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RAISE THE STANDARD

UNIVERSITY SENATE CONSIDERS ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS.

MINIMUM OF THIRTY CREDITS

MANY PROFESSORS FAVOR THE INCREASED NUMBER.

Resolutions Adopted for Better System of Registration and for Change in Delinquency and Advisorial Committees.

Entrance requirements and delinquency were the chief matters discussed at the meeting of the university senate Saturday. In connection with the latter subject resolutions were adopted favoring a new system of student advisors for application both in registering students and in looking after their failures.

Although no action was taken in regard to raising the entrance requirements for admission to the general colleges, it is believed that such action will be taken by the senate in the near future. A large number of the professors have expressed themselves as heartily in favor of a change, which will put Nebraska on an equal footing with other institutions of equal rank and which will in fact in a large number of cases only raise the university standard to that already set by secondary schools of the state in their graduation requirements.

Thirty Credit Standard.

It seems likely that the minimum number of entrance credits allowed for admission without conditions to the general colleges will be raised from 28 to 30. At the same time the number of credits required for conditional admission will be raised from 22 to 24. In addition to the general raising of the standard there may be some changes made in the amount of entrance work which is absolutely required. At present there are 17 credits in certain branches which are absolutely required for entrance of any student. There are other branches from which a student has to choose an optional 11 credits, making a total of 28. Just what changes will be made in this apportionment is not known.

In changing the number of entrance credits required from 28 to 30, the university will to a large extent only be following up the action of various secondary schools in raising their requirements for graduation. There are many students who come to the university from the high schools of the state with 30 or more university credits. This is notably the case where Omaha and Lincoln students are concerned. During the past year a number of the smaller schools have raised their standard to this basis. Thus a general raise of the university standard will inconvenience only those students who come from schools not now up to the standard of others of their class.

With 30 credits as a basis of entrance Nebraska will again rank with other state institutions which have in several cases left her behind during the past year or two in the matter of entrance scholarship.

Board of Advisors.

At the meeting Saturday resolutions were adopted for a new advisorial system. These provided that the dean of each college should be the chief advisor of the students of his college, each dean to be assisted by a per should be, the results would be more beneficial and something of real value would be accomplished.

COLLEGE CUSTOMS CONDEMNED

Professor Howard Discusses Some of the Customs of University Life.

While lecturing to the class in political science 16 on the subject of "fads," Professor Howard took occasion yesterday to discuss some of the customs that are connected with university life. Those that drew forth comment were the custom of conferring degrees in Latin, the use of gowns by scholars, the practice of hazing, and secret societies.

Professor Howard told how the practice of using Latin when conferring degrees had originated in the University of Paris, and had come down through Oxford and Cambridge and later our own eastern universities. It has been finally dropped by some of our most progressive schools, like Harvard, while a very few institutions like Nebraska held on to the custom.

The practice of hazing was condemned by the professor, not alone because of its cruelty, but on account of its being an example of great cowardice, the subjection of the one to the sport of the many. The professor declared that he had known distinguished men whose whole college career had been spoiled because they had lost prestige as the victims of hazing.

Both the wearing of gowns by scholars and the forming of secret societies the professor opposed, for the same reason, that they tended to form class distinctions. The gown of the scholar indicates that he is in a class by himself, better than others, and hence the practice, according to Professor Howard, is not democratic. The professor did not confine his opposition to college secret societies, but declared that all secret orders, because of the segregation into groups or cliques, were undemocratic and apt to work an injury to the individual who is a member should the personnel of such a society change for the worse. He declared that the members of a secret society could not be a free man since his mind is subjected to the influence of a single group, and not to that of a broad democratic society.

MORE TRIPS BY THE FORESTERS

Students Make Study of Lumbering in Various Parts of State.

The students in the forestry department are studying all the available practical applications of scientific forestry, and are therefore making, or planning, trips to various nurseries, lumbering regions, and saw mills. One such trip has just been taken by Scott Hallett, 1909, and L. L. Bishop, 1910, to study lumbering operations at Fremont. The lumbering operations are the largest that have been conducted in Nebraska in recent years. The men who made the trip will make a detailed report of their observations when they return.

