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One cannot help being reminded of the recent election of Dr. Jewett as librarian of this institution of the rapid growth, in later years, of its library. In 1892, as was mentioned in yesterday's Nebraskan, the number of volumes was barely 15,000. Since that time our library has been provided with a home of its own, and has attained the creditable proportion of 70,000 volumes. In addition to this growth in the number of its volumes, new library methods have been introduced from time to time until now, with its three departmental branches, it is one of the most efficiently managed and best equipped libraries in the West.

But the growth has been entirely confined to the size and equipment of the library. The demand among the students for books has also increased rapidly. It is claimed by representatives of publishing houses who have visited the libraries of every university in the West that the Nebraska library is used by more students in proportion to the size of its student body than the library of any other institution west of the Allegheny mountains.

These facts, insignificant as they may seem, prove very conclusively what can be done by strict economy and careful management. There is perhaps no other university of our rank that makes less provision in a financial way for its library than we, and yet ours is a library which both in size, management and patronage compares very favorably with the libraries of those institutions which spend more for books alone than Nebraska pays for books and faculty combined.

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:
"The spirit of morality seems to have at last entered the University of Nebraska, and graft and corruption must go. No longer will such a thing be allowed to demoralize the standing of our great University. The frat men must either come to our terms, or have their every enterprise boycotted."

Such was the statement of a prominent barb student on yesterday. For the past two weeks the barbs of the University of Nebraska have taken the attitude of "Frenzied Finance" Lawson, and are attempting to lay the blame of their so-called "corruption" upon the fraternity men. They claim that their hands are absolutely free from any corrupt politics that may have been carried on in the University in the past, and that it is up to them to reform things. Since they compose ninety per cent of the student body and are in the majority in number, they demand every official position at the hands of the students.

It is true that they compose some

nine-tenths of the student body, and yet, do they give nine-tenths of the support to student and University enterprises? I say no, and emphatically so at that. They do not give even one per cent of the support that the students give to University enterprises. Take, for instance, any of the University dances, and we find sometimes none, and never more than ten at any one of these functions. The "football benefit" given at the Oliver this winter was attended by very few barbs, as well as the Cornhusker banquet last fall. The total number of barbs at that banquet outside of members of the team did not exceed five men. When an appeal was made to the different organizations to help raise a fund to send Nebraska's representatives to the Football Rules Committee meeting, the barbs put up one dollar and twenty-five cents to the frat men's \$88.75. At the recent football game the windows, stairways and every possible accessible place where the game could be watched from was crowded with our friends, the barbs. Yet they claim public spirit.

These are but a few of the things that could be stated, yet they claim that the University student body should, on bended knee, tender every office to members of their fold. Then, by way of a climax, they offered the Athletic Board a plain bribe of \$150 if they would abolish the poll tax of twenty-five cents. Of course every one takes it for granted that the Associated Barbs would have presented the Board with this donation if the tax had been removed at the first request. The reason there is no doubt of this is that the barbs have been so public-spirited in the past. But now they wish to come to the front, and pose as the moral agents of the University.

The whole case of the barbs simmered down is this: They want something for nothing. No one doubts but what they would put up a large "slush" fund and use it to a finish if they were not such a bunch of tight ones."

F. L. W.

University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, May 1, 1906.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
As chairman of the committee on resolutions of the organization of non-fraternity men, I feel called upon to make the following communication:

I do not attend the games of the University regularly, not because I am not interested in them and in Nebraska's success in every game, but for the simple reason that I am not financially able to afford such luxuries continually. Nevertheless, I have never watched a game from the windows of the societies or from those of the law library. Neither have I ever been so fortunate as to be supplied with one of the great number of "comps" incident to a game to entitle me to attend the game. What games I have attended I have paid for just the same as the great majority of those do who lend their support to athletics. And from my personal acquaintance with those who are interested in having the athletic tax removed, I think I am safe in saying that they are not a class of men who would sneak into vacant rooms where they may enjoy the games without paying the price.

Now, since the passing of the resolutions by the Barb association, they have received the approval of the Union and Palladian literary societies, the Students' Debating Club and the Sophomore and Freshman classes. It is the general and prevailing sentiment of the students that the tax is wrong and should be abolished. The

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