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THEIR VIEWS ON ATHLETICS

OBJECTS OF THE NEW BOARD

Will Elect All Team Managers—Keep the Faculty Interested—What They Say.

With a change in the athletic board, there promises to be a change in athletics. What this maybe is given in the following interviews with members of the board from the faculty.

What Professor Barbour says about the prospects for athletics: "We have practically no difficulties to encounter, and I can see no obstacles in our way. The chancellor is the backbone of our athletic work and there is no opposition in the faculty. Under the new system the faculty as well as the alumni and the student-body is represented in the board."

"This is the plan on which the leading universities in the country are conducting their athletics, and under this system we will be enabled to cope with them. It places athletics on a good, firm and sound foundation. In the first place it systematizes everything pertaining to athletic affairs. All schedules of games are carefully made out, and athletic funds are strictly accounted for, and it also leads to a faithful preservation of accounts and records of athletic events, so that a reliable history of athletic proceedings is rendered possible."

"Then again the system works as a kind of check against unprofitable movements; the faculty on one side and the students on the other. It also keeps the faculty alive in the interest of athletics and tends to foster an athletic spirit. The faculty can always secure many favors that cannot be gotten in any other way. Good results can only be obtained by the co-operation of the whole student body and the faculty."

"Under this system all phases of athletics are looked after. It tends to encourage all the games, and not anyone in particular. It creates an athletic spirit along the many neglected lines. Field day exercises and indoors exhibitions will be encouraged as well as football, baseball and tennis."

Captain Gullfoyle thinks the board of athletics will be a great help to the institution. A large class is already in the gymnasium and it is expected they will be able to do great work in the spring.

The only reason our past records in athletics do not compare with those of eastern colleges is because our men do not train during the winter. Our contests should be with those of our rank, or higher rank, and not with little one-horse colleges such as Doane or Hastings' athletic club.

Physical training is an aid to a person in every way. It keeps a person in good health. Other facilities being equal it is the athlete who makes the best soldier.

It is our intention to select managers and coaches of all teams without reference to popularity, and we desire the co-operation of all the students.

Dr. Clark in substance said: "Athletics must be taken out of the old rut and placed upon a firm basis. The object of this new plan was to better the condition of athletics in the university, and I believe it will. One thing is sure, it is far ahead of the old system. The students and faculty will be brought into relation with each other, while under the old plan the faculty took no interest in the matter."

"The greatest gain, I think, will be seen in that it will take the whole thing out of politics and place it upon a better basis. College politics should not control athletics. Better men will be chosen to manage and look after the matter. More attention will be paid to all around athletics. This new board will see to it that professionalism is kept out. This, no doubt, will induce students to enter for events and take more interest in field day."

In closing the doctor said: "The faculty is anxious to see more interest taken in all around athletics. They have all they can to create interest. The students must now take hold of the matter and help push things along. If they do not nothing can be done."

Professor Ward said that the new athletic board is a result of a movement that started at Harvard, and has now being adopted by the principal colleges and universities of the country.

The board gives college athletics a position in the eyes of other institutions which a body of students do not possess. The principal state universi-

ties, as Michigan, Minnesota and others have such boards.

This board will bring the students and faculty in touch. When the board recommends a certain action the faculty will not be suspicious, as might sometimes be the case if it came from the students alone.

The intent of this board will be to develop inter-university athletics. They will try to arrange games with Chicago and Michigan, rather than with Omaha or Hastings. We belong to a higher class than we have been in.

Some attention will now be given to indoor athletic meets. The board will put men to work in the gymnasium, and get them in condition.

While we have good men here, the records of the past field days have been very poor.

Dr. Clark has had experience both in being trained and as a trainer. He can be depended upon to get the men in good condition. He, himself, holds a third prize in the Pentathlon, which is a good record.

To get the best results athletics should be as general as possible. New games should be introduced as different students are fitted for different branches of sport. Cricket is a game that could be introduced, as we have plenty of hard ground near Lincoln, which is the principal requirement.

This board will prevent professionalism, which has become a source of great trouble in some schools. The question of the election of manager for the football team has not been discussed, but an effort will be made to secure the best man for the position.

