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1908 A MONEY LOSER

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC REPORT SHOWS DEFICIT OF \$324.82.

BIG RECEIPTS FROM AMES GAME

Nets Nebraska More Money Than Kansas, Carlisle and Wabash Contests Combined—Baseball and Basketball.

The annual financial report of the Nebraska athletic board for the year ending December 31, 1908, shows a deficit in the Cornhusker athletics of \$324.82. The previous year there was a balance of \$6,326.16 on the credit side of 1907 athletics.

The deficit in athletics for the last year due to the failure of football was \$6,006.18 and in 1908 it was only \$1,725.05. The total receipts for the two seasons were not so divergent as the credit balances, being \$16,736.85 in 1907 and \$18,502.45 in 1908, and the striking variance in the net gains was due for the last year, which were \$6,046.73, or \$4,281.13 more than the gain in the total football receipts of 1908 over those for the season of 1907.

A survey of the report for last season shows that some increase was made in every line of football expenditures and a great increase in five divisions—advertising, coaches and trainers, officials, guarantees and per centums, and use of field. For advertising football in 1908 \$540.20 more was paid out than in 1907.

Guarantees to Elevens.

The guarantees and per centums for visiting elevens last season amounted to \$6,454.47, which was \$2,986.75 more than was given to visiting teams in the previous season. The expenses of hiring officials for the games in 1908 were more than double those of 1907, amounting to \$1,066.60. The increase for the service of officials was due to the higher salaries demanded by the competent referees and umpires last fall and to the heavy railway fare that was paid in bringing some of the officials long distances to the games.

The coaching and training of the 1908 Cornhusker football eleven cost the athletic board \$2,176. In the previous year this expense was \$2,161.60, or \$554.40 less than in 1908. A third coach for 1908 and a larger salary for "King" Cole than he received in 1907 made the increased expenditures for the coaching last season.

The expenditure for the use of an athletic field was one that Nebraska never had before and was due last season to the fact that the university had no field of its own and had to play on a rented field. Guy Green received 10 per cent of the receipts of the games played on his grounds at Antelope park, and was paid \$1,552.62 as his share last fall. This was an expense that the university athletic board would not have incurred had the legislature provided for a Nebraska drill and play grounds two years ago.

Cost of Antelope Park.

The playing of the games at Antelope park cost the board \$66.60 for putting up a grandstand, which was placed under the head of miscellaneous expenses in the annual report, and which would not have been incurred had the university had a field of its own.

The Ames game played at Omaha, November 7, netted the Nebraska athletic board more money than the combined proceeds from the Kansas, Carlisle and Wabash games which were played in Lincoln. The receipts from the Ames game were \$6,022.65. The sum received from the combined receipts of the Carlisle, Kansas and Wabash games was \$5,552.50. The Ames game, in fact, netted the athletic board more than any other single

contest played in either 1907 or 1908, the St. Louis game of 1907 not excepted.

The receipts for the ten football games of 1908 were as follows:

Peru	\$ 45.25
Deane	160.50
Grinnell	461.75
Minnesota (at Minneapolis)	3,593.79
Haskell	200.00
Iowa (at Iowa City)	1,128.08
Ames (at Omaha)	6,022.65
Kansas	2,054.00
Wabash	1,755.50
Carlisle	1,743.00
Total	\$17,164.52

Other Branches of Sport.

During 1908 baseball and basketball each made money for the athletic board, and track athletics and cross country teams each lost money. The receipts for baseball were \$1,222.30 and the expenditures were \$1,153.42, leaving a credit balance of \$68.88. Basketball made a net gain of \$276.98, the receipts being \$1,464.82 and the expenditures \$1,187.64. In 1907 there was a baseball deficit of \$67.44. In the same year basketball had a credit balance of \$4.58.

Last year the deficit in track athletics was \$681.09, the receipts being but \$468.50 and the expenditures \$1,140.59. In 1907 the track games incurred a deficit of \$254.86. The expense of the cross country team in 1907 was greater than that of last year. In 1907 it was \$206.31 and in 1908 it was \$188.45.

The total athletic receipts for the year ending December 31, 1908, were \$21,962.69 and the expenditures were \$22,287.51. Of the receipts the football team earned \$18,502.45, its share of the expenditures was \$16,077.40. In 1907 the total receipts for the athletic year were \$20,354.42 and the expenditures were \$15,026.26. During that year football's share of the receipts was \$16,736.85. Its share of the expenditures was \$10,730.67.

