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**Our Part In the Big Tournament**

Today between fifteen hundred and two thousand high school students of Nebraska are coming to Lincoln for the biggest high school basketball tournament in the world.

Just how many of these athletes and visitors will choose Nebraska University for their alma mater depends largely on the students who have already made the choice. Many of the contestants in the basketball festival which will engage our attention until Saturday night have never been on our campus before. First impressions are lasting.

University buildings will be open for inspection all during the tournament and it is hoped that a large number of the high school men will take advantage of the opportunity to become acquainted with the many advantages offered here. But there are many who will not take the necessary step unless there are University students to direct. For this reason every one should be on the alert to guide and assist the visitors around the campus. Courtesy counts.

If the buildings are open for inspection, no less will the students be inspected by hundreds of prep students who have only hazy ideas of what a college student is like. False and damaging reports, it is known, have in the past been circulated concerning the character of student activities at Nebraska. Actions speak louder than words, and one action which in any way bears out these false impressions will be remembered vividly. In a like manner actions of the right kind will do more for the benefit of the school than volumes of newspaper stories telling of athletics or other activities of merit.

Teams from "the home town" will no doubt receive attention but let the teams from the other fellow's "home town" not be neglected. Many teams will be eliminated tomorrow, others on Friday, and student organizations will not be able to entertain these men during all their leisure hours. Individual effort is needed to make the Lincoln visit memorable and worthwhile.

Fraternities have responded royally to the call for housing facilities. The "N" club has admirably arranged for a smooth-sailing system of timing and scoring. Plans have been made by the Y. M. C. A. to meet the visiting teams at the station today. Let there be no slackers in our whole-hearted effort to boost Nebraska.

Editors over the state are heartily endorsing the plan to have Nebraska's poet laureate, John G. Neihardt, offered a place on the Nebraska University faculty to keep him in Nebraska.

Among the editorial comments which have appeared lately are the following which are representative others which are not reprinted because of lack of space.

Central City Republican: Poet Neihardt should be made a member of the University faculty. His artistic genius well qualifies him for the recognition. Economic conditions are crowding our education system into the mould of practical application for material gain and the state must act if the finer arts are not to drop into obscurity.

Saline County Democrat: In all universities in the world belles lettres is taught; why not in ours? Neihardt is today poet laureate of Nebraska, so let him create some new genius.

Columbus Telegram: Neihardt is

as essential to the growth of artistic genius in the youth of Nebraska as an agricultural college is necessary to the growth of scientific farming in Nebraska. Neihardt belongs to Nebraska and should not be permitted to leave Nebraska. Other universities are bidding for Neihardt; Nebraska should keep him at any price.

Gering Midwest: Nebraska's contributions to literature and art have been many and notable, yet Nebraskans as a whole have given its writers and artists little recognition. The proposal to make Neihardt a member of the University faculty should be acted upon favorably. He would exert a wholesome influence upon the student body and it would be an inspiration to other writers and artists.

**Notices**

(Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office by five o'clock.)

**Lutheran Club.**  
Lutheran Club initiation Friday, March 11. Meet at Terminal building at 7:15 p. m. Bring a cup.

**Sigma Gamma Epsilon.**  
Open meeting Sigma Gamma Epsilon Thursday at 7:30, Y. M. C. A. room, Temple building.

**Kansas Students.**  
There will be a meeting of the Kansas club Wednesday, March 14, the last meeting is postponed.

**Palladian.**  
Palladian open meeting, Palladian hall, Girls program, Saturday, March 10.

**Girls' Commercial Club.**  
Mrs. Grace Trout of the Harry Rathburn Company at the Girls' Commercial club Wednesday at 5:00 at Ellen Smith hall.

**Rifle Teams.**  
Rifle team pictures will be retaken Thursday as follows: Girls rifle team, 3 p. m.; men's rifle team, 3:30 p. m. In uniforms at Nebraska hall.

**Kappa Phi.**  
Kappa Phi meeting of March 2 postponed until March 9.

**Class of '19.**  
All alumnae of the class of '19 of Lincoln High School are urged to be at an important meeting at the High School Room 215 Friday.