The board hopes to remove athletics from college politics as much as possible. The idea is to develop a university feeling.

The board will secure coaches and trainers. It proposes to correspond with Harvard, Yale and the other leading eastern colleges, and will get the best man obtainable for the money. If coaches are secured in that way there will be less complaint of favoritism. The board has already got classes at work in the gymnasium. It has provided for the erection of tablets, showing the records of former events.

There is to be an indoor meet in March. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. If money enough can be raised a team may be sent to Chicago. Some of the men now in training will go on the ball team, and this training will be of great benefit to them.

Misses Alice Slaughter, Mary Fechet, Helen Nance and Maud Risser gave a very large party in Lansing hall Friday evening. The young ladies had the hall very cozily furnished with divans filled with cushions. These divans were placed in the corners of the two rooms and numerous little conferences were exchanged therein between dances. The shades of the chandeliers were covered with colored paper so that a soft light was shed. Ices were served in the west end of the hall. A large number of young people were present and the evening was spent in dancing. Miss Willoughby's orchestra furnished the music. Those present were:

Misses Hammond, Griffith, Oakley, Cochrane, Leming, Houtz, Camp, Hooper, Case, Ensign, Polk, Byers, Cropsey, Walton, Winger, Baldwin, Williamson, Colson, Camp, Ames, Bartruff, Gregory, Rickotts, Kirker, Gere, Sewell, Welch, Noren, Griggs, Wilson, Lau, Harwood, Bailey, Frances Gere, Lowe, Pitch, Garten, Smith, Heaton, Watkins, Parks, Winger, Lansing, Righter, Kelley, Odel; Mrs. Bailey, Denver; Misses Mount and Weller, Omaha; Misses Post, Columbus; Mrs. Righter, Mrs. Fechet, Mrs. Risser; Messrs. Thorp, Morrill, Pulls, Adams, Steiner, Corley, Linquist, Everett, Martin, Corley, Tulloss, Sawyer, R. Becher, Packard, Cosgrove, Burks, Bartlett, Sedgwick, Lau, Davenport, Mueller, McClucas, Hartigan, Sawyer, Langworthy, Young, Farwell, Rowe, Marley, Haggard, Sheldon, McCreey, Fechet, Risser, Walcott, Manley, Wilson, Shedd, Joers, Randall, Walsh, Winger, Hadley, Haughton, Madden, Joyce, Mallalieu, Hurlbut, Baldwin, Morrison, Honeywell, Harley, King, Evans, MacLeod, Lansing.

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IT WAS ALL A FALSE ALARM

ORATORICAL ELECTION QUIET

A Barb Ticket Elected Unanimously—McMullen Makes Some Pointed Remarks—Result.

The great oratorical barb-fest, fight is off and now everybody is wondering where the "fight" came in. Without the sign of opposition a ticket was nominated by the literary societies and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote upon it as a whole.

For two days various political combines were being effected. Groups of interested politicians crowded the halls, button-holing the unsuspecting and working the disinterested for all they could. Every arrangement seems to explode, however, as the increase in the number of organizations at the university was not in proportion with the number of offices of the oratorical association. Consequently neither the barbarian nor fraternity elements could amicably agree well on themselves. A compromise was offered, but this was refused. The fraternity men then decided to drop the matter, while one faction of the barbs, got together and made up a ticket. They worked hard and earnestly, and to their efforts is due the well-filled condition of the treasury, at which fact several were heard to express regret, as this was not necessary, seeing that they did not have to make a fight.

When President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:30 Friday afternoon the lower part of the chapel was completely filled, mostly by the barb, element, the frats, being noticeably scattered along the aisles and reposing upon the radiators. At the call for new business Mr. Baker offered a resolution to the effect that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to correspond with the three state universities of Missouri, Kansas and Iowa to negotiate for the establishment of an interstate oratorical league. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The election of officers was then begun. Mr. Lien nominated the following ticket: For president, C. M. Barr; Union; vice-president, S. M. Castor, law; secretary and treasurer, Miss Myrtle Wheeler, Palladian. Delegates, J. W. Seanson, Union; O. H. Allen, Delian; W. L. Williams, Palladian; I. F. McCarthy, at large. This was called "a representative student ticket" and was nominated as such. On a motion to close the nominations Adam McMullen made a very neat speech, defining the attitude of the fraternity men, and scoring the societies for calling the ticket a representative one. It cannot be said to the credit of the society members present that they hissed the speaker frequently, yet applause from the fairer minded barbs, and the fraternity men was just as frequent. Mr. McMullen said:

