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"GIVE THEM AN INCH . . ."

Do athletes lead in brains?  
Mr. Fred H. Turner, assistant dean of men at the University of Illinois, declares that they do. He cites figures to prove his assertion, and assures the readers of a recent article in the Big Ten Weekly that his figures were not doctored or subjected to a sleight of hand performance.

Here are the comparisons Mr. Turner makes between students engaged in various undergraduate activities:

"In the five year period, the averages of the men taking part in the eight branches of extra-curricular activities ranked as follows: The members of the Y. M. C. A. cabinets were first, and the managers of the athletic teams were a close second. Then came the cinder path artists, the members of the track team. The Student Union officers were just below the trackmen, and a fraction of a point under the Union officers were the basketball tossers. And in the sixth place, the literary geniuses of the Student Daily barely topped the men who played baseball and football. Not such a bad showing, when you stop to consider again that in one case, high scholarship is required in the election of participants, while in the other a reasonable and average grade combined with ability in the sports are the basis for the selection.

"In three out of the five years the track men beat the editors and the Union officers. The baseball team topped the Union officers one year, and the following year surpassed the editors. Even the football team managed to top the editors in two out of the five years. The basketball men beat the Union officers for three years, and the editors for two more. And in the five years, there was some spectacular semester averages made by track and basketball teams. On two different occasions, the track men were far above the managers, the editors and the Union officers. The basketball team in 1921-22 stepped out and completely snowed under the Y. M. C. A., the managers, the editors, and the Union officers in the first semester, and retained their lead over the Union officers and the editors in the second semester."

Mr. Turner's conclusion that the "athletes lead in brains" may be true so far as the University of Illinois is concerned, but no statistics are needed to convince the average Nebraska student that such as not

the case on this campus. Although we are reasonably faithful readers of the sports pages, we did not notice a single familiar name from the athletic world when we saw the list of new Phi Beta Kappa members. Nor have the athletes who have been in classes with us during the past few years distinguished themselves to any marked extent by their scholastic ability.

As to the charges that Y. M. C. A. cabinet members, student editors, and others have poorer averages, we are not so certain. There is good reason to believe that students who spend their extra time using their heads are less prepared for mental exertion in class than those who devote their time to muscular exercise. But nevertheless, the recently appointed Phi Beta Kappa list contained the names of two former editors of The Daily Nebraskan, some Y. M. C. A. cabinet officials, several women prominent in Y. W. C. A. affairs and other such activities.

Furthermore, Nebraska is not the only school which differs from Illinois. An editorial in The Ohio State Lantern says: "Now we have made no laborious research concerning the grades of athletes. But we have been in classes with athletes, and we have observed some few things during our years in college. And on the strength of this observation, we need more proof than that furnished by Mr. Turner's article, to bring us to the belief that 'Athletes Lead in Brains.'"

Now The Nebraskan has no grudge against athletes. Taken as a whole, they are easier to get along with than the leaders of religious organizations, scholastic societies, etc. Those whom we have known most intimately, are really more intelligent than their grades indicate. But they receive more cheers than any other group on the campus, so why should they attempt to rob the scholar of the small honors which fall to his lot?

If a halfback makes a touchdown at the crucial moment, thirty thousand people rise to their feet and nearly cause a six-story concrete structure to rock with their applause. But when a Nebraskan news editor works until 1 o'clock to get the paper out, and then stays up the remainder of the night to write a philosophy paper, he doesn't hear a single word of praise. And when a young man hangs up a scholastic average of 94.5 for four years of college work, a few students shake hands with him when they see a little key on his watch chain, but the majority completely ignore him. The athletes are down-right stingy, when they attempt to rob their humble classmates of these meager honors.

And while on the subject of grades it might be well to add that the average, well-painted, short-skirted, frivolous-minded, bob-haired, silly coed, usually has a far better record for scholarship than the average athlete, or the average Y. M. C. A. leader, or the average business manager, or the average editor.

CORRECTION

The Daily Nebraskan wishes to call attention to a mistake made in the heading of an article in the April 15 issue. The headline above a write-up of the commencement activities of the Agricultural High School gave a false impression that the commencement exercises were for the College of Agriculture. It was the School of Agriculture which held its final exercises Wednesday.

Local Item

Clark Smaha, newly elected basketball captain of the University of Nebraska, holds fifth place this year in the valley scoring record with 115 points.

WE SECOND THE MOTION!

The courts have held in some cases that it is illegal for a newspaper to advocate a boycott. We are confident, however, that neither the courts, the faculty members, or the good citizens of Nebraska, will object to this newspaper's encouragement of a boycott such as the following editorial from The Oregon Daily Emerald discusses:

Recently two University students were engaged in casual conversation. Said one to the other, "What grades did you get last term?" In reply, "I passed seven hours of V and flunked eight hours." Queried the first student, "Didn't you study any?" "No," answered the other, "I didn't crack a

book all term." The first reaction to an incident such as this is one of severe condemnation of the student that has

achieved these poor grades. This man, we would say on first thought, has wasted his own time and money and has wasted the advantages that the state has so generously bestowed upon him; and such a man should

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