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BIG DECREASE SHOWN IN STUDENT FAILURES

DELINQUENCY RECORDS GIVE A
FALLING OFF OF 40 PER CENT.

NEW CHECK SYSTEM WORKS WELL

Professor Chatburn's Report on Scholarship of Students Records Betterment of Conditions Over Last Year

A remarkable decrease of delinquency is shown in the report of Professor Chatburn, chairman of the faculty committee, to Chancellor Avery. The report, as rendered yesterday, shows a total falling off of over 40 per cent in the delinquency figures of the present mid-semester as compared with those of the second semester of last year.

The decrease in delinquency is undoubtedly due in large measure to the new system of checking failures introduced this fall. By the new arrangement, Professor C. C. Engberg, secretary of the delinquency committee, becomes the managing member of the committee and has direct charge of all delinquents. A close check has been kept of all failures and absences and students have not been allowed to fall behind without due warning of their condition.

Figures Tell Tale.

The result of the closer supervision is shown by the figures of Professor Chatburn. In all divisions the decrease is uniform. Considering hours delinquent, as well as individual students failing, the record of the current semester beats that of last year.

The report of Professor Chatburn follows:

"The question as to the success of the new system of dealing with delinquency can best be answered by a comparison of statistics computed from the mid-semester of last year and those for the present semester.

	1908-09	1909-10
Total number of delinquent students	874	457
Mid-semester reports of		
second semester	2182	2040
first semester	40.01	22.4
Percentage delinquent		
Total number of hours registered for by delinquent students	13163	6899
Average registration per student	15.5	15.1
Total number of hours of delinquency	3634	2047
Average delinquency per delinquent student, hours	4.2	4.5
Percentage of hours delinquent to hours registered for by delinquent students	27.7	29.7
Average hours delinquency per total number of students considered	1.207	1.003
Percentage of hours delinquent to grand total of hours registered	11.1	6.6
Showing a net decrease in delinquency of, per cent		40.5

Notes—The total number of registrations considered is slightly less than last year because the law college is not this year included, the reports not being in at the time of this compilation.

The average registration per student being less this year than last might indicate a closer supervision over the registration due to the new system of advisers.

The average hours of delinquency per delinquent student being a little

larger this year than last might indicate that some students who fall below a passing grade through mere carelessness had been spurred to sufficient effort to prevent delinquency. In other words, a larger percentage of the delinquent students fall into the utterly hopeless class.

The third item and the last three items are the ones that measure the betterment of this year's work over the last.

Since working out the above a few belated reports have been received from the academy. But as the number of students taking part work in the academy is small compared with the total number the error will not be great.

I have my doubts of the delinquency ever being less than five per cent of the total registration. That would mean only one delinquency in twenty and there are few classes of twenty without at least one delinquent. The average instructor would not think he was doing his duty if he allowed all to pass.

It certainly seems advisable for instructor and student to get into a closer relation with each other. Frequent consultation should be encouraged. In fact, instructors should insist upon a personal visit from all students who are falling below a passing grade. I submit that it is not fair to the student to be reported as failed in a subject without having been warned or notified by his teacher that his work was not satisfactory. On the other hand it may be argued that a student of sufficient intelligence to attend college ought to have gumption enough to know when his work is not up to the standard.

Yours very truly,

G. R. CHATBURN,
Chm. Delin. Student Com.

COLE TO COACH TENNESSEE?

Report that Nebraska Coach Intends to Leave, Is Not Confirmed.

A published dispatch under a Tennessee dateline stating that Coach Cole of Nebraska had accepted the tender of a similar position with Tennessee University is causing some comment on the campus. The dispatch has not been confirmed, and the uncertain source of the declaration is leaving students in doubt as to its authenticity.

"I know nothing about it," said Manager Eager yesterday. "I had a letter from Coach Cole yesterday and he said not a word about any decision on his part not to return to Nebraska. It seems highly improbable that he would not mention the subject if he were about to accept the Tennessee offer."

NEW UNIVERSITY SONG OUT.

"The Cornhusker," by Professor Stevens, Published.

"The Cornhusker," the new football song for the University of Nebraska, written by Professor Stevens of the university school of music, has been published and the sheet music was on sale at the Haskell game. The music was purchased rapidly by Nebraska students and the song as published retains the general popularity which it was accorded when first written.

