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Editorial Remarks

THE CONFERENCE RULES.

The rulings passed by the representatives to the conference universities at Chicago last week have been the cause of much discussion since all over the west. The adoption of the one semester residence rule has called forth especial comment. Some of our exchanges, speculating on the result this law will have on the future standard of Conference athletics, have been at some loss as to how the matter will be regarded by independent institutions. Some of them are particularly curious to know what Nebraska's course will be.

Perhaps The Nebraskan is not in a position to answer this query. Frankly, we do not know how closely the rule will be observed by our athletic authorities. But that it should be carried out to the letter we consider an imperative duty. It will weaken us, to be sure, but that is not a consideration and, if it were, would find answer in the fact that we can suffer by it no more heavily than those other universities with which we desire to keep in touch.

We feel that Nebraska now has her chance to prove that she is not given over to professionalism; which for so many years has been charged against her. We are sure that the strict observance of the Conference rule will tend to prevent a possible lapse into professionalism in the future. In short, we most heartily commend the spirit and foresight which prompted the adoption of the rule, and desire to see it put into full effect at Nebraska.

TO BEAUTIFY THE CAMPUS.

Another improvement is being made on the campus which will add greatly to the beauty of our already beautiful surroundings. Again we are to be greeted every time we turn around by the sight of a fence cutting in two the pretty grass plot in front of the Library. The fence is a work of art, from a mechanical point of view, being straight, perpendicularly and horizontally, accurately constructed and firmly set in place. No complaint is forthcoming on this score. We are



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perfectly satisfied with this fence as a fence. But what is the use of it? There is too little of the beautiful left on our campus to be utterly disregarded. Anything that can be done to preserve what is left of the aesthetic on the university grounds ought to be done, by all means. That the student body will not walk around but insist on destroying the grass plot referred to is the complaint. But is a rough iron fence better than a smoothly worn path? Neither ought to be, of course, and if the matter were brought home to the students in the proper manner neither would be. But what's the use of this fence? Perhaps the powers that be are tempting us by placing a bone of contention close at hand to be fought for by the classes, at the cost of grass and shrubbery untold. Perhaps, after all, this is the "intention of it."

UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY.

Considerable comment is rife among the university students regarding the public posting of a certain student's name with the information that this student, for general inefficiency in work, had been requested to withdraw from the university. Of course the failure of any one to come up to the standard necessary to permit one to remain in the university is deplorable, and doubtless the authorities were right in their request that he withdraw. But how much good does the publication of the matter do? If it is intended to make an example of this unfortunate, perhaps the method is warranted, but it is doubtful. The students know what is expected, what is required in order to remain enrolled in good standing, and the fact the one has failed is not necessary to bring home to them this warning. If the student body is not benefited, is the individual? It is branding the man in a manner that will leave a mark for a long time. It is making his failure public, and the students critics. This may have one of two effects. It may cause the offender, if offender he be, to mend his ways, and

improve in an honest endeavor. Or it may have an opposite effect. It may make him think that he is an object of contempt to all who know him; that he is not as good as others; that his society is not wanted; that he is not man enough to hold up his head, and look another in the eye, and with this feeling he will cease to endeavor. Probably, undoubtedly, we could no longer tolerate the man in our midst, but would not a private dismissal have been more beneficial, and have accomplished all that a dismissal could?

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