There are in the university from two hundred to two hundred and fifty members of literary societies; there are from two hundred and fifty to three hundred members of Greek letter societies, and there are from five hundred to six hundred students who belong to neither organization. On this ticket—the representative students' ticket—five offices go to the literary societies, one to the law school, one to the university at large and none to the fraternities, and yet you call this a representative student's ticket! Well, maybe it is representation that our forefathers rebelled against and that succeeding generations have honored them for so doing.

The fraternity men are not fighting for the petty offices of a petty organization; they are fighting for principle for a place in the student body.

They have stood by long enough and taken what you have been pleased to offer them—the residue. Years ago when there were but six fraternity men and six hundred 'barbs' such distribution may have seemed legitimate. But that time is passed.

The fraternity men are not the monsters you would make them. They are your classmates, and if you would allow it, your friends. You are the ones who hold them off. You are the ones who make conciliation impossible.

Mind you, we have nothing against the candidates on this ticket. They are representative students, we'll admit that, but they do not represent the organizations of the students' body, you'll admit that.

And yet this ticket is going through. Perhaps it is well that it should, for

the flagrant injustice that it bears on its face, cannot help but mark the turning point of student sentiment, and we anticipate that a year from now this unnatural feud will have been wiped from existence. All hail the day.

At the close of Mr. McMullen's remarks a vote was taken, which resulted in instructing the secretary to cast a unanimous vote for the ticket as nominated.

THE PAL CONTEST.

The thirteenth annual Chase & Wheeler oratorical contest of the Palladian society was held in the chapel Saturday evening. A good-sized crowd turned out and encouraged the speakers with frequent bursts of applause. The platform was generously decorated with smilax and flowers, with a profuse display of college and Palladian society colors.

Miss Jessie Schultz opened the program by an instrumental solo, which was well executed. The first orator, W. L. Williams, followed with "College Freedom" as the subject of his address. S. W. Pinkerton came next. He spoke on "The South and the Race Question." His delivery was characterized by calmness and confidence in his own ability.

The program was then varied by a couple of vocal solos by Miss Sallie Furnace, after which Miss Sadie Smith followed on "The Mythical Race." Miss June Smalls closed the speaking with her oration, "The True Relation of Capital and Labor."

While the judges were arriving at a decision Mrs. Will Owen Jones entertained the awaiting audience by a selection from Chopin.

The decision was then announced. After the confusion of applause died away it was found that S. W. Pinkerton had secured first place and Miss June Smalls second. The judges were: On manuscript, Prof. L. A. Sherman, H. H. Wilson, C. A. Robbins; on delivery, A. W. Field, Rev. H. O. Rowlands and Prof. J. F. Saylor.

An informal reception closed the exercises.

The medical society held its election Tuesday, with the following result: President, Anna Fossler; vice-president, G. P. Rowe; secretary, Buda Gray; treasurer, Daisy Bonnell; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Riggs. The color chosen by the society is golden brown, which will be combined with the university colors. Plans were talked over for a grand celebration and display on Charter-day.

The lecture course has now been arranged. A lecture is to be given every two weeks, on Wednesday evening. The first three of the course are to be delivered by Dr. A. R. Mitchell on anatomy. One of these has already been given. The next three will be by Dr. H. B. Lowrey on the nervous system. Dr. Knapp will also give one on nervous diseases and another on insanity. This will carry the course into May and the remainder of the school year, other lectures on miscellaneous subjects will be delivered by different city physicians.

The "medics" will go to Omaha some day next month with as many of their friends as they can persuade to accompany them. They will spend a day there visiting the hospital and college.

COMPANY B HOP.

