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ATHLETICS FOR EVERYONE.

Athletic Director Fred W. Luchring hopes to inaugurate a policy of "Athletics for everybody and every body for athletics," at the University. This is not only a possible feat, but is quite probable that it will be accomplished. A multitude of students who are mediocre athletes would like to participate in some form of athletics but do not have the ability to keep up with the trained track, football and basketball men. They have ability to a certain degree, but not in their own minds to that extent which would warrant them taking active part in college athletics. This would be remedied and a great deal of pleasure and profit would be forth coming if the students were compelled to take up some form of physical training in the numerous games which give opportunity for this training. At West Point the men are given an opportunity to take their choice of the branch of sports in which they will participate individually. The men may enter track, basketball, tennis, football, or any branch of standard athletics. This not only improves the men individually, but gives them an opportunity to rest their minds and indulge in their favorite sports. Too much study and too little real American outdoor exercise in the form of sports will tend to break down the health of a student. Late hours and numerous trips to the theater or dance are not recognized as recreation when they are too numerous. Outdoor exercise, fresh air and clean athletics will build up the student's body and the student body until the brand of men turned out by the school are such that it makes for a better school and a better state.

CONCENTRATION.

Concentration is the source of success in study. The ability to put one's mind to a task and do a thorough piece of thinking is an accomplishment that is rarely developed. Students feel that the art of "getting by" should be developed instead of the real art, that of concentration. More time is wasted and more work is done in the attempt to perfect this imperfect art of "getting by" in the studies than is really used up in school work. The training that the development of an ability to concentrate gives is the main part of a college education. The power to put the mind to work on a task and keep it there in spite of surrounding disturbances and temptations is a power that is the making of a great man. Slipshod work is easy to recognize and is seen on every hand, but real, thorough, intensive work is a rare thing to be held. A student goes to college primarily to get an education. The superficialities that he comes in contact with are too often emphasized while the primary object of his attendance at the institution, that of study, is minimized. It is the lack of will to work and to develop a power of concentration, to get down and dig out matters for one's self that permits these superficial parts of student life to get the upper hand and causes the loss of many valuable years.

CAMPUS CHRISTMAS TREE.

The All-University Christmas celebration planned for Wednesday evening is an innovation upon the campus which deserves the support of the student body. Contributions will be taken for a relief to be sent to the suffering students in Europe. The raising of this fund is endorsed by representatives of most of the University organizations.

People who argue that our own students need the money as badly as the European students do not know the conditions in Europe. The problem is not merely that of keeping a few young people in school, but is that of maintaining a valuable educational system. Industrial conditions in Europe are such that students can not work their way through school as we can in America. Many could not even obtain work if they left school.

The contributions asked for are individual rather than from organizations. There will be no competition in amounts contributed. Students are asked to give not for the applause of the multitude, but in the real

Christmas spirit, for the sake of suffering students. Many small contributions rather than a few large ones are wanted.

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS.

Indications are that the Cornhusker basket tossers have an interesting season before them. In the men that have been turning out for practice we have ample material for a good team. Schellenberg and a few other of our most dependable men last year are not here, but their places will be filled by men who played Freshman basketball last year. Those who are playing their second or third year of Cornhusker basketball can be expected to do better work than in previous seasons. Altogether, the prospect is that we will have fully as good a quintet this year as last.

Our quintet will have to play a stiffer schedule than usual. Besides the Missouri Valley Conference games we are scheduled to play some of the strongest of the Big Ten teams. Notre Dame is also included in the schedule. Now that we are in the Missouri Conference, an honor for our team to work for is the Missouri Valley championship. Nebraska has not held this for several years.

The first basketball events of the season are the closed games to be played with Colner and Wesleyan this week. These are preliminary to the regular schedule, which begins during Christmas vacation when our team goes to Illinois to play the University of Illinois, Northwestern and Illinois Wesleyan. The student body stands back of the team and is looking forward to a good season for Nebraska.

THRIFT MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

Leaders of thinking in the United States have come to the conclusion that to put this country on a sound economic basis the necessary thing to do is to remove the cause of the present economic conditions—in other words, to replace the extravagant habits of the American people with habits of thrift. The most definite step the government has taken in this direction is the issuance of Savings Securities. These will be augmented in 1921 by two new issues, a \$1 Savings Stamp and a \$25 registered Treasury Savings Certificate.

In issuing these Securities the government has two purposes, to obtain much-needed funds for the Treasury and to establish habits of thrift in the American people. For this reason loans are asked for in small amounts, the amounts that have been habitually squandered. School children in the grades all over the country have responded. It is probable that, if they have money to lend, there are University students who could follow their example. We University students think we are cutting down expenses to the bare necessities, but we have lived in extravagance so long that we have almost lost the power to distinguish between luxuries and necessities. The buying of Savings Securities is patriotic as well as profitable.

Greek Council Against High School Frats

At a meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Council, held Sunday afternoon in room 101, Law building, the high school fraternity question occupied the most prominent place on the program of discussion.

It was decided by that body that because, at the holiday time, boys in the various high schools throughout the state, where there were formerly fraternities, might have a tendency to form themselves into cliques and thus start anew the organizations again, this should be prevented if possible. Each delegate was asked to instruct the members of his fraternity to discourage these actions on the part of any high school groups with which they might come in contact.

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UNI NOTICES

Pre-Medic Basketball.
 All those Pre-Medics who are interested in a basketball team will please meet in Deasey Hall at 5 o'clock on Thursday, December 16. Will take up the matter of equipment and time for practice.

Square and Compass Club.
 Group B, Square and Compass Club, will meet Wednesday, December 15, at 7 p. m. in room 209, Social Science Hall.

Tuesday Vespers.
 Vespers will be held at 5 o'clock, Tuesday, December 14, at Ellen Smith Hall.

PENN STATTE WRESTLERS TO MEET WESTERNERS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 13.—Pennsylvania State College wrestlers will probably meet two middle western opponents this winter. A match with Iowa State College has already been scheduled to take place at Ames, Iowa, March 26, and arrangements are being made for a meet with Indiana University during the same week.

MARGARET PERRY ON LON GCONCERT TOUR

Margaret Perry, '20, returned Saturday from a concert tour through Canada and the Northwest, including engagements at Seattle and at the Washington State College. Three Lincoln violinists of note, and former University students, were in her company. They are: Helen Chase, '12; Helen Mueller, ex-'22, and Grace Morley. The company will leave for Toronto January 5 and is planning an extensive tour through eastern Canada, traveling down the Atlantic seaboard to the South during the winter months.

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PERSONALS

Ione Benson, '23, and Dorothy Ann Gleason, '22, spent the weekend at Sterling.

Maybelle Truesher, assistant instructor of dramatics, left last Wednesday for her home in Brocton, Mass. Ill health has forced her to temporarily discontinue her University work.

Latta Watson, ex-'23, and Marien Riese, ex-'22, are expected home Friday from Pine Manor, Wellesley, Betty Brown and Olive Ladd will come a day later.

Margaret Howell, ex-'23, who is attending Miss Finch's finishing school in New York City, will leave for home Friday.

Rachel Trester, '20, attending Smith this year, will start home Saturday for the holidays.

Frank Watson, senior at Yale, will arrive in Lincoln Sunday. William Atker, who is a law student at Harvard, will spend the holidays with a friend in New Hampshire.

Dorothy Teal, ex-'23, who is attending Rockford College this year, will spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Teal.

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