Last year the receipts from the sale of student tickets were \$1,629. This sum was divided among the four branches of university sport. Football received \$1,086, basketball was given \$271.50, and baseball and track athletics were each apportioned \$137.75.

CONVENTION IN MEMORIAL HALL

Good Roads Promoters Hold a Session Here.

Yesterday afternoon the Lincoln Commercial club held the first meeting in the interests of good roads at the university in Memorial hall. The meeting was for the purpose of making it possible for all those interested in the maintenance of good roads to hear experts speak on the subject. Most of the road overseers of Lancaster county were present, as well as many from out in the state.

Hon. George L. Cooley, representing the department of agriculture at Washington, spoke on the subject "Ways and means of improving the highways, and the type of roads best suited to Nebraska conditions." Mr. Cooley is recognized as one of the most practical road engineers in the United States. Congressman Pollard also addressed the convention on the subject, "Needed legislation to secure good roads, and how same may be obtained."

An invitation was extended to all automobile dealers and individual owners of machines to attend the meetings, and the large attendance showed the interest which the meeting aroused.

NOTICE.

All men interested in tennis, meet in Brace hall, room 202, Thursday at 11:00 a. m., January 7.

Mrs. Earl McCreery, nee Miss Mabel Johnson, of Holdrege, a graduate of the university, died Sunday afternoon at her home, after a three years' illness of tuberculosis. The funeral was held in Holdrege yesterday.

ELECT CAPTAIN TODAY

PLAYERS WILL HAVE ONE MORE BALLOT FOR LEADER.

NON-FRAT MEN MEET IN CHAPEL

Purpose of the Non-Frat Meeting is to Determine Upon the advisability of Holding an Indoor Meet.

Probably the topic of greatest interest to university students in general is the election of a captain for next season's Cornhusker football team. This matter has been dragging along for about a month now and as a consequence the ordinary interest which the student body usually manifests in the choice of a captain has grown into a tremendous curiosity.

According to the rules of the University Athletic board the captain of any athletic team is to be elected by the members of that team who have won their letters during the current season, the election to take place as early as possible after the closing of the season. In the case of football this year, however, the election was delayed first because the letters were not awarded until the fifteenth of December, two weeks after the closing of the season. The delay in awarding the letters was caused by the fact that some of the players were slow in paying their training table board bills, which payment is required before a man may receive a letter.

Results in Deadlock.

After the letters were awarded, however, the fourteen "N" men met in Dr. Clapp's office on Friday, December 18th, for the purpose of choosing a captain. The first ballot showed a tie vote, seven for each of the candidates, Frum and Collins. Talks both pro and con were made by the supporters of the respective candidates, but four more ballots were taken and the result remained the same—a deadlock. The men were then informed that if they did not succeed in choosing a captain in two more ballots the matter would be referred to the University Athletic Board for settlement. It was expected by the members of the board that when confronted with this situation the players would either decide upon one of these two candidates or would compromise on a third man, rather than to allow the selection to be made by the board. This did not prove to be the case, however, and the other two ballots were taken without any choice being made.

The players then requested the board to allow them to consider the matter during the Christmas recess, and to decide it at another meeting to be held immediately after the reopening of school. This request was granted by the board with the provision that if, at this second meeting, a choice is not made on the first ballot the matter will pass into the hands of the Athletic Board, who will elect the captain themselves.

Meet This Afternoon.

This second meeting is scheduled to take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock and at that time either the players themselves or the board will select the man who is to pilot the Cornhusker team through the season of 1909.

Just what will be done at that meeting tonight is not known. Various reports are being passed around and it is freely said that not even the players themselves know what the outcome will be. It is quite generally believed that this ballot will result in the same manner that the former ones did and that the board will then elect a man who is not now a candidate. Another report which is gaining credence is that the team will take a straw vote before casting this ballot

and will try to compromise upon a third man rather than allow the choice to be made by the board. On the other hand, the supporters of neither of the present candidates will admit that they expect anything else than the election of the man to whom their votes are pledged.

The interest of the entire school is aroused over the matter and the outcome of tonight's meeting is awaited with eager anticipation.

Another Important Meeting.

Another meeting of importance is slated to take place in the chapel this morning at 11 o'clock. This is the meeting of the representative non-fraternity men of the school who are interested in the matter of holding a non-fraternity indoor track meet.

Such a meeting was held just prior to the Christmas recess and committees were appointed to investigate the advisability of holding such a meet, which committees were to report to the meeting this morning.

