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THE BENDER AFFAIR

Comes now Johnnie Bender and strenuously denies that he had anything to do with the action of the Athletic board in declaring Guy Chamberlin ineligible. It is very probable that the reporters of The Nebraskan, as well as those of the town papers, jumped at conclusions in their desire to get a story that would attract attention. Be that as it may, Nebraska owes Bender an apology for another reason.

The tone of the published sentiment seemed to be that someone had done us a great wrong; that anyone who discovered Chamberlin was ineligible and made such fact public was stabbing us in the back; that he who, by exposing the truth, prevented our avoiding the Missouri valley rules was an undesirable citizen.

Such was a misrepresentation of student opinion at Nebraska. We have no desire to avoid the rules of the association, or to secretly take advantage of the other schools of the valley. We can win without resorting to such tactics, and cannot afford to run the risk of such a blot on our record. The news of the discovery of Chamberlin's ineligibility is very disappointing at this time. But much greater would be the humiliation at the close of next year's season, when such fact would probably be announced.

Nor is this a bit of moral sentiment, unbacked by the facts. The student body at this institution has been tried on this very proposition before. Some five years ago we had a team with a great record. At the close of the season it was discovered that one of the men who had contributed much to the season's success had been ineligible on account of professionalism, and the University of Nebraska was forced to formally apologize to the year's opponents. During the accompanying discussion, no one was heard to justify the athlete, or attack his accuser for bringing out the truth.

The "anything to win" spirit is dead at Nebraska. We intend to play on the square. No apology is due from one who prevents our committing a grievous mistake.

MR. HARKSON'S RESIGNATION

It was with regret that we were forced to chronicle the resignation of Mr. Harkson. We do not believe that the "unpleasant circumstances" he refers to extend to his relations with the rest of the staff. "Hark" is a good worker and makes friends wherever he goes, and we were looking forward to a pleasant semester's work. The best wishes of all connected with The Nebraskan go with him.

FORUM

Attacks Consistence of Nebraskans Stella Public Schools, L. R. Stanley, Superintendent; Stella, Nebraska, January 21, 1916.

Editor Daily Nebraskan, University of Nebraska.—Sir: There has appeared in university sentiment as reflected by the "esteemed Rag," much ado about a better spirit of honesty in

university work and the use of student sentiment to eliminate cheating, grafting, lying, stealing and various other moral ailments from which the student body is prone to suffer. As befits the university representative of the noblest of professions that lead men, the "Rag" has held aloft the banner of purity and has resolutely championed the cause of intellectual honor. There have appeared, moreover, numerous communications in the Forum, lamenting the weakness of man, estimating the loss to the state (though no one but an American could estimate honor in dollars and cents), and even some venturing to prescribe a cure. And finally the editorial column issues in the examination period with the admirable injunction: "Play the Game Square."

All this bodes well. Yet all is not well. The first page of the same issue of the "Rag" bearing the editorial, "Play the Game Square," contains a column of news announcing that a stellar member of the football team is discovered to be ineligible for further playing. All are familiar with the details of that discovery. Be they true or false; be the motives prompting the coach of another school to provoke investigation high or low; be his loyalty to his Alma Mater good or bad; the sentiment expressed by the undergraduate body is discouraging to anyone hoping for an honor system at Nebraska. The dominant notes are rage against the man who uncovered the truth, and regret that the truth was uncovered. A sneer at another university does not conceal the fact that Nebraska was about to violate a compact entered upon by several universities in a spirit of honor, that having been discovered she defends herself with vituperation upon the one who exposed her. It is unfortunate that Nebraska loses a great man; it is more unfortunate that she has failed to live up to a great principle: "Play the Game Square."

It may be said that the situation was not known until public attention was directed thereto. We recall another instance of a few years ago, in which a noted football player at Nebraska was declared ineligible on the grounds of professionalism, having been paid for playing a season or more, directly or indirectly. Are those in authority ignorant of these things? If so, is it their business to be informed? Ahem! Let us not become indelicate. We leave the subject to the ethics class.

LAMAR R. STANLEY.

Our Duty to the Opera

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: Lincoln, and with it the university, is being tested. If the opera company pays it will come back, if it loses it won't.

It is not the place of a school paper to give free advertising, but this is of more importance. Our education is more than studies—it includes art and music. So it is up to us to support these things as much as possible. It is all to the university's advantage.

We have an opportunity to hear a first class opera company this year. Let's support them, so they will come back. M. L.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Girls' Club party, Saturday afternoon, February 5, in Faculty hall, the Temple.

Pharmaceutical society pictures for the Cornhusker will be taken at Townsend's Tuesday, February 1, 12 o'clock.

Students expecting to secure employment through the employment bureau must leave a copy of their class schedules at the office at once.

All membership tickets and money out during the campaign of Home Economics club should be handed to the treasurer, Clara Curley, or to Jeanette Johnson, Margaret Cale and

Blanch Butler, before Saturday, February 5.

All individual Cornhusker pictures must be taken by February 5, if they are to be placed in the junior or senior section. Paul Babson, Business Manager.

Swimming for girls opens at 9 o'clock Tuesday, February 11, at the Y. M. C. A. Those who signed for tickets can secure them at the pool. Do not miss the beginning class.

All unsold tickets held by the members of the senior prom committee must be turned in to T. A. Williams' office in the basement of U hall by tomorrow noon.

The picture of the junior football team will be taken at Townsend's next Thursday at 12 o'clock. Every man on the squad be there.

A meeting of the senior play committee will be held next Thursday at 11 o'clock in U 108.

A meeting of all men interested in track will be held in Memorial hall 102 next Thursday at 11 o'clock.

An important meeting of the Paladian boys will be held tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

The agricultural engineers' seminar meeting will be held this evening at 7:30 in the Agricultural Engineering building at the State Farm. G. L. Clark will speak on "The Rural Electric Light and Power Plant." Following this, Prof. L. E. Brackett will talk about "The Effect of Agricultural Implements Upon the Agricultural Products in the Past Twenty Years."

The University Dairy club will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in 108 Agricultural hall. An excellent program has been prepared which will be followed by a business meeting, when the officers for the present semester will be elected. Those submitted for membership will then be considered.

The classes in educational theory and practice will be this week in charge of Instructor Lantz. Prof. A. A. Reed will be at Dean Fordyce's desk, from 4 to 5 o'clock Tuesday and Thursday, and from 11 to 12 o'clock Wednesday and Friday.

There will be a special convocation by the Coburn players, Wednesday at 11 o'clock, in the Temple.

Bessey Memorial Fund

For some months the alumni of the University of Nebraska have been contributing to a fund, known as the Bessey memorial fund, in honor of Prof. Charles E. Bessey.

The proceeds of this memorial fund will be used under the direction of Mrs. Bessey to aid and encourage worthy students in botany. Not less than fifteen to twenty thousand dollars should be raised to establish these highly desirable and helpful fellowships and scholarships.

Members of the university faculty are now sending voluntary subscriptions to aid and encourage the alumni in their commendable undertaking. Substantial contributions are coming from this source.

When Bessey hall, now under construction, is dedicated, the scholarship fund and a memorial bronze tablet will be ready for formal presentation.

Will the person who took the wrong muff from the Comus club dance, bring it to the University Woman's building and exchange. 159-81-83.

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