Another trip will probably be taken to the home of Mr. Jesse Bell, a former university student, who lives at Bellwood. Mr. Bell has invited the forestry students to spend several days studying lumbering operations and species in his neighborhood. Mr. Bell owns a saw mill especially equipped for the sawing of planted trees.

The Lincoln branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae is planning to entertain the Omaha branch of the organization at a luncheon and an afternoon tea on Saturday, March 20. The president of the Omaha branch is Mrs. Paul Hoagland, U. of N., 1901. The officers of the Lincoln branch are Mrs. F. H. Woods, 1893, president; Miss Bertha Pinkerton, secretary-treasurer. Miss Pound is director of the Nebraska branches.

Chi Omega sorority held an informal house party Saturday evening at the chapter house.

COACH COMES TODAY

"BILLY" FOX SCHEDULED TO BE "IN OUR MIDST."

TO ASSUME CHARGE TOMORROW

Work of Weeding Out Best Men on Baseball Squad Will Be Started Then—The Pitching Problem.

William Fox, captain of the Lincoln Western league baseball team, who is to have charge of the coaching department of the cornhusker diamond athletes, will arrive in the city of his adoption some time during the day to be on hand to assume control of the local university squad tomorrow afternoon at the regular practice hour. His contract with the Nebraska athletic board calls for him to report for service on Wednesday, March 10. Word was received from "Billy" that he is on his way and that he will not be delayed in reporting.

If the weather permits the young coits under Coach Fox's charge will be trotted out to Antelope park, where they will be allowed to cavort for the rest of the season in getting into trim for the inter-collegiate games. The Lincoln baseball grounds at the park have been engaged for the university squad this spring and will be used both for practice and for inter-collegiate contests. None of the games scheduled on the cornhuskers' home list conflicts with those on the league's book.

Depends on Weather.

Unless the elements are favorable to the outdoor practice, however, the big squad will continue to work in the cage of the gymnasium until the more propitious conditions obtain for training on the diamond. In case the men are forced to forego the joy of Marathoning it out to Antelope park they will be put through a fast drill in the gymnasium by Coach Fox, so that he may get a line on the best material at the earliest possible moment.

One of the chief problems that Coach Fox will find confronting him will be the one of molding a pitching staff for the nine. At the present time the prospects for a good bunch of slab artists does not look any too encouraging and there are some pessimists who are declaring that the cornhuskers will again be weak in the box. More optimistic followers of the candidates venture to state that Coach Fox will drill out some material that will do good work at twirling the sphere.

The chief trouble in the past seems to have been not the lack of good pitching material but the failure of the men in charge to see what men really could pitch. A pitcher's place in practice is not on one of the bases or in the outfield, as some of the captains of former teams seemed to think. There are a few men among the 1909 bunch of base ball candidates who will make twirlers of the first order if Coach Fox will select them from the big bunch of aspirants and give them a working over such as they need.

Change To Be Made.

One of the complaints against baseball nines at the university in the past is that the players for them have been selected by the captain and not by the coaches. Murmurs of discontent for fear that this will be the case again this year are heard on the campus.

The Daily Nebraskan is not cognizant with the methods that were employed in the picking of the teams of other seasons, but from rumors that have been heard this year it is believed that Coach Fox will have a

great deal to say in choosing the players.

If he is not to have this, the fact should be made known at once, for a captain of the team, no matter how well qualified he is, should have absolute control over giving the nine its personnel. The man, by all means, to pick the team is the coach, having as an advisory the captain.

If Coach Fox selects the team this year the ugly reports about fraternalities "running" the baseball teams at Nebraska will cease and the cornhuskers will begin getting back into the class in which an institution of this kind should stand in the baseball field.

Up to Athletic Board.

It is the duty of the Nebraska athletic board to see that Captain Fox is given full control in selecting the members of the 1909 cornhusker baseball team.

Some public statement from Captain Beltzer and Coach Fox to the effect that personal desires are not going to have any weight in making the choices will give a great deal of encouragement to some of the candidates who are now with the squad.

FRESHMAN CLASS ELECTS TODAY

Long Delayed Meeting To Be Held at 11:30 This Morning.

