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DEBATING.

teams which have spent weeks in anonymously. preparation and to take part in an open forum discussion will be afford- To the Editor:

of the student body as it does in cepting literary societies, is highly fifty thousand dollars he would be a remains that the students do allow much less than fifty years. Fifty thy with the ideals of the school. The not be printed. an opportunity to slip by when they fail to properly support debating.

Debating should be of just as much value to the student as athletics. It undoubtedly embodies more of the true spirit of an institution of learning than does athletics. Certainly it is not a tenable contention that activities which tend to raise physical standards are more worthy of support than those which raise intellectual standards.

A CAMPUS LITERARY PUBLICA-TION

In the last issue of the first volume of the McGill Daily Literary Supplement, the editors reiterate the principles which guided them in their selection of material. Part of the statement is as follows:

"Althoug we have not presumed to be didactic, and have come forward with no optimistic and inspiring message nor boasted that anyone would rise a better man for reading what we have written, we have endeavoured to provide a medium through which students have been able to voice their literary aspirations and personal opinions. Student points of view of a widely divergent character have appeared in our columns, and there has been no attempt to restrict contributors by the imposition of creed or definite dogma. We have offered a place where those who desired to do so have been able to write freely on questions of taste, however unorthodox their opinions may have been. Nevertheless orthodoxy has also been permitted whenever it was cleverly done. It seems to be true, though perhaps unfortunate, that the students with the more ordinary, and perhaps safer and saner ideas, have been unable to clothe them in any distinctive (rarely even in any presentable) garb, with the lamentable result that they have had to give place to men of radical views or of no views at all, but who can write entertainingly.

There is no opportunity for expression of opinion at Nebraska as is had at McGill. The Daily Nebraskan is primarily a newspaper, and its policy in the past has been to confine its contents to news stories and editorials. The Awgwan is a hash of three-line jokes. Other publications are technical, and for the members of the different colleges alone. The question is whether such a thing as a literary supplement or

magazine of some kind is desirable. Before making a decision on a matter of this kind, it is necessary to discover first the principles which govern a University training in order to determine whether such a publication is a contribution to education. The general opinion is that an education should-in theory, at least teach students how to think for themselves; it should make their lives fuller and richer. The virtue of university training lies not in the en-Eyclopedic knowledge of specific facts acquired, but in mental disci-pline, acquisition of an appreciation of the arts—an appreciation which will make life a better thing.

The particular virtue of such an egun as the McGill literary supple-ent is that it makes the student

the peculiar am immeasurable joy sympathize with its principles.

act article they read, but as they look gerous possibility it should be at be able to keep from getting some intention, I understand, of the memfor what James Hunekler called the notion, means stirring up riots, revo-Seven Arts. The printing of some lutions, and civil wars. The Uniliterary supplement would promote the past in commendable efforts to the purposes of the university in its prevent students thinking, and had attempt to educate students.

Student Opinion

The only opportunity of the year for any reason seem undesirable, picions of the reporter as to his for University students to hear an Except by special arrangements, originality, well knowing that if important question debated by picked communications cannot be published signs of originality were discovered

students in the ability of forming be overthrown by any Bolshevistic-and expressing their own theories. ally-minded upstart who enters the

of seeing one's own composition in A university society without digprint would supply the necessary nity is unthinkable. All our societies-Palladian, Innocents, etc.-If such a publication existed, some have a certain dignity about them students, at least, would form and which is fostered and approved of express an opinion; they would be by the University officials. Then, fulfilling one of the purposes of the too, while the organization mentioninstitution—training in thinking. For ed is not radical, although it is vaunt-the great majority whowould not ed as such, yet it has potentialities editorial office, U Hall 10, by 4:00 write, even for them there is some-thing to be got in the way of stim-radical at the present date, yet at ulus. Not only do they face the ne- some time in the future it may becessity of making a decision on each come so, and to eliminate this danover such a publication, they will not once suppressed.' It is the avowed kind of appreciation, however slight, bers to think. Thinking, in their sort of paper such as the McGill versity has engaged several times in succeeded pretty well until this scurvy society appeared, with the principal campus radicals in its train, as it were.

The disappointing interview which The Daily Nebraskan assumes no Jeremy's special reporter had with responsibility for the sentiments ex- the radical (or "original") member pressed by correspondents, and re- merely shows that the members of ning at 8 o'clock in Temple 202. The serves the right to exclude any com- this strange secret society are clever. program will be given by old memmunication whose publication may He succeeded in disarming the susby the authorities, they would this evening at 7:30 in Faculty Hall promptly be suppressed. He threw of the Temple. the investigator totally off the scent ed by the Nebraska-Iowa debate to The position taken by Jeremy in by giving the impression that he was be held in the Temple this evening. his letter, which is aptly directed stupid, and not a bit radical. As to Debating in the University does against one of the most useless or- the disappointing Socialist: while he Upsilon Friday at 12 o'clock in the not receive the support and interest ganizations on the campus, not ex- admitted, it is said, that if he had Home Management House. smaller schools. This is partly ac-commendable. He is right; we must Republican, yet he has not the fifty counted for by the fact that athlet- not allow our institution to become thousand. That much is obvious. ics play a more important part in stu-undermined by vilely socialistic doc- Hence he is at present a Socialist, cieties must pay for the space in the dent life here than in the smaller trines. Our customs have, for the and being a Socialist rather than a Cornhusker which they have reservinstitutions. Nevertheless, the fact most part, been established for not good Republican, he is not in sympa- ed by March 25 or their picture will

flaccid review of classroom work, but years is a reasonable age 101 to an array of opinions which are pubtoms, however much they might be train business men, and a Socialist Theta Sigma Phi will meet at 7:15 will not be a business man. Hence Thursday evening in Ellen Smith flaccid review of classroom work, but years is a reasonable age for cus- main aim of the University is to lished because they are interestingly scorned as infants by some of the put. Such a publication is not only Eastern colleges. Such venerable and the University is wasting its time and hall. interesting to read, but it also trains useful customs we cannot allow to money in attempting to cultivate

The material would have to be sup- University and attempts to take all pected of everyone, and these mon- be taken Thursday at 12 o'clock at plied by the students themselves, and it can give him, while refusing to the peculiar am immeasurable joy sympathize with its principles.

-RICHARD E.

Notices

All notices for this column must

Big Sister Tea. The Big Sister Advisory Board will give a tea for all Big Sisters Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall. All Big Sisters are urged to come, especially those who intend to continue the work next year.

Student Council. Student Council meeting Friday at o'clock in U Hall 102.

There will be a meeting of the Delian Literary Society Friday evebers and the public is invited.

Christian Science Society. Christian Science Society meeting

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Regular business meeting of Phi

All organizations, clubs and so

Rifle Team Picture. The picture of the rifle team will

Varsity Baseball Members of the Varsity baseball squad are expected to be ready for practice at 3:00 daily at the Armory.

Freshman practice will be announce

Meeting of the Komensky Club Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Faculty Hall of the Temple.

Komensky Club.

Ag College Students. Ag Cóllege Mixer Saturday evening at the Ag College Cafeteria in the Home Economics building. Girls' Commercial Club.

Girls' Commercial Club will hold a mixer at Ellen Smith Hall Friday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. There will be initiation of new members at 5 o'clock and dinner at 6 o'clock. All members are urged to come.

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