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A STEP FORWARD

A new sport schedule for the University of Nebraska is the startling news announced rather suddenly and without warning from the Athletic Department late yesterday afternoon. After this year, the Missouri Valley Conference is extinct. Which is as it should be. Plans for the new conference show it to be far superior to the old one; in fact, the best thing which could have happened for the schools concerned in this radical change.

Under the plans for next year, Grinnell, Drake, Oklahoma Aggies, and Washington University will not appear as contenders for the Missouri Valley championship. No name, however, has been selected for the colleges in the new conference, the details of which appear on page 1 of this paper.

The whole affair has been announced very diplomatically. Six schools: Nebraska, Kansas, Kansas Aggies, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Iowa State announce their withdrawal from the old conference after this year, along with their intention of forming a new combination. Absolute authority has been given for the publication of this statement, as the announcement of each school to enter into the agreement has been made after the proper recognition of the authorities in charge.

Three reasons for the change have been announced:

First, that the present conference is too large. Ten schools are unable to play each other, while under the new system this is remedied. This means that no tangles, such as the Oklahoma Aggie championship of last year, will result.

Second, that the difficulty of arranging satisfactory schedules is eliminated. In the past, a school the size of Nebraska did not draw a large crowd for its smaller games, which cut down on gate receipts considerably. And then, there was seldom any question about the outcome of such games.

Third, the old round-robin method took the athletes away from classes too much. Athletes during basketball season would be gone half a week at a time to play several teams. This injured their scholastic records more than was justifiable.

A model athletic conference is the result of the new system. No other major group of athletic teams in the country has a complete round-robin schedule such as this "no name" conference proposes. In the Big Ten, four years elapse before each team has met each member of the combination. Questions of leadership cannot be undisputedly settled in that fashion.

Herbert Gish, acting director of athletics, has been appointed temporary chairman of the new conference. This is probably in recognition of his work in perfecting the system, as it has been largely through his efforts that such a conference exists.

Perhaps this abrupt end of the Missouri Valley Conference will not meet with the approval of some of its other members. From every standpoint, however, the new system presents advantages over the old one, and the University of Nebraska is proud to be one of the instigators of such a plan.

THE STUDENT DRAMATISTS

"Alias the Deacon", "Lilliom", "Old English", "The Devil and the Cheese", "Tommy", "Two Girls Wanted", "Hamlet" and "Rip Van Winkle" may be a conglomeration of mere words to most of us, but they present, authoritative advice says, some of New York's big "stage hits". And these are the plays to be presented by the University Players, a group of striving dramatists selected from the dramatic department, with special preference given to experienced seniors.

The significant in plays have been given by these Players for eleven years and they have been successful, on the whole. Whether this twelfth season will be another link in enriching the dramatic repute of our school remains to be seen. Plays were weighed, tested and changed interminably before this final list was stamped with approval. Broadway's offerings were scanned with a critical eye.

The special matinee for students is being continued this year. For thirty-four and three-eighths cents a performance even the skeptics should give the eight plays a trial view. The Temple Theater seats 620. Whether the five performances of the eight plays to be given will be enjoyed (let us hope) by a full house depends largely upon the student backing.

"It's fun being in a play", a student was heard to remark. It may be fun (although all plays are not overflowing with humor and love-making), but it is fun tempered with hard work, along with its mental tax. One must give even the devil his due, let alone a group plowing ahead rehearsing night in and night out.

No contention is being flavored with superlatives that each performance will be perfection itself. This perfection, our college education has taught us, does not exist. These Players will do their best or they will not be doing at all in the final performances. If the University Players show themselves deserving, we should back them with the old football spirit and benefit not only the dramatic department but also the School of Fine Arts which is foreign to a great many of even our better colleges.

The words of the critics on the Lincoln papers carry weight:

To quote the Lincoln State Journal of last December 19: "The Temple Theater was crowded as usual and the audience appeared to be delighted with the artistic nature of the presentation."

That the Lincoln Daily Star of February 11: "It's

a most finished production that Miss Howell's players are giving again Friday and Saturday evenings, and even the high standing of her amateur performers is topped by "Craig's Wife."

The wife of one of our esteemed Deans wrote the business manager of the Players: "Please reserve the same two seats for next year's course—We have never enjoyed the plays more than this winter—Fine."

The ticket campaign starts Monday morning. How will the student sale turn out?

A NO. 1

One hesitates to say anything about football in the editorial column. It is so easy for others to speak of a "bonfire editor" in that over-bearing, supercilious manner affected by the disinterested. And then everybody is talking football anyway.

But football is part of college life. Whatever objections may be lodged against it, it holds a charm, a thrill, which keeps some fifty students working two or three hours a day and draws spectators by the thousands for a game. Even the varsity-freshmen game yesterday drew an interested crowd.

Most interesting was the apparently early season development of Nebraska's famous spirit. Since the University has grown so large, there has been a tendency for spirit to develop slowly, not attaining any great degree of power until the end of the season.

Yesterday, the crowd showed, by its size and pep, that it was genuinely interested. Significant, indeed, was the driving power the varsity showed. Nebraska has a tough schedule ahead. But she has a wealth of material. Yesterday the team had all the scrap, the vim, the co-ordinated punch, that makes the difference between a close game and a clean-cut victory.

It is a characteristic that gives football its zest. It was the spirit, that if continued, will enable Husker fans to point with satisfaction to the score-board at the end of the season.

Although our own illustrious Instructor Jensen was dropped from the University of Nebraska faculty last June 3, the news did not wander into the papers until this week-end. Several cub reporters missed a good story for the state papers when the action was taken over three months ago. But now the news is somewhat stale. Especially when Mr. Jensen is in Europe.

