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Dr. Hastings deserves the aid and enthusiastic support of every student in his effort to obtain athletic trophies. So far, he has secured many valuable prizes, some of which will be perpetuated. The growth of the university and the consequent growth of athletic material has given Nebraska unbounded opportunities along athletic lines. We are proud, and justly so, of our football team; will give our baseball team the same sort of support. We need the spirit manifested at some of the great Springfield games, when gray-headed men will shout themselves hoarse for their alma mater. The prospects for athletic contests are bright, thanks to Dr. Hastings.

Saturday will mark the advent of "Prom." week at Yale. The features continue over five days, and young ladies from almost every state in the union will attend. Each class will give a gorman, cotillon or prom. The patronesses will be prominent ladies of New York. Efforts are being made to curtail the former enormous expenses of "Prom." week but it is the swell season at Yale, and is generally made the most of. Yale has one feature of the "Prom." of which Nebraska knows very little. The delightful "lawn teas" where the little parties gather, the chaperon falls asleep, and all drink "Russian" tea.

The Nebraska has a hearty word of welcome for Tau Delta Omicron. What the fraternity chapter life is to a man, depends upon the individual chapter members. Fraternities may be strong nationally, but very weak locally. The "local" idea accords perfectly with the foundation of all the national fraternities, and the same fellowship and friendship may be cultivated in the local, as in the national fraternity. We would welcome Tau Delta Omicron as a crowd of worthy fellows, who have always, as individuals, won the respect and honor of their fellow students. May they always deserve our respect as an organization. It is reported that Tau Delta Omicron will ultimately become a chapter of an eastern fraternity.

The oratorical association seems to be sadly in need of money. Since the annual "frat-bath" fight over its few officers has died out but few quarters came into the treasury that the giver may have the pleasure of voting for a ticket which has no opposition. Oratory, because of its own value, should not be allowed to die out in such an institution as ours. Besides this, in two more years the interstate contest should come to Lincoln. As the athletic season closed so successfully, why not call a meeting of that association and make a return of the \$60 so generously donated it in '94 by the oratorical association? Since the latter was so liberal in days of prosperity, fairness demands that she be sustained in the hour of need.

With senior and sophomore class elections today and the oratorical association election tomorrow this has been a week of seething politics for the university. Contrary to the precedent of many past years the oratorical election seems to be causing but little attention. In spite of the efforts of the present officers to arouse opposition, there will probably be no contention for the few offices. Not so, however, in the class elections. Among the seniors at least sixteen so far have signified their willingness to place their ambition at the disposal of their friends.

In the sophomore class all attention seems centered on the junior annual. So far all attempts at combinations seems to have failed. The coming

week will appeal to many as being one of political rest even though it is one of examinations.

The time is rapidly approaching when the sophomore classes will meet to elect officers, editors and form plans for the "junior annual." As this election will be by far the most important in its results of any contest that the class will have in its college course, it behooves the century class to be extremely careful in all its actions relative to the same. It has been the experience of the four classes that have published annuals up to this time, that only by the united action of the whole class can this be done. All factional and individual differences must be left entirely aside in the consideration of the junior annual.

The best men should be elected to the board regardless of their affiliations with university organizations or whether they belong to no organization whatever. Only by a total disregard for barbarian and fraternity lines can the proper material be obtained to fill out the board of editors.

That the entire success of the annual depends on this board goes without saying. Only about one board out of three so far elected have felt able to get out a sombrero, and these boards were elected by the whole class for no other consideration than their fitness for the work.

External conditions will be extremely favorable for the publication of an annual next year. The university is ripe for it again. Times are easier and money more plenty. Nebraska will be especially favored next year on account of the exposition. The class of 1900 will have no excuse whatever to offer in case of failure; and failure is not probable if the proper care is exercised in the selection of a board of editors. If the sophomores remember this fact there is little doubt of success.

Few students of the University of Nebraska are aware that next year our school will be asked to entertain the most important college gathering of the middle west. In 1899 it falls to the lot of the State Oratorical Association to provide for the interstate oratorical contest which will be held in Lincoln sometime during the spring of that year.

Although the event is over a year in the future, still it behooves the local association to begin preparations at once for this great intercollegiate contest.

Nothing of like importance has fallen to the lot of the university for some years, and it remains to be seen whether the school will prove faithful to the trust imposed upon it.

Nothing but united effort on the part of all classes of students both "barbarians" and fraternity people, can ensure the success of this event.

All loyal students should lay aside their fraternal differences and prepare to make our local oratorical association such a strong organization as to enable it to successfully meet the great strain which will be put upon it in the course of the next year.

Let all who have any bent in that direction enter the local contest, which will be held March 6.

Those who do not care to do this can at least show their good will by attendance at the various meetings which will be held during the year.

Unless great interest is shown on the part of the student body during this year it will be almost an impossibility for the local association to creditably acquit herself during the coming year.

It is hardly possible that our students will need a second warning before doing their share in this matter.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

Michigan is making efforts to secure Mark Hanna to preside at their oratorical contest.

The question of caps and gowns for the professors is being agitated at Kansas university.

Harvard defeated Columbia, Princeton and Yale in the order named in the chess championship.

During 1898 the gifts of American rich men for colleges and benevolent purposes amounted to \$27,000,000.

Out of a class of 280 at Yale graduating in '97, five men were entirely self-supporting and forty-one were partially so.

The university of Minnesota is contemplating engaging Minds, Pennsylvania's famous full-back, as their coach next season.

By a recent action of the trustees Princeton Inn has been closed for the sale of liquor, and the rule prohibiting students from having liquor will be enforced.

After next June the university of West Virginia will adopt the plan of continuous session degrees being granted without ceremony when a certain amount of work is completed.

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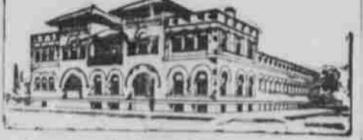
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