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MAY CHANGE THE PLANS

"The Regents are Doing the Best They Can to Save the Athletic Field."

Although not officially confirmed, there is every reason to believe that the Regents have decided not to sacrifice the athletic field in the interests of the new physics building.

Rumors of Reconsideration Last Night.

Late yesterday afternoon a rumor was afloat that the Board of Regents had taken action with an object in view of taking measures toward changing the plans or modifying the location of the new physics building, which it had decided to locate on the athletic field. Inquires by a force of Nebraskan reporters resulted in obtaining some information from prominent persons who are in a position to know the facts of the case, and this while a little indefinite, tends to confirm the original rumor.

Confirmed by a University Official.

A reliable, well posted party, stated positively that the building committee of the Board of Regents had met and decided to consult with the architects with a view to having the wing cut off or modified in such a way as to leave the athletic field clear for all practical purposes. Considering the source there is no reason for doubting this statement, and we are willing to accept it as reliable.

It was known yesterday afternoon that the building and finance committees were to meet, and it was surmised that the former committee would consider the matter of the location of the new physics building. In fact it seemed quite probable that they would take some definite action regarding this important question.

Secretary Dales Not Inclined to Substantiate.

Judge Dales was seen at his home yesterday evening by a Nebraskan reporter and he stated that the building committee had met for the purpose of consulting with the architects regarding the plans of the three new buildings. These are the big building at the Farm, and the physics and administration buildings. The conference with the architect would be for the purpose of passing upon the plans and fixing the exact dimensions, form and all details. These facts Judge Dales explained in detail, but he gave no reason for believing that the wing would be cut off or even modified. He stated that the meeting was a regular one and one that was customary to be held when such business came up.

Chancellor Andrews Offers a Little Encouragement.

Chancellor Andrews was interviewed by telephone and he stated that the Board of Regents were doing everything in their power to save the athletic field. The building committee was arranging to confer with the archi-

changes could be made to produce the desired result. He said that if there was any way possible to locate the building so that it would not ruin the field, it would be done. This is certainly a safe assurance that the Regents will do what they can to preserve our field and prevent its being unnecessarily encroached upon. It is a well known fact that they have the interests of athletics at heart, as this is generally admitted.

There is sufficient evidence cited for believing that a change will be made and that the athletic field will be saved for the time being. The first information we received as referred to before, was from a man who is in a position to know, and whose word is perfectly reliable. It was hardly possible that he could have been mistaken. Chancellor Andrews' statement goes far toward confirming the surmise and dispelling whatever doubt might exist.

So widespread has been the concern aroused over the threatened closing of our field to athletics that it was felt that the Regents would seek to do something to avoid the results that would ensue if such a course was resolved upon. It was evident that if the field had to be given up, athletics would be discontinued unless grounds were provided elsewhere. So important were the considerations involved, that it was realized that the Regents would do everything in their power to avoid taking any action that would be so detrimental to one of the most important features of University life. Through the confidence that we can reasonably hold in this fact, it is only reasonable to believe that the Regents at present contemplate means for avoiding the necessity of intruding upon outdoor athletics. In this belief practically confirmed by the statements published above, we have reason to find comfort.

No bitter feeling has been exhibited against the Regents by University people as it was believed that they would act for the best and do all they could to avoid the necessity of sacrificing athletics. It was felt that they would take cognizance of the objections raised and do whatever was practicable. It has been many a long day since a question of such concern and vital interest has been brought to the attention of the student body. It is seldom that a matter involving so much to them has been brought to light. It is easy then to appreciate their anxiety and deep interest in the matter, as even the temporary departure of athletics from our institution would be sincerely regretted.

The Athletic Board has made its position plain in this matter. It held that if the new building was put upon the athletic field and no arrangements made for grounds elsewhere, athletics

must cease here until such arrangements could be made. In view of the ill success financially that has attended athletics, the Board of Control certainly would not be able to hire a suitable location and put it in proper shape for another field. If the Board had had the money to hire or buy another field it might have considered the advisability of doing so, but as long as we are outside of the "Big Nine" nothing of this kind can be done.