It is not known what action will be taken at this morning's meeting, but it is believed that the prevailing sentiment among the non-fraternity men is in favor of holding the meet. Slight objections have been made to the advisability of having such a meet on the ground that it might tend to increase a certain ill feeling between the Greeks and the non-frat men which is alleged to exist at present.

Some of the older men who were present at the former meeting, however, believe that all such feeling has disappeared within the last few years and that the proposed plan of having two meets, an inter-frat and a non-frat meet with the winners in each meet to qualify for the finals to be held on Charter Day, would tend to strengthen the bond of good feeling between the Greeks and the non-fraternity men (since the ultimate purpose of the whole idea is to benefit Nebraska athletics) rather than to renew any animosity between them.

RETRENCHMENT IS NOTICABLE.

Nebraska Alumnus Writes of Cuban Conditions.

Professor Richards of the engineering department has recently received a letter from Arthur G. Schreiber, '07, who is now engaged in engineering work in Cuba. Mr. Schreiber declares that he is longing for the United States and especially for the old university.

His comments on the conditions in Cuba are interesting and are given below: "It has been a case of retrenchment in the public works of Cuba ever since last July. Just a couple of weeks ago a large reduction in force took place again. The Cuban government seems to have gone 'broke' and money is as scarce as hen's teeth, so they are only continuing such works as are let out to contractors, which they are bound to continue. On the Manzanillo-Baygano highway construction we have been limited to an expenditure of only \$20,000.00 per month, as compared to fifty or sixty thousand dollars as it used to be in the days when Gov. Magoon could loosen up his purse strings."

A meeting of the junior class will be held today in Memorial hall at 11:30 o'clock. New class colors, new caps, and class parties are among the business to be discussed. The election of an assistant business manager of the Cornhuskers will also take place.

A. A. Neilson, '10, has decided to leave school at the end of this semester on account of trouble which he is having with his eyes. His doctor declares that he must take a rest of at least a year, and it is possible that he will never be able to continue his studies.

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

AVERY TAKES OFFICE

NEW CHANCELLOR ASSUMES CONTROL JANUARY 1.

ANDREWS CHEERED AT PARTING

Two Hundred Members of University Faculty Assembled at Station to Start Former Executive on Southern Trip.

With the departure of Former Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews on New Year's day, Professor Samuel Avery became acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska. Chancellor Avery began his new duties at once and was an occupant of the executive office in the administration building when the students returned to work yesterday.

Former Chancellor Andrews left for Florida at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. It is his plan to make an extended visit in the south in the hopes that the mild winter and the change from the Nebraska climate will be beneficial to his health, which has been seriously undermined by the continuous strain of the past nine years. The task of at least partly raising the university to the standard which he had set for it was a great one and Dr. Andrews cannot help but enjoy the rest from the arduous work.

Nearly two hundred members of the university faculty who were in the city Friday assembled at the Burlington station to give a final send-off to the man whose lead they have followed for the past nine years. Last words were said and the university yell was given with enthusiasm by the professors present.

Students Return.

Students of the university returned to Lincoln Saturday and Sunday prepared after their holiday enjoyment to take up the work of the coming term with renewed energy. A period of splendid good cheer during the two weeks' vacation seems to have been the universal experience of all. Greetings on the campus yesterday were indicative usually of more or less regret at having to return to work, and yet it was generally acknowledged that everyone felt like doing their tasks with more ease than would have been the case had there been no vacation.

A few students remained in Lincoln throughout the vacation period. These were usually those who lived at a great distance from the state school, but in a few cases students who had dropped behind in their work took advantage of the chance to make it up and start even with the new year. Numbers who went home took books with them, and a large amount of delinquent work has been removed in all departments.

Examinations Approaching.

The fact is now being realized that final semester examinations are only three weeks in the future and "cramming" will be the order of the day in a very short while. It has already started in some cases. The schedule of examinations is not yet out, but it will probably be prepared within a short time so that students may know at just what hour their tests are due. The entire week from January 25 to January 30 will be devoted to the examinations and the following week the second semester work will be taken up. Registration will be made during examination week for the spring term.

Returning students found the annual exhibition of the Nebraska Art association in full swing in north wing of the library. Numbers of the student body will undoubtedly be attracted by the splendid display of pictures offered by the association this year. The pictures are exhibited by the association at a nominal fee, the proceeds being used to purchase new works for the art gallery. Last year a beautiful painting was bought. This year the society hopes to be able to pursue a like course.