was elected secretary; Miss Bullock, treasurer; Miss Van Zant, historian, and Russell Moore class senator.

A ticket as above, with the exception of secretary, was elected before it was discovered that a quorum was not present. Miss Damon and Russell Harris were candidates for the office, and Mr. Harris was at first in the lead. Enough members of the class came in late, however, to give a quorum, and a final vote ratified the rest of the ticket as before elected and chose Miss Damon as secretary.

Special rate to students at Hendry's.

## GAME CANCELLED

### Basketball Team Will Not Meet Highland Park.

University people will be disappointed to learn that our first college basketball game has been declared off. One of the conditions under which the Highland Park team agreed to play here was that they must be able to sign a game with Wesleyan the night before, and this they were unable to do. It is not yet known definitely whether the girls' game Saturday afternoon will take place or not.

The big game of the season will be played in Lincoln on March 5 with Wisconsin. This will be our first encounter with Wisconsin in basket ball and if a big crowd does not turn out to the game we should be forced to return to our old opinion that college spirit in the University of Nebraska is dead, and all that remains for us to do is to hold the funeral service over its remains.

Interest in the inter-fraternity relay race is becoming greater. Last year only two teams entered the contest, and already six fraternities have signified their intention of sending representatives. Those so far entered are Delta U., Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Phi Delta Phi. The race will be as follows: Two boxes are placed 40 feet apart, with three bells in one box. The first man take up a dumb-bell and carries it to the other box, drops it, returns for another, drops that one, and then returns for the last one. The second man is ready at the second box with one of the first two bells, and may start as soon as the first man touches him with the last bell.

Entries must be in before six o'clock tonight. Mail them to Dr. Clapp or leave them in his office, and be sure to give the list of events entered as well as the name. The preliminaries will be held Saturday afternoon. Entries for the relay race must contain the name of the fraternity and the names of the team.

The basket ball team leaves for its northern trip Tuesday. The class teams are to use the floor on Tuesday and Thursday at the regular first team hour.

Negotiations are under way for a game of baseball with the Chicago National league team, to be played in Lincoln.

### Our Educational Exhibit.

Material is still being received by the superintendent of our educational exhibit at the world's fair. Exhibits from the schools at Aurora and Talmage were received yesterday. A choice painting by a Nebraska club woman is expected from the art institute at Chicago, one having already been received. Dr. Elwood Mead, who will lecture here next week, is looking up a collection for the irrigation building at the world's fair, where he will exhibit enlarged photographs of irrigation in Nebraska, taken by the Morrill geological expeditions, and also exhibit the models of home-made windmills, prepared three years ago by the department of geology. The designs for the fascades and partitions in our education booth have been recast owing to increase in cost of material and labor, which bid fair to be ten times as much as at the Omaha exposition.

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