THURSDAY CONVOCATION.

Unique Program to Be Offered at 11 O'clock Session.

At Thursday's convocation Heinrich's "The Raven," adapted from the poem of Edgar Allan Poe's poem of that name, will be the program. Mr. Charles H. F. Mills will read the poem with Mrs. L. J. Herzog as pianist.

The program will be:
Sacred Prelude Doepler
Mrs. Herzog.

The Raven Heinrich
Reader, Mr. Mills.

Pianist, Mrs. Herzog.

NEBRASKA BASKETBALL SCHEDULES FILLING UP

MANAGER EAGER ANNOUNCES
DATES OF CONTESTS.

AMES IS ON THE 1910 GRIDIRON LIST

Arrangements Already Made Practically Insure Game With Iowa Aggies for Next Fall.

Nebraska will play Ames next fall. This fact was made a certainty last week at Des Moines, when Managers Eager of Nebraska and Beyer of Ames met at the Missouri Valley conference and arranged for a game. The date for this game has not been set definitely, but the tentative date of November 12 has been arranged, along with this date there are other games which will be possibly arranged for in the near future. Missouri is very anxious for a clash with the Cornhuskers next fall and if dates can be arranged a game with the Tigers will be part of the Scarlet and Cream schedule. The date with Ames is subject to change, but it is a certainty that the two teams will meet next fall.

Basketball Meeting.

At the meeting of the Missouri Valley conference at Des Moines last Friday all arrangements were made for the conference basketball games for the coming season. Representatives from Washington, Ames, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Drake were present at this meeting. The discussion of plans for regulating athletics for the coming season were mainly against the encouragement of professionalism. Some very important rules were adopted and among these was the rule that graduate students were not to participate in any of the conference games. This rule is one that will not be retroactive but will not go into effect for two years.

Another rule which was adopted was that a student after acquiring residence in one school and then registering in another cannot participate in athletics at the original school until he has acquired a year's residence there again.

Basketball Schedules.

At this meeting of the delegates of the schools in the conference the schedule for the basketball games for the coming season was adopted. In this schedule the following games were decided on for Nebraska to play: Ames at Lincoln, January 21 and 22. Drake at Lincoln, January 28 and 29. Missouri at Lincoln, February 14. Kansas at Lincoln, February 25 and 26. Kansas at Lawrence, February 7 and 8. Drake at Des Moines, February 9 and 10. Ames at Ames, February 11 and 12.

No Championship Games.

The conference decided that in the future no championship games would be played, as this tended to create a feeling of professionalism and for this reason a conference baseball league was tabooed. Another matter which the conference opposed very strenuously was the "scouting" which the various representatives of the schools did during the football season and it was very desirous that this be done away with. The matter of deciding the place where the Missouri Valley meet would be held was not decided.

Nebraska will suffer financially from one of the rules which was passed last year which goes into effect this year. This rule allows the conference schools to have but eighteen basketball games on their schedule during the basketball season. Last year the Nebraska team played about twenty-five games and this year

the limit will be cut down to eighteen in accordance with this rule.

The athletic managers from the different schools were also in attendance at this meeting of the conference and they made arrangements as far as it was possible for their football schedules for next fall.

FORESTERS TO DANCE.

Club Will Give a Hop in Fraternity Hall Saturday.

The Forest Club will give their second annual hop at Fraternity hall Saturday night. E. G. Pelleys is master of ceremonies and J. S. Boyce chairman. Walt's full orchestra will furnish the music. The sale of the tickets will be limited to seventy.

This is the second dance given by the club. The dance given by the club last year came rather late in the season, March 6, but in spite of this was a distinct success. The club has proved during the past few years to be a remarkably active institution at Nebraska, and the giving of a hop is becoming one of their annual social affairs.

RUMOR WAS UNFOUNDED.

Transformers Not Installed and Laboratories Not to Open.

The report which was circulated about the campus yesterday that the laboratories in the new engineering building were to open up for work, proved to be unfounded. The report stated that the laboratories were in readiness and would begin operations yesterday afternoon.

When interviewed yesterday Dean Richards stated that the laboratories will not be in running shape until the transformers are installed. There has been a great deal of delay on the part of these transformers in arriving, and if they are not installed soon Dean Richards says the laboratories will not be opened this semester.