**Rifle Teams**  
It will be necessary to take the pictures of the men's rifle team taken last week. These pictures were not satisfactory. The girls team will meet at 3 p. m. and the men's at 3:30 p. m. in the previous picture.

**Girls' Commercial Club**  
Mrs. Lucinda Prince of the Prince School of Educational Store Service of Boston will speak at Ellen Smith Hall Wednesday under the auspices of the Girls' Commercial Club.

**Calendar**

Wednesday, March 7.  
Girls Commercial club at 5 at Ellen Smith hall.

Green Goblin meeting at 7:15 at Pi Kappa Phi house.

**Loving Cups Have Fallen from Grace**

"This ancient silver bowl of mine, it tells of good old times, of joyous days, and jolly nights, and merry Christmas chimes."

This verse was brought to mind by a very melancholy incident the other evening. I saw hid far away in the rubbish heap and ancient and honorable loving cup. It was a real loving cup. A product of the days when a loving cup was something useful and not merely a pretty engraved ornament. This was a masculine-looking affair. It was big and solid and looked as if it would hold a considerable amount of celebration. It did not have dainty handles and artistic lines but we will surmise that loving cup did more good in a single night of use than one of the modern sort does in its effeminate and ornamental lifetime.

What is more pathetic than an athletic team bringing the cup to the school or the individual bringing it to his home and then putting it on the shelf to be shown to visitors? In the famous "good old days" all was different. In those days athletic victories were really celebrated and the loving cup fulfilled a useful and frequent part in the ceremony. How it must have seemed to have the historic bowl passed round and round mid the songs of the participants. How the heart of the loving cup must have filled with joy when it realized the wonderful service it was performing.

But now evil days have fallen upon the race of loving cups. Thank goodness as yet no one has descended so low that he has dared to fill it with insipid milk or still worse grape juice. We wonder why cups are still given. Embroidered dollies would be more appropriate.

Bringing back the remembrance of a deed that has caused world-wide comment, Col. A. S. Rowan, the man who carried the "Message to Garcia," will address the officers and students of the University of California tomorrow at 4 o'clock in Wheeler auditorium.

Elbert Hubbard has immortalized Colonel Rowan in his famous "A Message to Garcia," written on February 22, 1899, during the Spanish-American war. Over forty million copies of "A Message to Garcia" have been printed, a larger circulation than any other literary venture has ever attained during the lifetime of an author, in all history.

Colonel Rowan's trip through Cuba during trying times, to find General Garcia and deliver an important dispatch to him, is the subject matter of the booklet, but the latter is more than a mere narrative of Colonel Rowan's shrewdness and daring—it is a preachment which bears an important message.

President McKinley merely said to Rowan "Carry this message to Garcia," and without the multitude of questions which usually accompany such a command Rowan did his work quietly and efficiently. Obeying the

creed of the soldier, "Not to reason why," Rowan carried his message to Garcia.

Hubbard says "It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this or that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them, to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing—'Carry a message to Garcia.'" Colonel Rowan's address will be open to the public.—Daily Californian.

Plans and specifications for the main concrete superstructure of the Stadium are being prepared by the Stadium commission and will be completed within the next few weeks. This means that bids will probably be called for by the first of March.

It is estimated that the bids for the superstructure will be about \$415,000. The present contract is for \$335,000 and includes all of the excavations, embankments, and sub-structural concrete elements.—The Daily Californian.

Speaking of the minor sports, pitching quoits has been introduced at the University of Texas to satisfy a demand by farmers for something they knew.

Oregon Agricultural College has a woman it wants to match with Tutankh-Amen as the longest keeper of secrets. This Miss Andrews has been a Mrs. for eight months to the knowledge of but one co-ed—Miss Andrews.

One of the points brought forward to induce the co-eds of Northwestern University to join the rifle corps was that the experience gained would be a valuable asset in married life.

Those youngsters who climb out on the girders above the floor at the gymnasium should keep their feet on terra firma, believes the Purdue Exponent. What would they think if they had seen the Missouri-Kansas crowd.

A hick town is a place where everybody calls Central to ask where the fire is.

It is possible to get alcohol out of all woods except, perhaps, Holly wood.



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