It never made any criticism of the Board of Regents, but insisted that if it had no field there would be no athletics. It was willing, however, to submit its case to the Regents and if they decide that nothing could be done, it would have accepted their judgment without protest. Other institutions had advised our athletic authorities never to submit to the athletic field being removed from the campus unless obliged to do so. All these facts being generally known had an influential effect in shaping opinion and lining up the student body in opposition to any move that would tend to injure athletics here.

But now a comforting assurance is offered, and it is very probable that our athletic field will be the scene of many conflicts yet to come. The present provisions may not be permanent, but they will prevent our athletics from being turned out to hunt for an abiding place. Athletics is probably now assured of a home until new necessities arise compelling the securing of accommodations elsewhere.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

John D. Brady Lectures on Egyptology.

The University people were entertained yesterday morning during convocation period by Mr John D Brady, a University student, on the subject of Egypt. The lecture was well illustrated by stereopticon views taken by him in the land of architecture, where pyramids and obelisks that have stood the test of ages still pierce the sky and are gazed upon with awe by the many travelers who never cease to wonder at their stupendous magnitude and the unparalleled skill of the ancient Egyptians.

Mr. Brady was familiar with his subject and gave vivid descriptions as the slides were rapidly passed through the gleam.

Mr. Brady was a soldier in the Spanish-American war and spent almost two years in the archipelago with the First Nebraska regiment, where he helped carry Col. Stotsenburg from the field during the fierce encounter with the insurgents. While in that country he visited China and Japan and since his return has spent some time rambling in the historic places of the United States, England, France, Germany and Italy, in short he has visited every continent on the globe.

The lecture was well attended and highly appreciated, as shown by the interest of those present.

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THE FIRST ROUND

Debaters Battle for Places on the Interstate Teams.

The largest crowd that ever listened to a preliminary debate at Nebraska gathered in Memorial hall last evening. The Monroe doctrine question was discussed with great force by the first thirteen candidates for our interstate debating squads who commanded the hearty applause and appreciation of their hearers. In the absence of Mr. Albert Watkins who was not able to be present, Secretary Ira Ryner of the Debating Board presided and introduced the speakers in the following order:

- Affirmative:
 - Lightner, first.
 - Moore, third.
 - Anderson, fifth.
 - Levy, eighth.
 - Kimmell, eleventh.
- Negative:
 - Lee, second.
 - Milek, fourth.
 - Black, sixth.
 - Waldron, seventh.
 - Lewis, ninth.
 - Sawyer, tenth.
 - Mogan, twelfth.
 - Driscoll, thirteenth.

Mr. Lightner, the first speaker on the affirmative, closed the debate with a three minute summary and rebuttal.

Each speaker was greeted with enthusiasm as he addressed the audience. Messrs. Levy and Mogan, who are old Lincoln high school men, called forth in addition the high school yell from several old class mates in that institution. Many excellent points were introduced, which will undoubtedly have much to do in the result of the Kansas-Nebraska debate in April. Professor Fogg was highly pleased with the quality of the discussion, giving it as his opinion that it was the best first-night preliminary during his connection with the University. Dr. Ross, one of the judges, concurred in this opinion, and added that more interest was displayed in the debate than ever before at this institution.

This evening the preliminaries will be continued, the following men speaking:

- Negative side, Order drawn—
 - Zook, first.
 - Brookings, second.
 - Sunderlin, third.
 - Mehrman, fourth.
 - Johnson, fifth.
 - McReynolds, sixth.
 - Meyers, seventh.
 - Buckner, eighth.
- Affirmative side, Order drawn.
 - Brady, first.
 - Clark, second.
 - Wilburn, third.
 - James, fourth.

Dr. Ross, Professors Cook, Taylor, French and Caldwell, who acted as judges last evening, will continue in that capacity tonight. The debate will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m., and at its conclusion the result of both evenings, together with the names of the successful candidates who will represent Nebraska in her interstate contests this spring, will be announced. The final results of the preliminaries promise to be very close, as extraordinary abilities were displayed by the men on both sides last evening, and will doubtless be tonight also.

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