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THE NEBRASKAN wants to raise an objection right here, to the amount of the initiation fee provided for in the new constitution. One dollar is entirely too much. What does membership amount to anyway, in our Athletic association? Simply the right to vote. And if there was not a political scrap of some kind on hand, the membership would amount to nothing. What privileges have those enjoyed who paid their initiation fee last fall? When the foot ball was brought upon the field, did they have a right to punt it more often than the fellow who did not join the association—not that anybody noticed. Have they any privileges to enter contests, use apparatus, etc., which are not enjoyed by every student?

This is an evil that should be corrected at once. Members of the Athletic association should see that they are to enjoy some of the privileges of membership.

If the Athletic association wants a donation of one dollar from every one, let them ask us for it, and not deceive the giver by granting him something which he is not to receive.

We do not mean to speak ill in any way of the Athletic association, but we ask the students to correct this evil. Let membership to our Athletic association mean something beside the right to vote in a "political scrap."

LAST Sunday Prof. Adams delivered a lecture before the Christian Association on "Justice." He spoke of many different kinds of injustice, especially applying his subject to student life, but there is one form of injustice which he seemed to omit almost purposely. That is the injustice of students to professors.

The student is pleased to think and say that he comes constantly in contact with some of the strongest and most cultured minds. Most students try to take work under as many different professors as possible in order to get the personal influence of a greater number of educated men. Yet there is a deplorable tendency among students to be unjust to professors in many ways. Not so much in mean, contemptible little tricks and deceptions which any true student would scorn to indulge in, but in matters which not only hurt the student but often the professor as well.

Wherever a band of students is discussing a professor, it is the exception to hear his good qualities mentioned, while if he has any weak point, any peculiarity,

in fact any individuality, these matters are given an abundant amount of attention. If a professor is a little slow he is a "fossil," no matter what his ability and refinement is. If he is enthusiastic he is a "crank." If he is deep and studious he is "dry." The weak points obscure all the sense. The peculiarities become jests rather than the noble traits become objects of commendation.

Not only is the professor done an injustice by this, his reputation belittled, and his work retarded, but the student who indulges in this treatment of his professor is showing a depraved taste, is living on the husk and wasting the kernel, is treating his professor as he would not think of treating his friends, is in fact cutting off the limb on which he is sitting, between himself and the tree.

LAST week sixty-five students completed a two weeks' course in the science of meteorology under Professor Swezey. The institution consisted of lectures on the use of the instruments used in the work of the weather service and practical lessons in weather forecasting.

This is a step in the right direction. Too many intelligent people make skeptical remarks about the forecasts issued daily from the weather office. Telegraphic data of the meteorological conditions in all parts of the country is received daily at the university weather station. This is placed upon maps which are posted at convenient points. With a little instruction any one with ordinary intelligence might make his own forecast from this data, which is no more nor less than the official forecaster at the office uses.

There are also many things interesting and instructive to be learned about the great work that the United States weather service is now doing. The lead that Professor Swezey has made should be followed up and this subject added, as an elective, to the curriculum next year.

OUR students are all ready to stand up for our representative who has been treated in such a shabby manner by the Oratorical association. It would be an empty honor indeed to win the laurels at a state contest and then for the victor to find it necessary to pay his own expenses as Nebraska's delegate to the inter-state contest. No one can condemn Mr. Wing for taking the position he has. At any rate he has secured himself. If the amount of the proceeds from to-night's entertainment is not enough to get the association out of debt, the various colleges which compose it should be assessed and the required amount raised.

Let us not think of withdrawing from the association while it is under this cloud.

THE state oratorical contest is coming off to-night at the Funke. Fellow students and friends, be sure to come out. Bring your banners and tin horns along, and your very freshest voices. We are hoping to win, so bring all your enthusiasm along to celebrate the victory.

Hurrah for Sherman!

WHENEVER one class organization in this great university of ours gives a reception, class party or banquet, it seems to be an unwritten law that all the underclassmen should combine and raise a disturbance. A while ago the seniors had a meeting in the conservatory. A lot of juniors seemed to think it necessary to steal any and all the wraps available and carry them off, and when it was possible, to ambush and waylay any seniors who might be attainable. Tuesday evening of last week the freshmen and sophomore classes held a joint reception in the conservatory. Promptly in obedience to this old custom, about thirty or forty "prelets" came around and howled about the building, but contented themselves with throwing gravel against the windows and stealing four overcoats. It is a barbarous custom and should be abolished. It seems strange that in a college where class distinctions are nominally extinct there should be such detestable customs kept up.

No loyal student will refuse his subscription to the *Nebraska Literary Magazine*, when the business manager simply asks him to chalk his name down. There is no Annual this year—the Junior class was wise in deciding not to ask the school to support it during the money stringency. But surely no student has a complaint against the expense of a magazine. The board have striven to put the price down to the lowest notch possible and have so far succeeded that they only ask twenty-five cents a copy. Let every student secure one for himself, one for his sister and one for the "other fellow's sister." Such is the prayer of the NEBRASKAN.

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