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There has been much agitation during the past week in the Varsity Rifles with reference to the competitive drill to be held in St. Louis the first week in July. Captain Elliott has received a favorable reply in answer to a letter of inquiry regarding requirements, and the only difficulty appears to be a weakness in the backbone, although various causes are assigned for the inaction of the Rifles. After the magnificent showing made last week, with only ten days special practice of an hour each day, why on earth should there be any hesitancy? It should be stated in fairness to those who ought to know what they are talking about—the older cadets who were in the celebrated Company "A" in '92—and some others, that they are full of enthusiasm. They recognize the immense advantage to the individual, to the military department, the university, the city, and the state. Go and talk with them. If the company should meet, as it did last week, every morning at 7 o'clock and hold a sharp, snappy drill of an hour, with a bath to follow, every man is in a condition for the day to do his best work. He is in the meantime getting the very best of physical training, besides a taste of discipline which is invaluable. Scores of cadets now take five or ten minutes every morning upon rising for vigorous setting up exercises, and one can almost go through the battalion and pick those men out by their athletic, soldierly appearance. There is no danger of over work or brain fever if one takes plenty of physical exercise to keep the digestion perfect. The trouble is most students take too little, and what they do take is in a lazy, careless, aimless manner. So much for the physical part. It is acknowledged by all that the drill at Omaha has done more than other one thing to advertise the University of Nebraska, and the military department of our institution has attracted attention far and wide. The Varsity team has a decided advantage over the crack company of '92; the men are better set up, better trained in the principles of drill,

understand better the meaning and necessity of discipline as it exists in the battalion to-day. If Company "A" could win under old conditions why should not the Varsities win under present conditions? The company needs some well selected recruits, and there ought to be fifty good men anxious to get into the company. Much hard work would have to be done; but is that to be considered an obstacle? There remains practically but three weeks more of school, and an hour to two hours each day, including the regular drills would suffice until June 1st, and would not interfere with studies in the least. Then the company could move into the Armory and drill from three to five hours a day if necessary. The Battalion never had better material for officers, and the Varsities are especially fortunate in having such a trio. The commandant has expressed a willingness to lend all the aid in his power, and predicts success. This is a year of university successes. Follow the example of the football boys who won against such great odds. Our orator won against hot opposition. The dramatic club, the glee and banjo club—everything has met with immense success. The mere matter of expense is not to be considered against all the advantages of such an experience. Then the chances of getting it all back, and more, too, are about four to one. But suppose we lose, the results even then are worth several times the expense. Get together; give some sort of an exhibition; get started; the Lord helps those who help themselves, and a good start half wins the battle. Varsities, you have big odds; go in and win.

Delta Gamma Entertains.

Last Wednesday evening the young ladies of the Delta Gamma fraternity entertained their college and other friends in a manner which has never been surpassed by social entertainments in college circles. "The Lincoln" was the scene of the festivities. The guests began to arrive about half past eight, and an informal reception was held in the parlors and corridors until a quarter past nine, when Brown's orchestra struck up a stately march, the guests filed into dancing hall and began the figures of the grand march, led by Prof. Barbour and Mrs. Frank Woods. Dancing continued until morning, and the sentiment expressed by every guest was "best time ever had." The young hostesses are to be complimented on the success of their party, for never was a merrier company of guests assembled at the Lincoln than the company which assembled Wednesday evening. About a hundred and fifty guests were present. All fraternities and societies of the university were well represented.

The ladies entertaining were Misses Bridge, Gregory, Webster, Camp, Case, Smith, Woods, Mullen, Kelly, Sewell, Ricketts, Polk, Cochrane, Dewese, Haggard, Wing, Dennis, Watkins, and Mesdames Jackson and Weeks.

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