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BASKETBALL BEGINS.

Before the next issue of the Nebraskan is published the basketball season of 1907 will have formally opened and the basketball 'Varsity' will have taken its first step toward or away from the goal of the championship in the Conference League.

Prospects, as they appear from an early season standpoint, are excellent for a basketball team at Nebraska this year which will be a real success. We believe that the team as it lines up at present is as thoroly representative of the University and of Nebraska athletics, as any similiar aggregation has ever been. Its members are gentlemen in every sense of the word and there is not the slightest question as to their ability as

A STUDENT REPLIES.

Raises Serious Objection to Chancellor's Plan for Athletic Field.

The Nebraskan is in receipt of the following communication in answer to an article appearing in yesterday's issue:

"Daily Nebraskan:

"As a student interested in clean athletics, I wish to object to the suggestion made yesterday in your columns, that Lincoln business men be asked to contribute to a stock company, to buy or operate an athletic field for the University. It is true that the moneyed men of Lincoln are many of them directly benefitted by the large games played on Nebraska Field, and it might accordingly be thought fair that they contribute in this crisis to the securing of a field, which alone makes athletics possible. "Lead us not into temptation," is the basis on which I object to the stock company scheme. I do not think the school can afford to syndicate its athletics in any manner that will allow any persons but students and faculty to have a voice in their management and control. For this position the following reasons are presented:

"1. The pressure on manager and coach to make a winning team, in order to attract the crowds and pay expenses, is chiefly responsible for the professionalism, direct and indirect, that has arisen very generally in college athletics in recent years. Any step that will magnify this commercial phase of the game, or that will increase the financial pressure on the management, will have the effect to increase the sub rosa professionalism; and the stock company proposition has that flavor.

"2. A number of Lincoln business men have contributed in recent years to money payments, made directly or indirectly to individuals as compensation for playing on the University teams. While this has doubtless been done without the knowledge or consent of the University authorities, and perhaps with not even the connivance of the coach or management, it is nevertheless common talk among business men of Lincoln, and is fairly well known among students. This underhand professionalism can not be carried on openly; no one dares to solicit funds for it from students; and

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stock company proposition' necessarily implies the admission of outside influences into control of University affairs, and it is not right.

"Very respectfully,
"STUDENT."

UNIVERSITY BULLETIN.

- Saturday, 19.
English Club meets at University Women's building, Twelfth and O streets, 8:15 p. m.
Y. M. C. A. dinner at St. Paul's church at 6 p. m.
Forestry Club meets in U. 110 at 8 p. m.
Chemistry Club meets in Chemical Lecture room at 7:30 p. m.
- Monday, 21.
Nebraska vs. Iowa. Basket-ball in Armory at 8 p. m.
Professor French at Convocation. "The Evolution of Conscience."
- Tuesday, 22.
Republican Club meets in U. 208 at 11 a. m.
- Wednesday, 23.
Prof. Guernsey Jones, "The Japanese Question."

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exponents of basketball.

Indications are that the game with Iowa will be one of the hardest that our team will have to play this year. Our 'Varsity' has had but little preliminary training in games with teams from other schools and is handicapped to this extent. Iowa has already won two important games, with many points to spare, and expects to add the scalp of the Cornhuskers to her string.

Besides the game which Nebraska's representatives will have to offer there is but one thing—aside from the referee—which can determine to any great extent the outcome of the game. This is the support of the student body in attendance and organized rooting. The gymnasium should be crowded to its utmost limits and the football rooting leaders should resume their old-time sway.

Let us make the Hawkeyes feel that Nebraska is behind her team with heart and soul and that we will be content with nothing less than a clean cut victory.

without the co-operation of the moneyed men of Lincoln it could not exist! It is fair to believe that this is the class of Lincoln business men who will contribute most liberally to a stock company proposition for controlling the athletic field.

"3. If these men are given any such important influence in university athletics as owning stock in the company that owns the athletic field will entail, the effect will be to increase the tendency toward professionalism. These business men, who may be honorable enough in their own lines of activity, are, nevertheless, very generally out of sympathy with the anti-professional ideal of colleges; their influence has been corrupting in the past on university athletics; and to give them official recognition or to increase their influence will enlarge their demoralizing effect on the clean system we try to maintain at Nebraska.

"We certainly need the field in order to have clean athletics.

"In conclusion, we certainly have a right to clean athletics; but we must get the field from the state, or from donations made unconditionally to the school, without admitting any exterior influence or control in their use. The

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