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**WHAT IS TO BE DONE?**

The following communication from the manager of athletics in the University we believe to be exceedingly pertinent at the present time and worthy of the most careful attention at the hands of the student body, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents. We present Mr. Eager's argument for immediate action with what weight our approval may carry:

"The Editor of the Daily Nebraskan: "What is to become of athletics at the University of Nebraska? This is the question, Mr. Editor, which I think ought to be brought to the mind of every University student. The Board of Regents has decided to put us off the campus. At least it has located a building to be built this fall

be able to keep the position which we have attained by long, hard work.

"There has been some talk of athletics going to the State Farm, but that is utterly impossible. Already we have some men whom we cannot get out for athletics because of the time it takes, and if we go to the Farm this number will be many times larger. The athletic department has long been trying to rid itself of the professional athlete; that is, the one who comes to school merely for athletics and does as little school work as he can and still remain on the team.

"If we go to the Farm, or to any other place off of the campus, that is about the only kind of men that will be available for our teams. Men who come here for work and wish to do something in lines scholastic will be driven from athletics by the increased amount of time they take. At the present time our field is close to the University and we have sixty and seventy men out for football. Some of them do not get out until late in the afternoon now; even as late as five o'clock. These men would be shoved out and our team greatly handicapped.

"Then there is the objection of diminished attendance at our games and the expense of transportation of our teams to the Farm.

The only solution of this difficulty would be the purchase of two blocks north of the University. This will give us a good athletic field and drill grounds. These blocks will never be any cheaper. In fact, every year they advance in price and new improvements are being made which mean a dead loss to the University when it does buy them. The estimated value of these two blocks is seventy-five thousand dollars and now seems to be the opportune time to buy them.

"If it is put off, athletics must suffer and the Military department will be totally without a drill grounds and

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upon our football field and has made no provision for another field.

"It seems to me this is not right. Athletics form a distinct department of our University and deserve to be recognized and given some consideration. They form a large department in every institution of any importance in the country and Nebraska's athletic record is one of which she may well be proud.

"We have attained a standing with Minnesota, Chicago, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Purdue, all of whom we have met in some branch of athletics within the last year. After attaining a standing of this kind, it seems too bad that we are forced out in the cold without the least provision whatever for our needs.

"Mr. Editor, I think the students ought to object to this and let their objections be known before it is too late. An athletic field cannot be built upon a moment's notice and we cannot afford to lag behind for a year or two. We might fall behind and not

will have to drill in the streets or go to the Farm or fair grounds. It seems to me that the students ought to object to the taking of our field without any provision for another. The Chancellor and Board of Regents have located the building which will be started December 1, 1907, and it is time we were getting busy. Let every one express his opinion.

"EARL O. EAGER."

**EVENTS OF FORMER YEARS.**

**Happenings of Other Years As Recorded in the Nebraskan.**

**Five Years Ago Today.**

Colonel Victor Vifquin discussed the Panama canal at Chapel.

**Four Years Ago Today.**

Georgetown University challenged Nebraska to debate.

**Three Years Ago Today.**

Plans for the new Physics building were completed.

**Two Years Ago Today.**

Chancellor Andrews attacked plag-

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