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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1909.

The publication of such a work as the "Life of Mirabeau" by Doctor Fling of this university is the kind of thing that gives a university reputation. It proves to the world that the University of Nebraska is alive and active and a power to be reckoned with in the intellectual world.

Every time news reaches the University of Nebraska of a meeting anywhere in the country of alumni of this university it brings happiness to the hearts of all who are looking for a greater Nebraska. It means an added proof of the fact that slowly but surely a real university spirit is being developed.

All indications are that the Miller bill establishing a school of citizenship will shortly become a law. This means that the study of the science of government will be raised at the University of Nebraska to the rank that it deserves in a republic where the safety of the state is dependent upon the intelligence and honesty of the population.

CONVOCATION--Thursday, April 1

Mrs. E. B. Conent
American Songs

Memorial Hall Eleven A. M.

by anyone and least of all by the fraternities themselves, but that such an editorial as this is justifiable is entirely another question.

Following the exposure of what took place at a certain banquet held recently by Theta Nu Epsilon a movement was started to bring the offenders to time for breaking the rules of the university and to prevent any such unfortunate affairs in the future. From the fact that the above editorial appears shortly after the occurence of the banquet and from the fact that Theta Nu Epsilon is an inter-fraternity organization it would appear as though the Theta Nu Epsilon movement was a movement against fraternities.

This is about as far from the truth as anything could well be. The Theta Nu Epsilon movement has nothing whatever to do with any movement against fraternities; the two problems are entirely distinct and are so different in their nature that any attempt to treat of them both at the same time would result in hopeless confusion. The movement against Theta Nu Epsilon has received the hearty support of all who wish a clean, progressive school; a general movement to destroy fraternities would receive the support of none except a few who view the question from a biased point of view.

The editorial in question would leave the impression that the university authorities were opposed to fraternities and would take the first opportunity to destroy them. On the contrary, both Chancellor Avery and leading members of the faculty have declared that they are not behind the bill now before the legislature to abolish fraternities and that they are opposed to any such measure.

There is always a tendency for every reform to go too far and include the innocent with the guilty. When one is engaged in denunciation it is a very easy matter to go too far and not distinguish clearly just what the question at issue is. The Nebraskan has stated its position clearly with regard to the organization known as Theta Nu Epsilon. It believes that conditions at the University of Nebraska can never be as they should with this organization in existence and exerting its baleful influence in all university activities. It must insist, however, that this organization in its true nature is an inter-fraternity direlect and that the movement be not confused either by its friends or its enemies as a movement in any way directed against the existence of fraternities.

CO-EDS CANNOT WEAR AN "M"

Missouri Girls Not Allowed to Exhibit University Emblem.

The instructors of all athletic teams and the captains of all 'varsity teams of the University of Missouri decided unanimously at a meeting recently that hereafter no woman shall be allowed to wear any honor insignia or "M" given by the athletic board to athletes. No man will be allowed to wear an emblem unless he has earned the right. There will be no competition letters on suits used in competition.

Miss Jessie Sherman is the only woman known to have been wearing an "M" awarded to an athlete.

The rules already in effect relating to the awarding of the honor insignia for athletic work were approved. Changes were made in the design of the sweaters and letters to be awarded in future and in the competition uniform to be worn hereafter. The football sweater will be a black "V" or rollneck sweater with an old gold block "M," 7¾ by 9 inches. The competition uniform will be as before.

The baseball sweater will be black "V," rollneck or button, with an old gold block letter "M," 5⅞ by 5⅞ inches. The playing suit will be gray, with Tiger stockings and old gold and black belt. The track sweater will be a button white sweater with old gold border. The letter will be a black block "M," 3½ by 4½ inches. The competition suits will consist of white shirt and white trunks with an old gold and black stripe around the waist and down the leg.

For basket-ball an old gold button sweater with a black block letter, 3½ by 4½ inches, will be awarded. The competition uniform will be an old gold shirt and trunks, with Tiger stockings.

Teh department of philosophy has recently received communications from two former Nebraska students who are in Europe. Miss Abba Bowen, 1904, of the Omaha high school, is in Europe on a one-half year's leave of absence, and will be in Berlin to study for a short time. The other U. of N. student is J. H. Sherlock, who is studying for his doctor's degree in philosophy in Berlin university.

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AN UNFORTUNATE ATTACK.

In the current issue of The University Journal there appears an editorial discussing the question of fraternities which, while it does not make any definite attack, makes statements that would be interpreted as anything but complimentary to these organizations. After declaring that the anti-fraternity bill is not likely to pass the present legislature the editorial goes on to say:

"The feeling that prompted the introduction of the measure is so strong in the state that a needed reform must come in these organizations or their days are numbered. The belief is widespread that the existence of fraternities is not helpful to the moral life of the student body. In these, as in other societies, the conduct of a few members may place the entire membership in bad repute. It is charged, too, that the fraternities control class and other college organizations, to the exclusion of equally worthy students lacking in this support."

That such an attack as this at the present time is especially unfortunate is the opinion that has been expressed generally by those who have read the editorial in question. That there is at this university, as at all others, a fraternity problem cannot be denied

The campaign for increased membership in the university Y. W. C. A. has begun in earnest. The list of new members stands twenty-three to sixteen in favor of the "Cream" side. The "scarlet" side, though, is working hard in an attempt to overcome the lead the other side has.

Professor Persinger and Mr. Ludden of the American history department are reading the first set of papers handed in in the new History Extension Course. Professor J. L. McBrien, who became a member of the university faculty last year, has charge of this department on extended study in American history. The subject of these first papers is "Abraham Lincoln—His Times and Ancestors."

At a meeting of the fifth annual convention of the Nebraska commercial clubs, held at Norfolk, Neb., a banquet was given at which Professor Hunter of the university spoke. Professor Hunter said in part that the Americans are the poorest farmers and most prolifigate soil robbers on the face of the earth except the Russians. He declared that the greatest problem in this country today is preserving the soil.

In the Albion-Pierce high school debate held last Saturday, at which Dr. Maxey was one of the judges, Albion won, thus securing the championship in the North Central district of the Nebraska high school debating league.

As a result of the triangular debate held recently between Dartmouth, Brown and Williams, Dartmouth retains the championship. In each debate the affirmative side won. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the postal savings bank scheme as advocated by Postmaster General Myer be adopted in the United States."

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