Take notice, anti-militarists and over-zealous friends of Mr. Jensen, that this is not intended to be the beginning of another military discussion. It is merely a statement of fact and criticism of faulty newspaper reporting.

THE SPECTATOR

It being bad form in our day to issue one's own pamphlet (consider what occurred when a Mr. Jensen last year came out in print). I have been fortunate enough to secure space in the Editorial Columns of this Publication, for the results of my Observations as a Spectator. I must thank the Editor for allowing me to remain anonymous, which is without doubt an Advantage, although it is not unanimously approved among Men.

When I consider how Literary Activity seems to have degenerated within the last two Years, I bethink me that perhaps the Campus is intellectually dead, a thesis often heard but one which I hesitate to believe. My melancholy in this respect is occasioned, I confess, by my recent inspection of the files of the Daily Nebraskan for the collegiate Year 1924-25. There I found in concrete form the Indications of an intellectual activity on the Campus, viz., the column bearing the name, Olympian Stuff, written by one Claire Montesrey.

Ah, but Claire Montesrey is dead. It has always seemed to me one of the greatest mishaps that could befall the Campus, the death of Claire Montesrey. His was a spirit of Nobility and Grand Egoism, and he stormed his way over and about the Campus until he met the one Obstacle he could not surmount. He was discharged from the Daily Nebraskan. Poor Claire Montesrey is dead, and with him died that immortal set of Contributors to his Column, those contributors who so nobly upheld the Tradition that Literary Activity should go on; with Claire Montesrey died Celia and Pod, Ra, Theodosia, Boswell, J. A. J., Don Juan, and Satyrus. What chords of memory strike those names!

Doubtless there live but few today who can call to memory Montesrey and his companions. For the rest, I refer them to the files of the Daily Nebraskan for 1924-25, where they will find the writings of him, who clothed as the best of London fops, The tall and handsome, dashing Montesrey, Trots past, on his way to lunch. (Montesrey insisted that his name be pronounced Mopps.)

But perhaps it is unwise to weep too profoundly for the Death of Montesrey. The Rumor is about the Campus that the Monocle Club, an organization of strange or eccentric poets, is to return once more. I have heard it said in Taverns and in Moons that a Fellow named Gaffney, who has been honored President of the Monocle Club since time beyond the Memory of man, has ordered his Forces about him for a revival of his Organization. It has fallen to the lot of another Spectator to discourse upon the various Manners of Clubs and Societies, and therefore I content myself with expounding the short but interesting History of the Monocle Club, for if I should attempt to describe all the Societies on the Campus I should write indeed a very bad paper.

The Club was founded during the Golden Age of Montesrey of which I treated above. The Records and the Surviving Members do not divulge that Montesrey himself was a member, but a Fellow named Card, known as a Wild Young Radical, and another Man called Gaffney, who was known as a st!! Wilder Young Radical, were the principal Organizers. Mr. Gaffney is the only surviving member.

During the First Stages of the Monocle Club Messrs Gaffney and Card were careful to wear monocles, and it will be remembered that on one occasion the Club gave a Dinner at the Hotel Lincoln, to which each member attended with a monocle and cane. Now it happened that the Club was using the columns of the Daily Nebraskan to announce its many meetings, Dinners, and Social Affairs. The Dean believed this should cease, and when Mr. Card remonstrated that other organizations such as Churches, not recognized as Student Activities, used the Daily Nebraskan for announcements, the Dean replied: "That is another matter and we will speak no more about it."

But in due Time the Club presented its petition for recognition as a Student Activity, and after the passage of some Days Mr. Card was informed by the Dean of Women that the Committee on Student Affairs had rejected the Club as a Useless Society. It was always Mr. Card's habit to remonstrate, and therefore he observed that the Monocle Club was surely as useful as certain other organizations on the campus, which he named. "That," said the Dean, "is another matter and we will speak no more about it."

This then is the History of the Monocle Club. I shall be interested in observing the new attempts of the Club to be officially recognized, and I commend it to every Alert Student, that he too follow the Queer Actions of this Queer Organization.

Notices

Sophomore Managers  
All sophomores wishing to act as football managers this season should report at the stadium as soon as possible. Senior and junior managers will be there to meet those who turn out.

Scabard and Blade  
Scabard and Blade meeting will be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening September 27 in Nebraska Hall 205. All members be present.

Cosmopolitan Club  
The first meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club of the University will be held Sunday, Sept. 26, 202 Temple Building, from 3 until 6 p. m. All members of last year come prepared to pay \$2.00 per semester dues. Prospective members, or those who are interested and think they would like to join the club, are also invited.

SIX VALLEY TEAMS FORM CONFERENCE

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chairman, Dean W. G. Manley of Missouri secretary.

With the formation of this league athletic officials think it will be the model athletic conference of the country. Each team will be able to meet conference teams at least once a year and there will be no long trips with two or three games on a trip.

The Missouri Valley conference was founded as an athletic conference when representatives from the schools of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Washington University met at Kansas City on January 12, 1907. At a later meeting which was held on February 16, 1907, Washington, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri entered the conference and as Nebraska did not attend the meeting it did not enter until at a later date. Later Iowa University withdrew and entered the Big Ten and in 1919 Nebraska withdrew for a year and then reentered again until the present time.

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Austin Goth, Red Cloud; Glenn Hedlund, Chappell; and Elvin Frolk, De Witt. The team will stop over at Ames, Ia., for a brief workout at the Agricultural College there before going on to Waterloo.

In October the team will compete in the National Dairy Show at Memphis, Tennessee. Teams from twenty-eight or thirty schools from over the United States will compete in this contest.

Margenau Visits Campus

Henry Margenau, who was granted a master's degree in the department of physics here, visited the campus this week before leaving for Yale University, where he will study under a scholarship.

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