

MUCH PREPARATION BEING MADE

Debate Tomorrow Night Will Represent Seven Months' Incessant Labor.

ILLINOIS ARRIVE TOMORROW.

Last year the total score of the season in debate was, Nebraska 2, Opponents 4. As regards decisions the year was on the whole not a successful one, but it provided a good basis on which to continue the work this year. An early start was made last spring by selecting the first six members of the debate seminary, the remaining members being selected in the fall.

After a month's work in threshing out and hashing up the question another contest was held November 9, at which six team members were chosen. Another month of continual grind followed, during which committee reports were hashed and rehashed until a fund of solid facts were established.

Not a stone was left unturned. What would be considered a good-sized library was worked over and reduced to a neat arrangement of strong arguments in connection with a strong breastwork of authorities.

Illinois' team who oppose Nebraska here Friday night will arrive tomorrow forenoon, accompanied by Prof. V. A. Ketcham. The members of Illinois' team in the order in which they will speak are Will E. Britton, I. Ray Carter, and Lyman M. Fort. The order of rebuttal is Carter, Britton and Fort.

Nebraska's team which debates Wisconsin arrived there early this forenoon. There they will speak in opposition to Samuel S. Barber, Edmund B. Shea and Howard M. Jones.

Prof. H. W. Caldwell and Prof. E. B. Conant have accepted an invitation to act as judges at the Iowa Wisconsin debate. They will leave tomorrow forenoon for Iowa City, at which place the debate is to be held.—I. K. F.

FORMER STUDENTS MARRIED.

Lawrence-Graves Wedding Held Yesterday Evening.

Yesterday evening occurred the wedding of Mr. J. E. Lawrence to Miss Helen Graves at the First Presbyterian church. Both bride and groom were Nebraska students, Mr. Lawrence graduating with the class of 1910, and Miss Graves being a member of the class of 1914. Carl Lord attended the couple as groomsman and Lucille Reeder was bridesmaid.

FROSH SHOULD FAVOR PLAN.
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ing green caps as a method of securing a united class spirit. President Warner says, "I will do all that lies in my power to convince the freshmen that skull caps are an honor and in no sense a measure of discipline." The Olympic committee and the athletic board of the class also approve of the plan and will cooperate with the Innocents in establishing the custom.

In short, the best class sentiment heartily endorses the proposed plan and looks on it with particular favor as an invaluable factor in promoting class spirit. Will '16 enroll itself in Nebraska history with the inauguration of a new custom or will it be nec-

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essary to leave that movement to some future and probably less efficient class?

PLAN IS UNDEMOCRATIC.
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resolution call on the freshmen to acquiesce. You can't force a man to wear a green cap. Constituted authority at this University has long since set itself solidly against the use of such force. Those people who advocate the freshman cap will, I dare say, have the job of putting them on. Then they will discover that to be unable to knock a freshman down and put a cap on his head is not merely an a priori objection, but a very serious impediment to the progress of millitant Nebraskanism.

Will Not Create Spirit.

The crime of freshman humiliation and the absurdly enforced submission would, I conceive, be excusable if the wearing of the cap by the new man would increase their devotion to the real spirit of our school. Four years in this University have deepened and refined the appreciation which freshmen-cap advocates and myself feel for the sentiments engendered by real Nebraska spirit. Still, the work of the University has kept me so busy that I have had no time to define its spirit. And I might as well add that the same cause has given me but little USE for a definition of University spirit. Now, however, that some advocates of more spirit have undertaken to degrade the freshmen in its name, I need a definition. And from the lips of a supporter of freshmen caps I copy a meaning of spirit substantially as follows: Nebraska spirit is the willingness of the individual student to sacrifice his interest, joy, and satisfaction for the interest, joy, and satisfaction of the whole University.

From this vague definition of spirit one thing at least is clear: the possession of Nebraska spirit is a matter of degree. And I submit that the average freshman will have less real spirit if he is humbled by a green cap than if he is treated as a diligent and valuable fellow-student. By his very newness the freshman is already sufficiently isolated. To cultivate the real Nebraska spirit in the freshman we need not segregate him by a green cap. We need only to make him feel that he is heartily welcome and that he is at once incorporated.

This much, then, is incontestably plain: to humiliate the freshman is to give him what he doesn't deserve. To humiliate the freshman is to deny him the advantages of democratic spirit and a genuine community interest. To humiliate the freshman is to indulge a fruitless attempt at violating the University rule against force. Finally, to humiliate the freshman is to weaken rather than strengthen the tie which binds him to the spirit of the institution.

Since the green cap can never increase the freshman's devotion to the school, I submit that the cap in itself is but a badge of undeserved dishonor and degradation. Thinking students timorous of their position do well to absent themselves from this mass meeting lest in the glow of the moment they be influenced by well-meaning but ambitious students who glorify themselves in establishing a college tradition at the sacrifice of student rights.

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