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Where will Nebraska University entertain its high school athletes who are coming here from all over the state to the basketball tournament? The basketball high school tournament in the spring is one of the biggest athletic events of the year. Besides being a big athletic event it serves another purpose. One of the reasons for having the tournament here is to attract high school boys to the University and to get them interested in varsity athletics. Teams from more than one hundred towns send their men here. What have we to offer to arouse the enthusiasm of high school men for our school?

There is now the beginning of a nation-wide movement to promote school athletics. The war taught us many lessons, and among them that physical training plays a vital part in the welfare of a people. There is no better place to give such training than in the high schools and colleges. In the eyes of the high school boy the college that appeals to him most strongly of all is the one that has the most to offer in athletics. Every normal boy wants to be in athletics just as at some time of his life he wants to be a pirate, or a general, or the president of a bank. The difference in the two desires lies in the fact that he usually wants to be in athletics enough to make the effort. Regardless of how fine an institution we have, as concerns intellectual training, or vocational training, we will lose many of the finest young men of the state if we cannot offer them real college athletics.

Our gymnasium will not serve to aid us in getting the respect and backing of high school graduates. What difference can it make that we have a highly competent coaching staff, as long as other schools refuse to play on Nebraska ground, as Ames has just done? What kind of an inducement is that to offer? We loose prospective Cornhuskers.

Every year at the tournament scores of people are turned away. Many who otherwise would come, do not even make the effort, because they know how crowded and uncomfortable the accommodations are. We loose money, Nebraska athletics are at stake.

### THE TEST OF A MAN

(Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of Interior.)

The test is to be in peace what it was in the time of war. Are you fitted for the fight? The man who knew how knowledge could be converted into power was the man for whom there was unlimited call. So it is increasingly to be. To be useful is to be the test that society will put. Each man's rights are to be measured, not by what he has but by what he does with what he has. The honors—the Croix de Paix—the richest rewards will go to the capables, those who are not standardized into "men machines," those who dare to venture and learn to lead. But all must work, and this duty to work and respect for work should be the earliest lesson learned. And it should be taught in the school, not as a homily, but in a living way by tying work with instruction, making the thing learned to apply to something done. I should like to see the day when every child learned a trade while at school, trained his mind and his hand together, lifted labor into art by the application of thought. To be useful is the essence of Americanism, and against the undeveloped resources, whether it be land or man, the spirit of this country makes protest.

### HAND GRENADES

#### TWO'S COMPANY, 2,000 A CROWD

So Friend Tom took you to the basketball game the other night. And you, being a freshman, and never having attended a basketball game here at Nebraska, thought you were going on a nice, lady-like little spree, but how little did you dream of the true state of affairs!

The evening started inauspiciously with Tom's remark that you had never once been ready when he called for you. You stifle your rage, and strove to keep up with Tom's Stutz-like pace

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Sadly out of breath you reached the gym. The steps of the gym were rather crowded, but Tom heroically pushed his way through the people, and dragged you up the steps, two or three at a time.

However, at the top of the stairs all speed ceased. There was assembled, or rather congested, such a crowd as never before gathered in such a small space. Tom, who could see over most of the able, said that with the exception of about five square feet wherein the players were struggling, the crowd was equally dense. After remaining stationery in this oxygen-less place for about ten minutes, Tom suggested that you move. MOVE! You had no idea that motion was possible, but any change would be welcome. Tom is a strong man, and in some miraculous way, he succeeded in forging his way through the multitude unharmed, but your large hat suffered irreparable injuries, your vanity box was lost and you feet were utterly crushed.

Tom had discovered some seats somewhere in the region of the ceiling, and words are not vivid enough

to describe your ascent thereto. Tight skirts may be fashionable, but practical—never!! The first half of the game was over when you finally attained your exalted position.

The game proceeded without anything eventful transpiring. The crowd interfered with the players, and the players with the crowd, but fortunately no one was fatally injured. You wished you could condense yourself as does a folding-cup, but not being gifted with such powers you sat still and decided that Joan of Arc was not the only martyr worthy of sympathy.

After the game there was to be dancing, but dancing implies space in which to dance, and since there was no such space, there was no dancing.

You went home with a feeling of gratitude that you had escaped from the place alive. So the gym is called Memorial hall. Well, you surely hoped that it would soon be only a memory.

### SIGMA DELTA CHI HOLDS INITIATION AND BANQUET

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Harold Gerhart, '20, Newman Grove. During the evening plans were discussed for the coming publication of the "campus terror," the Evening Shun. The editor, Mr. I. Giva Damn, was elected, and assignments were given to the different members, care being taken, that no choice bit of scandal on the campus should escape the ever alert eyes and ears of the Shun reportorial staff. By way of explanation it may be said that the Evening Shun is a rare specimen of journalistic art, published by Sigma Delta Chi, and distributed annually at the university night performance. The paper has a word for all members of the student body and faculty who are alive and active enough to have their names thrust into prominence. The Shun slogan is, "do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing, if you want your name kept out of my columns."

The editors of the Awgwan gave short talks, describing the future plans for that magazine. Five more issues will be published during the college year, and a special effort will be made to make each succeeding number, outdo the others in point of excellence. The Awgwan staff is now well organized, after having overcome the difficulties of the first part of the year, and great things are to be looked for from this publication in the issues that are to come.

### CAMP DODGE TEAM

#### WORTHY OPPONENTS

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 clangs and the final count is chalked up on the score board. The Husker freshmen light out for Crete today and engage the Doane quintet this evening.

Saturday evening the festivities will open at 6:30 with the yearlings opposed to Coach Schissler's first year men from Wesleyan and the Dodge game and the dancing number round out the bill. Admission 50 cents. Football season tickets labeled No. 6 will be counted as good as any silver half dollar.

### FORDYCE EXPLAINS NEW PLAN

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tion of that adopted in New York several years ago.

The graduate seminar of the teachers' college, which gives part of its time to the study of current educational problems relating to the organization and administration of public schools, will on Friday evening, January 17, devote the evening to a discussion of the plan now in vogue in the high schools of Nebraska for the training of teachers for rural schools. "About 3000 new teachers are needed annually for our own rural schools; these are trained in the main in the high schools as the students trained in our colleges or normal schools take places in the graded schools.

"Years ago New York introduced into her high schools a plan of normal training for rural teachers; Nebraska soon followed by establishing normal training high schools, having now 219 such schools, 190 receiving state certificates; from these high schools 4,000 candidates will this year receive training, 2,000 of whom will enter upon rural school teaching next year.

"Superintendent J. F. Duncan of the state department of public instruction, is incorporating this year a new and improved plan of technical training for the rural teachers. It is this new plan that Mr. Duncan will put before consideration." the graduate seminar Friday night for

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