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NOTICE—All subscriptions should now be paid and collection will be commenced accordingly. Any one wishing to avoid the inconvenience of being "dunned", should notify the business manager before January 15.

The members of the legislature are evidently taking an active interest in the welfare of the university. This week a joint committee of the house and senate accompanied by the chancellor, visited the several departments. The professors had everything arranged to catch the eye of the Solons. In the department of American history Professor Caldwell proceeded to give the committee one of his entertaining and instructive lectures which brought forth many questions from his interested listeners. Every member of the committee was highly pleased with the facilities for good educational work, the proficiency with which the several departments are managed, and the despatch with which the work is done. One legislator was overheard to remark, "I had no idea that Nebraska was honored with such an institution of learning. It is far above my highest expectations."

We are certainly gratified with the favorable reception the work of the university was received by the members of the committee. It only attests the already strong belief that we will receive liberal appropriations from this session, in spite of the heavy indebtedness under which the state is laboring. The action of our legislators shows beyond doubt that the twenty-third assembly is comprised of men of strong educational proclivities. It is useless to say that the committee was advised by each department of its needs, and what was conducive to the healthy growth of the university. We hope that before the legislature adjourns, every member of the present session will have visited the university so that they may go home to their constituents impressed with the fact, that the state university is an institution of which the citizens of Nebraska may be justly proud.

Today, Friday 25, ends the first semester of the present college year. In some ways this has been one of the most successful in the history of the university. With the elimination of part of the preparatory department, we have taken a step toward making this a university in the fullest sense of the word. The different departments have made their work the very best that a summer's study and investigation can do. They have left nothing undone, that the conditions would permit, by way of improvement. As a proof of this fact, it need only be noticed how many new courses the heads of certain departments have offered. In history, economics, philosophy and agriculture, new courses have been added. In addition to these, the final organization of the graduate school is indicative of progress. Among the events of the semester should be noticed the activity and influence of the university students in the late election, the Palladian silver anniversary, the addresses in the chancellor's course, the debates and also the good work being done by the college settlement. All these together with the recitals, receptions, entertainments, and the general satisfactory work done in the class rooms, make the semester just closed one of the liveliest and most productive in the history of the institution.

The Ladies' faculty club will tender a reception to all the departments of the university next Saturday evening. It is fitting that the students may be able to come together in one vast gathering to chat, get acquainted with each other and have a general good time. It is strange but true that students will attend the university for four years and when commencement day comes, they are not acquainted with half of their own class. This is not what it should be, college students should make the acquaintance of their associates

and make life as happy as possible. Such receptions as the one that will be tendered Saturday evening, brings students of different classes in contact with each other. Acquaintances are made and everything seems natural as home life. We regret that such general receptions are not tendered more frequently. Let every student lay aside his books and his cares on the last day of the first semester, and come out to the Ladies' faculty club reception with the intention of having a jolly time.

It does not seem probable that anything will come of the attempt of the committee, appointed to request the regents to enforce the old law, that books should be furnished students by them, at cost. If this law could be practically carried out, it is certain that the regents would have done their duty in the matter when the law was made. The students who made it, have not made a great discovery, as it has been read to them every Thursday and published at odd times, ever since it was inserted in the statutes. In the first place, the regents, as a company, could not purchase books at the same price a regular book dealer could get them. In the second place, they would incur more expense, in putting the books in reach of the students, estimating the number required, etc., than would permit the students to secure books as low as they do at present. This question has been agitated before, and it does not seem necessary to bring it up again.

There is an alarming number of colleges in the United States which have closed the football season with a deficit. Now this seems to be due as much to mismanagement on the part of the various managers, as from lack of loyalty and support from the students. Those who have charge of the finances do not seem to appreciate the responsibilities of their positions. They start out by hiring a coach, trainers etc., without figuring where the money is to come with which to pay them. If a clause be put in constitutions of the various athletic associations, providing that say, ten percent of the surplus should go to the manager, maybe this would be a sufficient stimulus to prevent a deficiency from piling up at the end of the season. One thing is certain. Radical steps must be taken by the various associations, or they will bring their colleges so into debt that it will reflect unfavorably upon these institutions.

The University Glee club has returned from a successful tour. Who says that we have not the material for a glee club that will challenge favorable comparison with those of eastern colleges? The training which the boys have gone through be-speaks credit to themselves and Manager Kimball. The reports received from the cities the club visited are complimentary in a high degree. And the Nebraskan in return congratulates the club upon the earnestness and goodwill with which every member does his part. The tours of the club cannot fail to advertise the university and give rise to favorable comments in the state press. Let the boys keep up their good work and the university will profit thereby. In all probability the club will entertain us with some of their delightful songs on Charter-day. We certainly as a student body will gratefully appreciate their kindness.

When the university of Nebraska places herself in comparison with other universities of like standing, she sees that she possesses some qualities that makes her extremely proud of herself. One of these is the absence of hazing. Another, the abolishment of the annual scrap between freshmen and sophomores over the freshman social. The University of Nebraska is young, and these ancient customs have not had a chance to take a strong hold upon the members of the various classes. When we read of such doings and actions that happen at the more cultured eastern colleges, we are inclined to pity them. As a whole our university may possess some bad qualities but we are free from some things—and we are truly thankful for that.

Judging from the manner that athletics are run at the university of Iowa, it is no wonder that they did not have a representative at the league meeting. It appears that there is less college spirit in our sister university than there is in our own. Now that Iowa's faculty begins to take some interest in her athletics, maybe they can do something better. There is nothing that will kill athletics in any college quicker than indifference on the part of members of the faculty.

The pacific Mr. Legislator thinks that football is brutal.

Maybe he is right.

Maybe he is wrong, too.

There are two sides to everything, even an election in Nebraska.

This last statement is, of course, hyperbole.

What is hyperbole?

That's immaterial.

Does Mr. Legislator know out of the 15 leading players in this country, only one thinks football is brutal?

If football is so brutal, why do clear-headed youths go into the game so eagerly?

Are they ignorant of the danger?

Are they not men whose every muscle is trained to withstand severe shocks?

If they are killed in the game, is it not their own lookout?

If men will endure so much for their alma mater, what will they not undergo for their country?

Who will be the future generals of this great people?

Who will be the first to come forth and battle for our country in time of danger?

Who are they whose posterity will uphold the dignity of the state—whose posterity by its manly manhood will be looked up to as the backbone of a healthy nation?

They are these same football players, demons of brutality.

There are other sources of brutality.

There is bicycle riding.

Think, Mr. Legislator, how many deaths occur from the deadly wheel.

Did you, Mr. Legislator, ever witness a bicycle race?

Did you ever see a man fall at the turn, slide and scrape along the sharp cinders?

Did your soul sicken as the riders piled upon him, and did you, when he was carried away, a bleeding, breathless lump of flesh, vow preventive legislation?

Can you stop people from riding on trolley cars?

Trolley cars are as deadly as football.

But people will ride on trolley cars, and people will go to bicycle races, and people will patronize football games, and you can't stop them.

Go to a college where football is played, and if you don't change your opinion inside of three months, your name isn't Mr. Legislator.

L. H. Robbing, in State Journal.

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