The members of Company B will give their second annual hop at the Lansing dancing hall Friday evening, January 31. It will be strictly a military affair and everyone is expected to appear in uniform. (Duck trousers are barred.) Forty tickets have been issued and the members of the company have first chance at them. After today any member of the battalion can secure one provided there are any left. The boys are expecting a royal time. Their hop last year was a success, and as they were again the winning company, and the other companies looked to them to hold another hop, they decided to do it. It seems the opinion of many of the battalion that this privilege should devolve upon the winning company each year.

Sigma Alpha Initiate.

On last Saturday evening Willard Clapp and William Green were initiated into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity with all the rites and ceremonies that usually characterize such initiations. The boys showed themselves equal to the occasion. After the ceremonies a banquet was enjoyed at the Palace dining hall by the sixteen men present. Clarence Tefft was toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Willard Clapp, Bill Green, George Bartlett, E. H. Haughton and Reed Dunroy.

CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

THE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Begins With the Junior Prom.—The Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity Will Announce Its Members.

The program for charter day exercises has been completed. Thursday evening, February 13, the ceremonies will begin in the Funke opera house. T. C. Martin of New York, editor of the Electrical Engineer and past president of the American institute of electrical engineers, will lecture on the "Development and Utilization of Power of Niagara Falls." Mr. Martin is an old friend of Professor Owens of the university who was instrumental in inducing him to visit Nebraska.

Friday morning the exercises will be held in the Lansing theatre, when the inaugural ceremonies will take place. Rev. O. W. Filfer, class of '89, will give the invocation. The induction of Chancellor MacLean into office will be performed by Hon. C. H. Morrill, president of the board of regents, after which the chancellor will give his inaugural address. There will be congratulatory addresses by Governor Holcomb "On Behalf of the State" by Supt. H. R. Corbett "On Behalf of the State School System," by Hon. H. H. Wilson, class of '78, "On Behalf of the Alumni and Students," by Hon. Henry D. Estabrook "On Behalf of the Regents and Faculty," and by President Cyrus Northrup, LL. D., university of Minnesota, "On Behalf of the Sister Universities." Friday evening there will be a collation from 5 to 7:30 o'clock, and the chancellor will give a reception at 8. There will also be an electrical exhibit at the university the same evening by the university society of electrical engineers. Saturday will be charter day. There will be a reception to the public by the several departments of the university. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock an exhibition drill will be given by the Pershing rifles. In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be a reception by the state federation of women's clubs. The entire exercises promise to be very interesting. The names of the speakers alone are a sure guarantee that the intellectual part of the program will be a great success.

The junior promenade will commence the charter day festivities. Although there will be college work on Thursday, the prom. will be given Wednesday night, and if class rooms are depleted the next day the cause will be evident. Saturday afternoon the announcement of the inauguration of the honorary fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, will be made. The names of five seniors will be read, who will have been selected. It is understood that about one-sixth of the senior class is the proportion eligible to membership and the remaining six will be selected between Charter day and commencement.

The selection of members will slightly change the manner of keeping the records. Each candidate will be judged by the work of each year. Next year the selection will be made in September on the record of the work done the three previous years. Instead of merely recording one's credit another system will be adopted, in which a grade to the work can be given. As the records now stand they do not show whether one passed 60 or 99.

The charter members of the fraternity are Chancellor MacLean, Professors Lees, Hodgman, Sherman, Taylor, Ward and Clark. Recommendation for election of members of the senior class may be made by all members of the faculty, but they will be elected by the members of the chapel.

The Lotus club met with Mrs. J. S. Dales, January 11. On account of the rare musical program that Mrs. Dales arranged for these meetings in her own home they are always a pleasing anticipation for the members of the Lotus club and invited guests. The program and the music on this occasion were exceptionally fine.

Choice selections were given from Beethoven, Mozart, Spohr, David, Koschat and Bellini. These were especially arranged by Mr. Menzendorf for the quintet, composed of Mrs. Dales, piano; Mr. Menzendorf, first violin; Silence Dales, second violin; Benton Dales, viola; C. C. Culver, violoncello.

Among these were interspersed charming duets, solos and trios. Most delightful of all was Beethoven's sonata No. 5, violin and piano, by Mr. Menzendorf and Miss Silence Dales.