FORMALLY INSTALL DELTA CHI.

Law Fraternity Organizes Nebraska Chapter During Thanksgiving Recess

Formal installation of Delta Chi, the legal fraternity whose coming to Nebraska was announced in the Daily Nebraskan ten days ago, was made last Wednesday by national officers of the society. Frank M. Atkinson of Detroit; W. W. McBride of Washington, D. C.; W. E. Anderson of Chicago, and Dr. Edwin Maxey of the college of law were the installing officers, assisted by Hon. A. W. Jeffries of Omaha. Thirty men were given the initiation work during the day. This was followed by a banquet at the Lincoln in the evening, Dr. Maxey acting as toastmaster.

The statement previously circulated that Delta Chi was an honorary fraternity is pronounced incorrect by the initiates. Delta Chi is a regular Greek letter society on the same plane and with the same objects as that of other Greeks, with the single difference that only law students or students intending to study law are eligible to membership. Delta Chi will not enroll members of any other fraternity nor will it allow its members to join other Greek letter organizations.

The new fraternity has a house at 237 North 16th street. At present there are fourteen charter members in the fraternity, they being: O. B. Clark, J. E. Badnar, Frank C. Burke, V. K. Greer, H. S. Tower, S. V. Shonka, R. E. Waldo, R. R. Hill, W. H. Hodgekin, E. L. Powell, S. C. Stoner, A. E. Warren, H. J. Curtis, F. A. Dutton.

In addition the following pledges have been made: A. J. Ludden, R. A. Bickford, J. T. Morgan, O. M. Bates, H. R. Ankeny, A. M. Hare, O. S. Gilmore, C. R. Stasenka, O. F. Walters.

DEBATERS WORK HARD FOR CONTEST DEC. 10

UNIVERSITY TEAMS HAVE GOOD
CHANCES OF WINNING.

MAY PUT NEBRASKA IN THE LEAD MAY PUT NEBRASKA IN LEAD

By Winning Both Debates Nebraska Will Climb from Present Place at Foot of List Well Up Among Leaders.

December 10 is the date which marks the goal at which seven Nebraska men are now turning all their efforts. The seven workers are Messrs. Potter, Dobbs, Votava, Rice, Cherrington, and Foster, composing the two teams which will debate with Iowa and Minnesota on the income tax, and J. E. Lawrence, who is manager of the home debate.

The six speakers were assigned to their respective sides before the Thanksgiving vacation. Potter, Votava and Rice being picked to stay in Lincoln and debate with Minnesota's speakers, while Cherrington, Foster, and Dobbs go to Iowa City.

The Home Debate.

The home debate will be held in Memorial hall a week from Friday, and it is expected that a large delegation of both university students and others will be present. Nebraska now stands at the bottom of the Central Debating League. Her representatives have won two debates and lost four in the series of the past three years. Wisconsin heads the list, but the difference between first and last is so slight that a double victory by Nebraska this year will put it well up among the leaders. This is what the Nebraska men are striving for, and they believe that their chances are good.

It is said that Nebraska's present teams are the ablest and best balanced of any that have represented the university for several years. Members of the squad and of the faculty who are familiar with their work expect them to make an excellent showing against both Iowa and Minnesota.

Iowa Hard at Work.

Nebraska is not the only school which has men hard at work on the debates of December 10. Iowa has a trio which is equally desirous of winning the honors. George Allen, Frank Jones, and G. E. Cunningham are the Hawkeye speakers, but not one of them has participated in intercollegiate prior to this year. In this respect Nebraska has the advantage, for at least one of her men has participated in a Central League debate and another has had much minor school work.

Of the Iowa men, Mr. Allen was a member of the Irving team in the intersociety debate two years ago. Mr. Jones was leader of the winning junior class team of last year, while Mr. Cunningham has participated in both debate and oratory, winning the freshman contest two years ago, and being a member of the Irving championship team of last year. Mr. Liggett, the alternate, also has a strong record, being leader of the winning freshman team two years, and leader of the winning society team last year. All the men have been working hard since the tryouts held last June.

Princeton's graduate council, combined with the student council, is taking up a study of the different undergraduate activities. They wish to find out if any of the pastimes of the student interfere with good work in the various courses.

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