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EFFORTS WASTED.

There is apparently one department of the University devoted entirely to the education and pleasure of the student body which is wasting away for the lack of support. The fact that this department is maintained at great trouble and expense to the school, and with no such inconveniences to the students makes the deplorable condition all the more to be wondered at.

For many years there have been two programs each week devoted wholly to the tastes and pleasures of the students. They have not consisted of a number of mediocre performances, but have included some of the nation's most noted speakers; speakers whose range of subjects has been wide enough to interest the most indifferent audience. Nor have speakers alone held the stage of the convocations; musical programs have alternated with them, whenever possible, and have merited much more interest than they have received. With the idea of fostering the appreciation of good music the Friday vesper services were instituted, but had to be given up because of the small attendance. It is a striking fact that at these musical programs there presided some of the very musicians who generally charge the audience for their services; the mere fact that at convocation they play selections written by Tanhauser, Liszt or Mozart can scarcely account for the difference in attendance at social functions where such melodies as "My Lovin' Man," "That Hypnotizin' Rag," and other atrocities whose names leave off the final "g" from the adjective, prevail.

Tomorrow morning at convocation there is to be presented a cantata entitled, "The Gate of Life," by Franco Leoni. The music will without doubt remain undisputedly the best that has been heard in the chapel this year; not only the music itself is of a high order, but also the musicians, who have devoted a great deal of time to it and will put on a finished production. This will offer an excellent opportunity for the student body to show a revival of interest and to make known the fact that it can appreciate music of the higher order.

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The editor is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the

University of Oklahoma daily, requesting a place on our exchange list, which request we will gladly comply with. Our correspondent mentions the fact that the students of the southern institution are elated over the prospect of a game with Nebraska, and that in contemplation of the impending struggle, a vigorous defense will be presented.

Subscribers to the Rag have had three months since Tag Day to pay their subscriptions. Please pay up at once.

CHANCELLOR ENTERTAINS.

Seniors To Be Guests of Dr. and Mrs. Avery Saturday.

Chancellor and Mrs. Avery will entertain the senior class at a reception at their home, Saturday evening, from eight to ten.

In former years, the chancellor's reception to the graduating class was the big event of commencement week. The last two or three receptions, however, been given during the month of May.

Now, almost the only event left in commencement week is alumni day, with its cotillion.

Formerly, both the chancellor's reception and the senior play, together with the day set aside for alumni reunions, attracted many "olds" back to the University commencement.

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