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The persistence with which some of our professors continue to load down with extra work students who are so unfortunate as to be in their classes is growing monotonous. It is a rule of the unwritten law of the University that two hours preparation is sufficient for each lesson. Yet several seemingly oblivious of this fact, continue to assign lessons that no ordinary student can prepare in less than from three to five hours. Such action not only brings the instructor into contempt, but tends to build up one particular department at the expense of another. One department in the institution, however, deserves credit for its candor and honesty, for it publicly announces that at least two hours and a half of study is required on each lesson.

If others would pursue a similar policy and announce openly just how much preparation would be expected many "junks" would be avoided and there would be much less dropping of work. For the sake of honor to themselves and justice to the institution, as well as the student body, several departments would do well to inaugurate a change of policy.

With the departure of Coach Robinson, Nebraska loses the best foot ball coach which it was ever her good fortune to secure. Certainly among the other coaches in the foot ball league of which Nebraska is a member, Coach Robinson has no superior and it is doubtful if he has an equal. He differed from most of our coaches in that he got out and worked right with the boys and experienced all the hardships which they did. He was a splendid coach, foot ball player, and above all, a gentleman. He was never in the habit of bragging about his team, although he had good reason to inspire the boys with a quiet confidence—not of the Kansas variety. He has done with our team what no other coach succeeded in doing—defeating all three of the other teams in the league and still not allowing the players to suffer from an attack of overconfidence. We all realize that it is Coach Robinson as much as any one whom we have to thank for the championship. Nebraska's best wishes go with him on his return to the east.

At the request of our janitors they have been sworn in as special police, and will hereafter sport a star. The good that this change might accomplish is only limited by the power of imagination. Students who are present possessors of good overcoats, capes, cloaks, etc., can feel safe when in the presence of a janitor at least. And right here it can be stated that the check-rooms are giving students the right kind of protection. If students exhibit half the pains of taking care of their apparel as the University does there would be no more missing of garments.

"Corn Tassels" is the name of a neat little publication which is now in the press and will be on the market for the holiday trade. It is a collection of poems by our own William Reed Dunroy. To say that this work will contain many of his best productions is sufficient guarantee for its excellence. It will be of especial interest to University people because of their acquaintance with the author and to Nebraska people because, as its name indicates, it is a typical product of the state, breathing the poetry of the plains.

There is no reason why the project to establish a University skating rink should fall through. The scheme was talked of last year, but weather and

enthusiasm were then lacking. A little push on the part of the promoters, and some concessions on the side of the executives would give the project the needed impetus to make it a reality.

The regents have made provision for the purchase of new hymnals to be used at chapel exercises. It is needless to say that the Lord will be thanked accordingly—also the regents.

Last week Beloit freshmen, in order to escape the sophomores, adjourned to a neighboring town and held their annual banquet. The interference by the sophs with the freshmen banquet has become a regular thing at Beloit, so the faculty decided that classes giving banquets should give a week's notice. This evidently did not please the freshmen, so they, fifty-one in number, without a word to the faculty, adjourned as above. Of course they were promptly suspended, but will probably be reinstated. The above is given for the benefit of certain classes in Nebraska. Have they no college spirit? A class should start in, not only to become famous, but as a class to gather around itself certain traditions which the members may carry through life. Classes in many colleges might be cited, but let Nebraska classes start for themselves. The fertile brain and inventive genius of the erstwhile fresh ought to bother the egotistical soph not a little.

For the past week interest has been growing in the election of the chairman, master of ceremonies, and the committee of the junior prom. A caucus was held Thursday evening by seven of the fraternities and a ticket named "Every frat wanted everything" and was willing to concede nothing. However, after about two hours of talking, the ticket was finally decided upon. How well those who were disappointed will stick to the slate will be seen in the meeting to-day, which promises to be one of the hottest political scraps since the famous Pershing Rifle election at the beginning of the year. If the present program is carried out all of the frats will "stick" and will present an undivided front to the barbs. However, if one of the frats pulls out a split will follow and all calculations will be thrown to the winds. At any rate, those who attend the meeting are assured of a highly interesting old time frat barb scrap.

The Palladan Boys' Debating Club held their weekly meeting Saturday evening, December 4. The question debated was, "Resolved, that the trustees of Brown University should be censured for their conduct towards President Andrews." Messrs. Gordon and Lee upheld the affirmative, while Pearson and Walker, on the negative, denied this. Mr. Lee's argument deserves special mention. It was well put. The arrangement was logical and the ease with which the matter was handled showed that the debater was conversant with his topic.

The general debate was hot and spirited. There were nine besides the regular speakers that had something to say on the question. Hanson proved as apt at debate as he has at foot ball. His slow, yet heavy, thought was very clear and convincing. In that respect it is like his work in the line.

The P. B. D. C. is flourishing and the attendance is satisfactory, but there is still room at the top. Come and join the ranks.

COLLEGE NOTES.

England has no college papers, while America claims about 200.

Of the 451 colleges and universities in this country, forty-one are closed to women. But to make up for this lack there are 143 open to women only and attended by 39,000 students.

A fund of \$1,600 has been established at Union College, the income of which is to be awarded at each commencement to the student who has maintained the best moral deportment.

Yale has again defeated Harvard in debate. This happened last Friday night, when the question "Resolved, that the United States should annex the Hawaiian Islands" was victoriously negatived by wearers of the blue.

Yale University is the first to establish a system of pensions for teachers in their old age. Any professor who has served twenty-five years may retire at sixty-five upon an allowance equal to about one-half of his salary.

ALUMNI

Chas. M. Hines, formerly fellow of American history, has been appointed chief deputy in the register of deeds' office, Gage county.

R. H. Graham, '96, superintendent of the Arapahoe schools, has just been elected vice-president of the Southwestern Teachers' Association of Nebraska.

Prof. G. E. Howard lectured before the Graduate Club Monday evening. His subject was "University Ideals." Kappa Sigma gave a sleighing party Friday evening, followed by an informal dance at the chapter house.

R. S. Baker, '97, read a paper before the Social Science Club, at 1450 O street, Sunday evening. The subject was "Should the Present Competitive System Be Replaced by Socialism?" The views put forth did not coincide with those of some of the persons present and they drew out strong replies.

"There are others" no good, perhaps, but none better than the pictures taken at the Students' Photograph Gallery, 1034 O street.

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