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A SUGGESTION.

The following communication has been handed to The Nebraskan and we give it space with our approval. We believe it is well worthy of consideration by the Athletic Board:

"The old problem of selecting a football coach for Nebraska has come up once more and there is the usual dispute as to whether the man selected shall be foreign to, or a graduate of, Nebraska. To partly answer this writer wishes to call the attention of the Athletic Board to John Bender.

"It is a fact that 'Twister' is still young, but the West has never turned out a better football man nor a more sterling athlete than Johnnie. And that he knows something about his

sity student is supposed to be able to judge for himself what studies will benefit him most and does not need a prescription of studies as exercised in a primary school.

"If the 'cultural' studies are losing out to the Industrial School—and figures will show that the entire increase of registration outside of the Farm occurred in the Industrial School—it seems to show that the demand of the times is not for the literary man, or else that there is something wrong with the 'cultural' departments.

"Furthermore, why should not the other departments require a number of mathematical, physical, chemical, or other problems to be worked out all along with equal justice? Why should an engineering treatise, for instance, be submitted to a person who does not know the first principles of engineering and cannot, therefore, judge of the correct use of the words involved?"

"C. E., '07."

In answer to our correspondent, we have just a few words on the points he has raised. In the first place, the Junior and Senior themes are not primarily requirements of the Rhetoric department, but rather of the University, and are incorporated as such in the University calendar.

The second point our correspondent raises we believe to be thoroughly refuted by the very recent action of the Regents in cutting down electives and making a much larger percentage of every course required than was formerly the case. This they did in the very evident belief that a University student is not supposed to be able to judge for himself what studies will benefit him most and that he does need a prescription of studies, at least to some extent.

We do not wish to deny, nor do we think it necessarily to be deplored, that the tendency in our modern higher education is more and more toward

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chosen profession is more than proved by his two years' experience as a coach.

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AN ENGINEER REPLIES.

In reply to the editorial appearing in Wednesday's Nebraskan under the caption, "Why Put It Off?" the following communication has reached the hands of the editor:

"In an editorial entitled 'Why Put It Off?' the Nebraskan upheld the Rhetoric department in its requirements of Junior and Senior themes, expressing the view that the themes had a highly cultural influence.

"It is true that the benefits of a theme depend upon the work put in on it, but from observation it is equally true that no one will put any more work than is absolutely necessary on something for which he gets no credit and which does not even arouse a passing spark of interest. A Univer-

the practical bread-winning training. But we do maintain that there is a limit beyond which specialization should not go if a man is to be broad-minded. He should be able at least to appreciate the literature of his contemporaries and it is here that we believe theme writing is of value. We believe that conscientious work on this point—and no other work is ever worth while—will be of real value to any man from the literary standpoint.

Finally, we desire to bring to the attention of our engineering friend that technically engineering training is demanded of the student in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts in a greater number of hours than is rhetorical training required of the engineers. This may be verified by a reference to the published list of required subjects in the University Calendar, or by consultation with the Registrar.

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Charles A. Kutcher, law '03, who has been practising law in Sheridan, Wyo., since his graduation, was recently elected by a large majority to the office of county attorney. Mr. Kutcher was a member of the Nebraska debating team of 1902, which defeated Colorado.

Prof. Rudolph Tombo, registrar of Columbia University, will be in Lincoln on January 14. Professor Tombo will make a trip to the Pacific coast organizing Columbia University alumni at various places on the way. If possible he will be prevailed upon to give his famous lecture on Goethe's Faust at Convocation, and also his lecture on Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell" may be given in German before some German class or classes.

Botany Lab. Room Needed.

The question of providing laboratory room for all the students of botany has become an exceptionally pressing one. During the past few years the number of students perusing the subject of botany has greatly increased until in the present semester there are at the University and State Farm 320 students registered in this science. Over 200 of these are at the University alone, and each is carrying from 4 to 15 hours of laboratory work. On account of this excessive number and the lack of sufficient laboratory facilities the instructors and assistants are constantly perplexed in their efforts to arrange hours and provide accommodation for all.

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