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Editorial Remarks

With chances for three debates on hand our debaters will be kept very busy for the next month or so. Naturally the whole University public is interested in the preparations that are being made for the forthcoming contests, as so many of our interests are at stake. When the Kansas team comes here to debate, there will certainly be a full house present to witness the contest. It is felt that Kansas will make the greatest effort this year that she has ever made, as she has already suffered three successive defeats at our hands, and would like to turn the tide. In Washington our men will meet a new and untried foe. The only chance that Nebraska has had to meet her at all has been in baseball. The team that meets her will have to show ability of an unusual degree. In these two and in Iowa is a trio that makes a strong combination. If arrangements are made with Iowa, then it will indeed be apparent that our debaters have a task before them. However, we can be assured that Nebraska will not undertake more than she is sure that she can carry out.

Graft and extravagance are evils that will prove disastrous to any business, and that they should have room for operation in our athletic matters is to be regretted. The students and faculty have put forth strenuous efforts in supporting football and any knowledge that their intentions did not fulfill their purposes would be unbearable to them. We have hesitated to say that graft exists in athletics, but the fact is apparent. Someone is taking advantage of conditions and circumstances to benefit himself. Members of the athletic board assert that they realize that it takes place, but that they can not stop it. Such being the case they should combine their forces and examine into matters closely and see where they can save. The workings of the board should be known by each member. If not, its function is not fulfilled.

It is plain that we need a more thorough and careful system of running athletics. This is made plain by the fact that graft exists and extravagances occur. We are now \$500 behind. By June 1st the deficit will have grown to \$1,000 if present estimates are correct. This money must be paid sometime, and the incurrence of additional deficits guarded against. The support that can be given football here in Lincoln has wellnigh reached its limit, hence measures of some kind must be taken to restore the proper balance. Cutting down expenses is the most logical means—especially the elimination of unnecessary expenses.

But a special set must be made on graft, especially in connection with athletics. Inasmuch as it tends to throttle any kind of business with

which it is connected it must be guarded against. A student supports athletics because of his devotion to his institution, and his worthy aims should not be taken advantage of. And last of all, we believe that if strenuous efforts are made to weed out all graft and extravagances then athletics here will be put on a more stable foundation financially.

FIX FOR THE DEBATERS

Trophy Room Turned Into a Seminary by University.

The trophy room has been transformed into a seminary room for the use of the interstate squad. Last year Librarian Wyer granted the squad the use of a room in Library hall, but this has been taken this year, and in consequence the present quarters have been provided. In it the University has put long tables at which fifteen members of the squad have room for work and for round table discussion during the course of investigation.

Through the kindness of Superintendent Fee lights, four in number, have been supplied. The squad certainly has comfortable quarters for carrying on its work, with the trophies of five successive victories in two years looking down upon them. The squad is meeting daily.

The tentative arrangements for the prospective debate that Iowa desires of us, stand about as they did in yesterday's report. Iowa's delays of a month and a day in deciding as to where she preferred the debate to be held, and whether or not she would give Nebraska a return battle next year, has added to Nebraska's difficulty in re-arranging at this late time matters already fixed for the regular debates of the year. Iowa's refusal to bargain for anything more than a one year compact is taken to mean that she is desirous of using Nebraska to tide over the break caused by the withdrawal of Wisconsin.

That fact, however, will not influence Nebraska one way or the other if she can re-arrange at this late date details for the other debates.

The Washington-Nebraska debate, which will take place at St. Louis the second week in May, is clearly going to be a battle as interesting as will be the Kansas fight here on the home grounds. The St. Louis contest will, according to the instructions which Washington has sent on for the judges, be fought straight on Nebraska lines.

The Kansas squad meets with a member of the faculty three times a week. Kansas prefers April 22d for the debate in Lincoln. It will be held either the 22d or the 29th. E. R. Buckner, an old and tried friend of Kansas, prophesies that the crowd that night will be hanging on to the rafters of Memorial hall. Kansas will debate Missouri April 15th at Lawrence, and the Colorado at Boulder early in May.

Michigan is making big preparations for her debate with Northwestern to settle the Central Debating League championship. Michigan will use the same three men that bested Minnesota a month ago. The debate will take place in Chicago early in April. The Compulsory Incorporation of Labor Unions will be debated. Northwestern has already beaten Chicago.

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