The freshman class will elect officers for the second semester at 11:30 this morning in Memorial hall. No notices having been posted for the meeting by President Kerpacher, the attendance is largely dependent on the efforts of the three presidential candidates in rounding up their followers.

All three of the aspirants for chief honors are reported to be actively engaged in their campaigning. Each man has his own circle of ardent devotees. No organization is known to be backing any one of the three and the contest is largely one of personal popularity. Thomas, who had allowed his candidacy to lie dormant for some time, was especially active yesterday and won many votes. Beck and Landers have both been very busy vote-getting since announcing their candidacy.

Thomas is the only one of the three who has announced a platform. He declares for cutting down the class debt, presumably by a series of hops and for the creation of a better class spirit.

TRAINING IS IMPORTANT THING

Not Facts But Knowing How What Counts for Student.

In response to an inquiry from the chairman of the committee on high school botany of an American scientific society, Dr. C. E. Bessey of Nebraska, one of the members of the committee, has written a statement of his views on the place of the high school in teaching botany. What is true in this branch is probably equally so in a number of other things taught in the secondary schools.

Dr. Bessey declares that the training is the important thing in the high school study. The facts of information are of secondary importance. The knowing how is of prime need. A student is not a sausage skin to be stuffed full of details. He is rather a being who is to be taught how to find out for himself. This is what the high school training should seek to do, since it can in any case only teach a very few facts in the limited time given to scientific study.

SOPHOMORES TO MEET.

The sophomore class will meet Tuesday, March 16, for the election of officers other than the president.

NYE MOREHOUSE, Pres.

Senior Commemoration Committee.

The senior commemoration committee will meet today at 1 o'clock in U 106. All members are urged to be present.

ROSS BATES, Chairman.

OFFER SONG PRIZES

RENEWED EFFORT TO BE MADE FOR TYPIC SONG

DON'T LIKE BORROWED ONES

THOUGHT TIME HAS COME FOR A U. OF N. COMPOSITION.

Chance That Big Prizes Will Be Offered Shortly as Incentives to a Song Contest for Student Compositions.

Once again an effort is to be made to start a really typical university tradition to be the possession of the University of Nebraska and no other. The attempt to be made this time, if successful, will result in the giving to Nebraska a new song, typically representative of the cornhusker institution.

Several times in the past efforts have been made looking towards the adoption of a new tune with words appropriate to Nebraska to take the place of the borrowed "Scarlet and Cream." In the past these efforts have resulted in more or less talk and in even a slight consideration of songs, but no very serious attempt has even been made. There has never been any definite result from all the talk and the university has been left after the discussion in the same fix as before the agitation started, and with the borrowed tune still the official song of its students.

Plan to Give Prizes.

The scheme now on foot plans the offering of a number of prizes for songs submitted by Nebraska students. Just what the prizes will be has not been decided, nor have the details of the award been fixed. The students back of the move are prominent seniors and they insist that this time the agitation shall not result in a fizzle. The prizes, they say, will be worth the while of any student to take his time in preparing a song for the competition, even omitting the consideration which should influence him insofar as loyalty to school and personal triumph are to be considered.

Such a song as would do credit to Nebraska could not be based upon any cheap melody. The tune would have to be one of dignity commensurate with the size and importance of Nebraska's institution of higher education. The football songs to comic tunes are all right for these occasions but it is felt by many students that something of greater artistic promise should be used to represent the Nebraska spirit.

Other Schools, Too.

The song movement is not only of interest at Nebraska. Several other institutions, notably in the west, where the songs have in the past been parodies on eastern tunes, are now in quest of a new melody. Prizes are now being offered at some of these institutions for student compositions. In some places a new song has already been picked and the process of founding a tradition by manufactured methods is in a fair way to completion.

Nebraska's "Scarlet and Cream" is a parody on the famous Princeton "Scarlet and Black." The tune is borrowed exactly and the words are not far different from the Princeton verses.

The Nebraska men back of the song contest promise to make a definite announcement in the near future and the students will then be allowed to show their ability in the musical line.

Your car fare would pay for a nice lunch at The Boston Lunch. Why go home?