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If the installation of Alpha Chi Sigma at Nebraska means that Nebraska chemists will have the opportunity of doing better work in their profession than before, then it is certainly a fine thing for the school. There is always the possibility, however, that more organizations do not necessarily mean better opportunities for consistent work.

The large crowds which turned out to hear both the junior and senior programs show that the student body is favorable to the change which has been made this year in doing away with all attempts at humor in the programs. A great deal more real interest can be aroused in any event when the best serious effort of those who participate is required for success.

The exercises on next Friday in honor of the visiting high school students will be this year as never before in charge of the student body. It is now up to the student body to make the kind of an impression Friday that will bring a large number back to Lincoln next fall as students of the University of Nebraska.

MORE STATISTICS.

When rightly compiled, statistics are of great value in showing the effects of different causes and the growth of an institution. When carefully and reliably gathered they are a mine of information and invaluable as a guide to the future.

The criticism has been frequently made that statistics of the growth and development of this university have not been and are not being kept in such a way that they give clearly the amount of information that they might. The criticism was especially made during the time that the legislature was in session that many facts which would be very valuable could not be obtained because of a lack of the necessary statistics. It was declared by members that they could not get information which they felt that they needed.

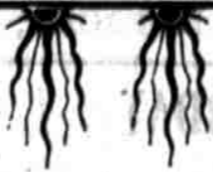
At the present time statistics as to the growth of many phases of university activity are only kept, if they are kept at all, by the departments of the university and are in no place gathered together so as to be available for use. This fact has been especially brought to the attention of the Nebraskan when it has several times attempted to write up some story which it was forced to drop because of a lack of the proper statistics.

The practical value of statistics to a university dependent upon the good will of a legislature is well illustrated by the power which statistics gave to Chancellor Strong of Kansas university. He gathered information as to the number of young men who were working to pay their expenses while attending the University of Kansas and also information as to the way they were treated by their classmates. Now, whenever the charge is

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made that the University of Kansas is a school for the rich and is undemocratic, Chancellor Strong can at once produce the figures to show its falsity and forever silence the charge.

A state university is a constant target for every kind of charge and abuse. The only way it can defend itself is to be able to produce the definite and absolute evidence of the falsity of the charges. This the University of Nebraska is not at the present time in a position to do.

A vast amount of valuable information is in the hands of the different departments that would at least be interesting if not valuable in the way above mentioned. It would seem that it would pay for it to be made the duty of some university officer to gather and tabulate all this information.

NOT WHAT IS CLAIMED.

The Daily Maroon, of the University of Chicago, has come to the conclusion that the man who considers a college education as the beginning of a great business career is liable to be severely disappointed. The editorial is quoted in part below:

"James R. Garfield, Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, and himself a comparatively recent graduate from college, is extremely pessimistic in his opinions of the college man's accomplishments in actual life. In a speech made by him recently, he said: 'Since leaving college I have often been pessimistic about the college life and what educated men are doing for their country. It is the idea that they are a specially privileged class which has made college men fail to take the places they ought to have taken.'

"This criticism of the college man is not altogether new and it derives additional force from that fact. Herbert Parsons, a New York congressman, arrived at about the same conclusion in a discussion of the college man in politics written by him for The Maroon. R. T. Crane, in a letter sent to the University Commercial Club, finds himself entirely out of accord with everything in the line of higher education and intimates that he would think several times before he decided to employ a college man. Mr. H. B. Riley, speaking before the University Commercial Club, tells its members that the college man is too impatient of details and routine to succeed in business.

"It may be that these sentiments are exaggerated. Perhaps the worthy speakers have given some aid in the manufacture of the ghost with which they try to bring college men to a realization of their shortcomings. But the college man should be warned."

WISCONSIN HIT BY LEGISLATURE.

Contended That the University is Undemocratic.

Nebraska is not the only state university to suffer from attacks made upon it by the legislature of the state. The university of Wisconsin has just received a severe scoring at the hands of the legislature of that state.

It has been contended that the university was not fulfilling the purpose for which it was created.

Speaker Bancroft of the Wisconsin House, declared:

"The state university, as managed at present, is not a democratic institution. On the contrary it is almost impossible for a student to come in friendly contact with his instructor, so closely does the latter guard himself against intrusion in his private office. Too much research work is being done by members of the faculty and not enough attention given to the students."

University Bulletin

May.

Thursday, 13—String Quartet and organ selection from Tannhauser. Convocation. Memorial Hall. 11 o'clock.

Oratorical contest, College of Law. Temple Music Hall. 8:00 p. m.

Friday, 14.—High School Day. No classes excused during the day.

Saturday, 15.—Freshman Hop, Fraternity Hall.

Saturday, May 15.—Baseball—Drake University vs. Nebraska, 9:30 a. m.

Thursday, 20—Piano recital by Sidney Silber. Convocation. Memorial Hall. 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 20.—College of Medicine, Commencement.

Friday, 21.—Competitive drill, battalion of University Cadets. State Farm.

Friday, 21.—Pan Hellenic Ball. Auditorium.

Saturday, 22.—Kansas meet at Lincoln. State Farm.

Tuesday, 25.—Forestry lecture: "Forest Types in the Philippines," "Bill" Pagaduan; "Forest Utilization in the Philippines," M. Lazo.

Friday, 28.—Baseball: Kansas University vs. Nebraska.

Saturday, 29.—Baseball: Kansas University vs. Nebraska.

Saturday, 29.—Second semester examinations begin.

June.

Thursday, 2.—Cadet encampment begins. June 2 to 7.

Friday, 3.—Second semester examinations.

Happenings of the Past

Seven Years Ago.

The state intercollegiate athletic meet was held in Lincoln with all the larger colleges of the state taking part in it.

Six Years Ago.

The varsity defeated Washington University in a one-sided game by the score of 15 to 3.

Five Years Ago.

University girls of all classes got in a wild "rough-house" on the campus in an attempt to steal junior caps. The interference of the chancellor was all that stopped the mix-up after it had been in progress for an hour.

Four Years Ago.

The student publishing board was established to have full control of all student periodicals, except year books and annuals.

Three Years Ago.

In the intercollegiate contests on high school fete day York won first place in the field meet and Blair won first place in the interscholastic debate.

One Year Ago.

The first real Ivy Day with a complete holiday and a program for the entire day was held at the university.

The members of the "Innocents," the senior men's society held their annual banquet Monday evening at the Lindell hotel. Plates were laid for thirty-five alumni and active members of the organization. Dr. G. E. Condra presided as toastmaster. The Innocents is a society formed six years ago, and is composed of the leading men in student activities in the senior class.

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