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Remember that today is Fete day and that there are many high school people in Lincoln. Show them a good time and let them know that the university is not lacking in hospitality. The retention of the meet in Lincoln depends on the support given it by the university.

Tomorrow is Ivy day. For this reason the Nebraskan will not be ready for distribution until after the morning program, when it will contain a

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complete account of the morning exercises.

Boost Ivy Day.

**THE FORUM.**

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan: Criticism, if properly founded and properly directed and coming from a source reliable and authoritative can often accomplish good results; and conversely, criticism improperly founded and improperly directed and coming from a source not reliable and not authoritative can often accomplish bad results. The latter situation has just come to pass as a result of a certain letter published in the Lincoln News Tuesday, May 16. The letter relates to the recent charges made by a Nebraska professor against Sidney Collins, the well known Cornhusker athlete. Whether or not the charges be true or untrue the perpetration of such a letter upon the public is disgraceful to say the least.

If the character and reputation of the author of the letter were known to the public as they are to the writer and many others who have been in the university for the past three or four years the letter would appeal to them as one of the baldest and most fallacious pieces of literary sophistry ever written. The tone of the letter throughout leads one to believe that the writer has suffered a moral shock, the effects of which but few human be-

ings could survive. If the blind were removed, however, facts would show that the writer is absolutely execution proof when it comes to the dispensing of moral principles.

Not once did he commit himself, but rather being content to let himself loose in saying anything which would further his ideas on the art of personal projection, backed up by a superficial screen covering a background of perfidy and crime.

During the reign of Clyde Elliot in the University of Nebraska—I speak reigin in connection with his control of the state university end of the Omaha Bee—perhaps no one did more to harm Nebraska athletics than did he, and yet he appears to be shocked.

His warped conception of journalistic etiquette barely saved him from harm by the other members of the newspaper profession. Many a time when he had faithfully promised the other press representatives that he would not release a certain story until the time agreed upon, he failed to keep his promise, but instead, seized upon the slightest grain of athletic scandal, which he magnified to such an extent that the truth of the story was hardly recognizable when it appeared in "scare-head" type in the Omaha Bee. Instead of depicting athletic conditions at Nebraska as they really were, he seized the sensational to the sacrifice of the truthful and beneficial.

In 1908 when the university athletic board was seriously considering whether or not it would make a request of John D. Rockefeller for \$50,000 for the new athletic field, the newspaper men were asked to keep the matter dark until the time was ripe for publication. This they all agreed to do. Elliot included. Soon, however, much to the surprise of all, a "scare-head" story appeared in the Omaha Bee reciting the whole plan. The result was that the idea of asking Rockefeller for a donation was entirely abandoned.

Whether or not the reference to the allegations against Sid Collins or Dr. Clapp are true or not, the writer

does not care to comment, it is merely the weight of the story in the News as measured by its author. The writer believes that if there is the slightest suspicion that Sid Collins received \$250 for his football services during the season of 1908, the matter should be investigated. The Collins case should not, however, take precedence over many other cases of similar kind of more recent date than 1908. Above all the matter should be hushed up as far as publication is concerned, for there is no doubt but that a great deal of harm will come to Nebraska athletics if the matter is continually kept in the press. For this reason one Lincoln paper and several out-of-town papers have agreed not to publish anything about the situation until there is something to publish.

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**Notice to Seniors.**

All seniors desiring class pins must get them before June 1, as all remaining will be returned to the company at that time. This applies also to those who have ordered pins and paid a deposit thereon. Pins may be obtained at University Book Store.

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