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JUNIOR WEEK.

Another event has been inaugurat-
ed at the University of Nebraska
which in the future will become one
of its traditions. This is the Junior
Week, which has been so successful
at Wisconsin and a number of the
other larger schools of the United
States. The last Junior Week play at
Wisconsin drew the largest crowd in
the history of that institution. There
is no reason why it should not be
equally successful at Nebraska. All
depends on whether the students care

walks should be stopped and that gos-
siping at the library had become la-
mentably common, while today it tells
us that we should not walk on the
grass.

I realize how difficult it is to find
material for the editorial column and
that turning out an editorial every
day becomes a grind. Still I think
that some of the subjects which the
Rag has chosen are lamentably shal-
low and that they do not warrant dis-
cussion, at least not the space that
the Rag gives them. Take for in-
stance the matter of riding bicycles
on the sidewalks, which the Rag would
lead us to believe has become a seri-
ous nuisance, demanding immediate
attention. As far as I can see the of-
fenders consist of a few professors
who are willing to sacrifice dignity to
speed, that they may devote a few ex-
tra minutes to breakfast before hur-
rying to their eight o'clocks. Who
would be so heartless as to deprive
them of this small privilege? We can
step aside.

Then, too, calling the laws names
helps nothing. Everyone knows that
the laws are noisy and that they have
been, since any one remembers.
Probably they always will be. But
who can expect a bunch of lusty
lunged students, deprived of the soft-
ening influence of the co-eds and con-
fined in a small corridor to be silent
and dignified? Why should they?

The editor attacks another custom
that has always existed and most like-
ly always will. He objects to the stu-
dents gossiping at the library en-
trance. He says: "It is no credit to
the university to have a large number
of men and women out on the front
steps . . . this condition has be-
come intolerable and these people
should be refused admission
to the library." How ridiculous! Be-
cause a friend meets a friend on the
library steps and stops to talk things
over he should be refused admission
to the library! Neither do I agree
with the editor when he says "has be-
come." I cannot see that there is
any more conversing on the library
steps than there always has been, ex-

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port.

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considered the big class event. In
fact it was the leading social affair.
But where the junior play has been
established the big dance has been
forced to take a second place. It re-
quires more preparation and is far
more representative of what a col-
lege should stand for. It represents
training and intelligence while the
prom typifies something altogether
different. The play is the grand
crowning event of the week and one
at which all the university can and
should be present.

THE FORUM.

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

Recently the Rag devoted its edi-
torial column to calling the law stu-
dents a bunch of rouh-necks. Yester-
day it used its space to tell us that
riding bicycles on the university side-

cept that the warm weather has made
it possible to linger longer outside.
Perhaps the editor would like to turn
the university into a convent. As to
the presence of the students on the
steps being no credit to the university,
it certainly is no discredit. The
broadening influence that comes from
mingling with ones fellows, to say
nothing of the pleasure that comes
from it, is one of the most beneficial
influences that a university possesses.
Were it not for this we might as well
do our studying with a correspond-
ence school.

In ending, I will add that I am in
sympathy with the Rag, that I appre-
ciate the efforts made to make it a
good paper, and that my criticisms are
made that it may profit by them. So
omit the knocks and the editorials
about the trivial, petty things and fill
your columns instead with boosts and
things more vital to the development
of the university and the student
body. ROBERT L. FERGUSON.

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