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Editorial Remarks

The frequency of which we hear of cases of institutions around us petitioning for a slightly longer spring vacation is something remarkable. Most of them seek an extension from five to nine days in order that they may keep Good Friday properly and have a week to recover from their fasting during Lent. In most cases the petitions have been successful and longer time of freedom secured. While a little longer vacation here is desirable, it could hardly be expected in view of the large number of holidays occurring between now and June.

The following expresses the manner in which our neighboring institution, South Dakota, regards the action of those who have taken it upon themselves to oppose the acceptance of the Rockefeller gift to our university:

The action on the part of Chancellor Andrews of Nebraska in advocating the acceptance of the Rockefeller donation has brought forth considerable discussion. The World-Herald of Omaha especially has had a great deal to say in condemnation of the chancellor. The donation was accepted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the building which is to furnish a home for the Christian and other organizations of the university—a movement which could receive no aid from the state appropriations. From the argument presented it is apparent that the enemies of the chancellor are endeavoring to bring the University under the control of politics.—The Volante.

The class scrap of yesterday was certainly an event of an unusual order in these enlightened days of "law and decency" in college life. If there is anything to be condemned, however, it is the principle entering in, which in the case of the college student is largely mitigated by the motives governing. We can hardly see any great fault in student pummeling each other if they do so by mutual agreement and without any intention of maiming or ever severely injuring each other. As long as they destroy no property they certainly do not lay themselves open to any severe penalties. Their action can best be classed under "rowdism," if anyone cares to make the classification, but the restraint exercised modifies the charge. The affair of yesterday was characterized by the self-restraint practiced and the good nature that prevailed. Such an outburst, if it be merely perennial, can not work any great injury, even if it did confer no benefit.

In commenting upon the good work done by University organizations it is by no means just to overlook the Dramatic club. The plays that the members of this class produce from time to time are popular and always well attended. They furnish diversion of a

strictly college stamp and altogether of a pleasant character. The club also provides material for the Senior class plays and under its auspices the players are trained. The club has undertaken heavy duties this year, but we expect to see it discharge them all in a manner highly creditable to all concerned.

Engineering Notes.

The Engineering society at its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, elected the following board of editors for next year's annual:

R. H. White, business manager.
H. P. Warren, editor-in-chief.
Departmental editors:
P. L. Brockway, civil engineering.
L. W. Turner, mechanical engineering.

R. E. Towne, electrical engineering.
The election was made from nominations by the executive board of the society, two men being nominated for each position.

The society elected the following men to membership: Henry Woodford, W. R. Eccles, George Able, H. A. Nelson, C. H. Purcell, J. H. Horst, A. R. Wilson, O. Munn, J. B. Jackson, H. W. Conklin, J. Johnston.

After the business meeting the society indulged in a "Gang talk," upon the Panama and Nicaragua canal routes. The discussion was led by students who have made a study in hydraulic engineering, a course given by the civil engineering department.

Mr. A. A. Miller, electrical engineering, '98, now connected with the expert office of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., visited the University last Friday. We are glad to see that our predecessors do not forget the old alma mater where they received their start.

The following Juniors and Seniors in the engineering groups have been elected to Sigma Tau:

H. P. Warren, civil.
Chas. J. McNamara, civil.
M. B. Case, civil.
W. F. Day, civil.
J. B. Gibbs, electrical.

The class in electrical engineering 8 has been testing and calibrating new Scheeffer recording wattmeters, which have been lately received by the electrical department. The new instruments prove to be satisfactory in every respect.

The class in civil engineering 26 is calibrating the automatic registering apparatus of the large Riehle testing machine. This is done each year and the results plotted to furnish data for determining the values of readings.

The bridge class is engaged in making a roof truss design. Each man figures the stresses and members complete for a modern truss.

Pals. to Have Warm Debate.

While the Japanese continue to bombard the Slavs the Palladian orators still have hilarious meetings and from time to time a mighty logician emerges from the surging billows to sling a deadly bomb into the opponent's camp. Next Saturday evening the venerable amateurs will convene to ballot for a lord high chancellor and the doors will be closed promptly at 8 o'clock to avoid any disturbance or interruptions during the strenuous moments of nominatorial orations and the grafting of the political wire pullers. On both sides are men of ability who will make worthy executive, and the number of the candidates that are in the race promise to make it one of the fastest political fights in the history of the club. President Smith will not be in the race and from all indications he is strictly neutral in the coming election.

Let all who wish to see the science of this political gathering come early before the best seats are chosen, and the doors closed.

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