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## ATHLETIC BOARD

WHAT STUDENTS THINK OF PROPOSED CHANGE.

Claude Alden, James B. Harvey, and a "Student" Have Pertinent Remarks on Situation.

In response to yesterday's article in the Nebraskan, the following self-explanatory letters have been received:

March 18, 1908.

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:

I notice in yesterday's paper that the Athletic Board contemplates changing the qualifications and plan of electing the student members of the board. This plan is by far the wisest and most important change in athletics since I have been in school. It will do away entirely with factional fights. The men who will represent the student body will not only be the most popular men in school, but, since they will be "N" men, will be able and willing to devote more time and thought to the direction of athletics than many have in the past.

The present system is a farce. When only forty votes out of a body of almost 3,000 students are cast it is either because there is a lack of interest or something is radically wrong with the plan of election. Owing to the fact that in the past two years hardly a single vote by a girl has been cast, and that girls take practically no part in intercollegiate athletics, the plan to eliminate the girls' vote is for the best interests of athletics.

By barring all except "N" men from the board, the students are assured that the men they elect will take an active, capable part in the affairs of the board. The removal of the twenty-five cent tax will stop entirely the fraternity-barb contests which have been so detrimental to athletics in the past.

In endorsing the plan as submitted in yesterday's paper, I am sure that I express the sentiment of a large majority of the students. Respectfully,  
CLAUDE ALDEN, '08.

From an "N" Man.

To the Daily Nebraskan:

The Athletic Board's desire to know the opinion of the students in regard to the adoption of the new plan of election of student members of the board warrants me in expressing the following opinion: The general interest of the student body has not been maintained in athletics because of the partisan politics which have had such control heretofore. It was useless to attempt to work up any other element which had for its motive the selecting of men better qualified for the position.

Our athletics are controlled by the board and the students should be allowed an equal chance in the selecting of their representatives. Politics should be eliminated and the candidates be men who draw equally strong from all elements of the University. These candidates should also be men who are thoroughly acquainted with the inside interests of athletics and  
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## University Cadet Band Concert March 27

TEMPLE THEATRE  
Adm. 25c Reserved Seats 35c

### MINNESOTA GIRLS.

Players of Long Experience and in Good Condition—The Nebraska Team Improving Daily.

Word has been received that the Minnesota girls' basket ball team will arrive Friday morning over the Burlington from Omaha, in charge of Miss Anne Butner, director of the women's gymnasium. The players expected are as follows: Miss May Newton, captain, and left forward. Miss Newton has played two years on the 'varsity team, and for three years played on the St. Paul Central high school team. Miss Mary Shiely, guard, a senior and member of Alpha Xi Delta fraternity. Miss Shiely played one year on the St. Paul Central high school team, three years on the 'varsity squad, and one year on the 'varsity team proper. Miss Lou Fleming, forward, senior. Miss Fleming played on the 'varsity squad two years, and on the 'varsity team two years. Miss Marie Neilson, guard, junior. Miss Neilson played on the St. Paul Central high school team one year, and has played on the 'varsity team one year. Miss Elsie Weland, center, a junior, and a member of Alpha Phi fraternity. Miss Weland played on the Minneapolis Central high school team one year, and has played on the 'varsity team one year. Miss Ruth Ericson, guard, freshman. Miss Ericson played two years on the Minneapolis South Side high school team. Miss Nellie Loberg, center, freshman. Miss Loberg played three years on the Minneapolis South Side high school team.

Mr. Oscar F. Woolrich, the trainer of the team, and the one who trained the Minnesota men's team, which administered so overwhelming a defeat recently to the Nebraska men's team, will accompany the Minnesota girls, and serve as umpire during the game. Mr. Woolrich has been a member of the Minnesota 'varsity football, basket ball and track teams. The manager of basket ball at Minnesota, Mr. Day F.

Okes, will also accompany the team. Both gentlemen are members of Sigma Chi.

It is conceded that the Nebraska players have had nothing like the experience with the game of the Minnesota players, being only recently organized; also that the team is nowhere near so strong as that which defeated the Minnesota players so decisively in their visit here in 1904. Nevertheless, the Nebraska girls have been showing up pretty well lately in practice, and their trainer, Miss Ina Gittings, expresses herself as well pleased with their progress. They are weakest in size, most of the players being very small, and in endurance; the latter deficiency being due to the short time they have been in training.

### LAW MASS MEETING.

Receipts From the Law Hop Applied to Baseball.

Baseball in the law school is now a settled matter. At a mass meeting yesterday, President Heinke of the Seniors presiding, it was voted to apply the balance left from the Law Hop to the support of the team. Manager Randall has already scheduled several games—one with the "U" team for Saturday afternoon, one with Wesleyan the 28th, while Doane, Bellevue and Peru are being negotiated with. If the Conference rules apply to freshmen this year on the 'varsity squad, the Laws will make the rest of the University departments go some. With men like Stevenson and Decatur in the box, Stutzenegger and Greenslit behind the plate, Jessup and Randall on first, and others who have not yet worked out, there can be no limit to good prospects. Practice has already begun.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c, at The Boston Lunch.

Found—A fountain pen. Call at Nebraskan office.

## Engineering Soc'y. Hop

APRIL 3

Fraternity Hall

Abbott's Orchestra

Admission \$1

Limited to 80

## METCALFE'S TALK

WELL-KNOWN EDITOR DELIVERS EXCELLENT ADDRESS.

Draws References From the Nation's Political History to Show What Buncombe Is and How It Acts.

"Buncombe" was the subject of an address by Richard L. Metcalfe, associate editor of the "Commoner," at convocation yesterday morning. According to Mr. Metcalfe, buncombe is the action of the man who is self-deceived and who seeks to deceive others. Applying this definition to the acts of politicians and political parties, the speaker drew numerous illustrations of practical buncombe. He said:

Every victory won on a false statement or on pledges not fulfilled causes the sincere man increased difficulty in the furtherance of his reforms. Buncombe is largely responsible for cynicism. Once deceived, many men come to believe that all things are more or less deceptive.

Buncombe covers a multitude of sins as well as much foolishness. We see examples of its use all about us. We hear it argued that the railroads have developed the country and are therefore not amenable to the laws of the nation. The fact that kerosene is cheaper today than it was twenty-five years ago is cited as an excuse for the existence of the oil trust. We are often told that the office seeks the man, yet as a matter of fact the office is in hiding and the man is in desperate pursuit. All these things are buncombe. Likewise, although sincere devotion to the flag is admirable, a cheap appeal to patriotism is nothing more than buncombe. In this day when the newspapers, many of them owned by the special interests, so abuse the privilege, the "liberty of the press" is mere buncombe.

The presidential campaign of 1896 was noted for its buncombe. It was claimed that the mysterious "16 to 1" represented the principles of the bi-metallicists. This phrase, as a matter of fact, stood not for the principle, but for the most natural method of bringing about a realization of the real principle of bi-metallicism.

It is well that the young man just entering upon his citizenship should know that men in republics as well as in monarchies will commit crimes in the name of liberty. It is no longer generally denied that Samuel J. Tilden was entitled to the presidency in 1876, when the office was given to Rutherford B. Hayes by a piece of political jobbery. In 1884 when Blaine represented the Republicans and Cleveland led the Democrats, principles gave way to personalities. It required an investigation of several days to determine which candidate had carried New York state. The contest was finally settled in favor of Cleveland. Many men believe that this was due to the action of the moneyed interests who feared Blaine's tendency to bi-metallicism more than the tariff reform  
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