

A Visit to the Trophy Room

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A visit to the university trophy room would be well worth the while to any student. Many students, no doubt, do not know where the sacred banners and cups are kept. Many students have probably wondered who takes care of the shields and pennants which the Nebraskans are winning year by year. They are all placed in the new trophy room in the Temple building, where students are always welcome to pay their respects to the emblems of victory. The room is on the second floor of the Temple and is the same room in which Manager "Dog" Eager has his desk. There is a gold plain sign on the door, so that students can not fail to find the place when looking for it.

At times Manager Eager may be found at his desk, cornered behind a trophy case. He is always glad to receive callers and explain the most important medals and cups. Time was when Nebraska did not have a trophy room and all of the valuable emblems of victory were either farmed out to the various athletes for safe keeping or stored away in a basement room where no one could enjoy them. But thanks to the present athletic manager the memorials are now being regularly collected and kept in one room where they are just the beginning of our collection.

There are some of the old-time pictures, some worn-out balls, some blood spattered implements of war, old-fashioned cups, antique shields, and any

collection of silver cups in this case. Most of them were won by him at Yale university. One cup was given him for the all-around championship at an indoor contest at that university. He also has cups for first places in the flying rings exhibition, parallel bars and club swinging and second place in the running broad jump. These prizes were all won by Dr. Clapp in 1899.

Case of Keepsakes.

Another case contains the footballs, baseballs and sundry keepsakes. In it are all the footballs use in games which Nebraska has won in the last four years. Up to a few years ago it was customary for one of the players, either the captain or the star of the game, to be given the old piece of pig skin, but now it is a rule that all balls which are won by hard work find their final resting place in the trophy room. Each ball is decorated in ink with the names of the regular players in that particular game and those of the substitute players who helped to win the ball. The score, date and names of the men who carried the ball over for touchdowns are also printed on the pig skin. The 1910 season has been a most prosperous one for this trophy case, as the long string of victories has brought as many new ovals into the sanctum. The ball marked "Nebraska-6 Kansas-0" looks particularly good to the Cornhusker visitor. Several old-timers have presented to the collection during the year, the balls which were given them in years past.

photographs, posters and beautiful bronze and silver shields. Football groups and scenes from the big games are hung in groups. Eighteen team pictures may be seen, a photograph of every man who has helped place the Scarlet and Cream on the high pinnacle among the Missouri valley schools. A nineteenth group has just been unearthed and will be hung within a few days. It is a photograph of the first football team which ever represented the Nebraska students. This was the team of 1891, twenty seasons ago. The photograph of the 1910 team will complete the collection.

The Coaches.

The two foremost Nebraska coaches, "Bummy" Booth and "King" Cole, will always be remembered by visitors to the trophy room. Numerous likenesses of the two men grace the collection. In one of them, Booth is pictured in front of the Lindell hotel comfortably seated in an easy chair, enjoying his cigar. This picture was taken in 1900, the first year Booth coached Nebraska, shortly after the Cornhuskers had held the strong Minnesota team to 20 points and had crossed the Gopher line for a score of 12, two touchdowns and two goals. "King" is prominent in a dozen or more of the pictures. An old-time



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number of posters and newspaper clippings which are of interest to the loyal student and teacher. Some trophies have been lost track of and they, of course, cannot be placed with the others, but the collection is growing little by little. Almost every game adds to the treasures of the university.

The Loving Cups.

Probably the most interesting case is that which contains the silver Missouri valley championship loving cups and others which Nebraska has won. The most prominent cup is the Spalding trophy, given for winning the western inter-collegiate cross-country run for three years. Nebraska won this cup in 1904.

In 1905 it was won by Chicago University, but in 1906 was again taken by Nebraska runners. In 1907 the Cornhusker team brought back the cup for a permanent treasure. A number of city league baseball cups and individual trophies help to swell the collection. Dr. R. G. Clapp, Nebraska's physical director, has placed his large

before the trophy collection was started.

Baseballs are rolled into the same large case where the ovals rest. The baseballs are marked by the name of the opposing team, date, where played, score and the battery which made the victory possible. Dozens of horsehide trophies have found their way to the trophy room.

Many Old Medals.

A third case contains blankets and old-fashioned medals. Some signs of victory are simple slabs of oak which have been crudely carved and stained in the days when athletics had not reached the loving cup stage. These shields and plates, are some of them very crude, but they stand for victories, earned by hard work in the days when the university was young, and athletics in this western country were just gaining recognition. All of these old-fashioned trophies represent hard work on the part of the Nebraska veterans.

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