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Manager Ryons has succeeded in arranging a very good schedule of games for this spring. In addition to the two trips, he has obtained contracts for ten games with the leading schools of the west, to be played on the home grounds. When it is remembered that he entered upon his duties at a very late date and under very unfavorable circumstances, his efforts are the more to be commended. Not only has he fulfilled the duties of manager, but he has also taken upon himself work which no manager should be compelled to do, in order to save expense to the team. All things considered, Mr. Ryons has made a most excellent record so far this season.

The election of captain for next year's baseball team is as yet a long way off. There are not more than three or four men who should be so certain of positions on the team that they can discuss how they will vote. Discussion of the best man for captain next year ought rightfully to be put off till the season is over and the merits of the players fully shown. That is the only possible way of obtaining the best man for the place. And yet we have it on very good authority that the fight for captain of next year's team is already on. We also have it on good authority that a certain candidate endeavored to use the election of the junior annual board as a means to further his own interests in the baseball election this spring. We also have it direct from the lips of one of the players that already there is a combination to beat this same man out.

How is it to be expected that baseball can be run as it should be when politics and wire pulling enter so largely into baseball affairs?

If the Hesperian is so extremely anxious to know why the "Rag" feels called upon to say anything about oratory or debates, as is inferred from last week's issue of the sheet across the way, we can easily satisfy its curiosity.

The University public desires to hear about such things and as the Nebraskan is the only paper in this neighborhood which makes any pretence to furnish news to its readers, it consequently aims to publish a complete report of all things which pertain to oratorical or debating matters. Of course, if the Hesperian made any pretension of being a newspaper or of publishing the current happenings in the university, it would not be necessary for the Nebraskan to so fully cover the field. But when the "Rag" considers that it has its own readers to look after and in addition those few who were entrapped into taking the Hesperian, it realizes the double duty it is called upon to perform and consequently takes especial pains to furnish a complete and full report of all things interesting to the University public. If the Hesperian desires further information on any subject the "Rag" will cheerfully furnish it.

One of the lessons which doubtless has been learned from the game with the Omaha team is that an efficient coach is a very necessary adjunct to a college team. The batting, base running, fielding and team play all demonstrated this fact.

There is no denying that there is some very good material working for the team this year, but without proper coaching there is no doubt that the team will fall below last year's standard. It is to be hoped that Mr. Cochran will straighten out the team and work them up in the things they are weak. The only way to run a team, either in football or baseball, is to give

the coach the fullest possible sway. This has been amply shown by Mr. Robinson in the last two years. He took the different teams and ran them in exactly the way he thought best, without dictation from any one—managers or captains—and as a result the university has never been as well represented as it has been since Mr. Robinson came to Nebraska.

A coach is much less liable to be prejudiced for or against the men and is much more capable of picking out the best men for the positions. Mr. Cochran has a good field to work in and we hope and believe that he will bring out the best team that it is possible to obtain to represent the University.

Personal attacks on the part of student publications are so very rare in the University that when they do appear they call for some comment. Certainly this is the case with a most uncalled for attack on George E. Kindler, which appeared in the Scarlet and Cream publication issued by the base ball people in the interest of the team.

Merely because he refuses to play ball this spring they devote a column to his abuse as a player and a gentleman. Mr. Kindler certainly has a right to refuse to play ball if he so desires and he also has a right to refuse to divulge his reasons. But we know that those reasons are very likely to be divulged soon and when they are, there is likely to be considerable comment on those same reasons on the part of the University public.

Any one who pretends to keep in touch with base ball affairs and with the sentiment of the school knows that Deacon Kindler has the respect and confidence of by far the larger part of the student body and that he is sympathized with, in his refusal to play base ball this spring.

Few who know him and his reasons for not playing blame him for his actions and still fewer would play themselves if placed in his position.

Mr. Kindler has in no way injured the team or its players this year and this attack will redound to the injury of those who so far forgot themselves as to publish it.

Few who know the inside of base ball matters have any doubt that Geo. E. Kindler is amply able to defend himself upon such attacks.

## LETTER FROM MR. KINDLER.

Mr. Editor: The score sheet of the Nebraska-Wahoo ball game of last Thursday presented a rather peculiar feature. Two columns appear side by side, the one a eulogy upon ex-Manager Pace, the other a slander upon myself. Why Manager Ryons should see fit to parade the name of Pace the benefactor, before the eyes of the University base ball fans, is difficult to understand. Why he should take occasion to deliberately and maliciously misrepresent myself in such a slanderous way is beyond reason to explain.

I am charged with having no college spirit; with disdaining to play in such slow company; with being a chronic kicker; with leading new players after strange gods by telling fables for facts; with having received favors from the management, etc, etc. Those who know me will understand without explanation that the above charges are absolutely false. Those who do not know me need but to think of the motive of the management for the cause of attack.

It is but the manifestation of the same spirit which characterized me as a "rattlehead" on the diamond and an "incompetent" at the bat; the same spirit which sought to deprive me of my college athletic birthright last fall in the athletic board trial; and which characterized me as representing a dangerous faction in the University every time there was a possibility of my being elected to a position in athletic affairs. For the manager to attempt the present unjust and uncalled for assault in such a low and cowardly manner because I have not yet reported for practice shows him up to the student body in his true light. Let it be understood by Manager Ryons, Pace, et al., that as soon as I shall have completed preparation for the Nebraska-Missouri debate I shall be the same base ball enthusiast years. But for all that I do not hesitate to state at this stage of action that the present base ball situation presents a broad field of corruption. Too much of dirty, petty rotten politics and not enough of the genuine article of base ball seems to be a just criticism. Yours truly,  
GEO. E. KINDLER.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

The colored students in Kansas University are planning the organization of a national fraternity.

Illinois expects to have a dual track

and field meet with California in case the latter sends a team to compete at the western intercollegiate meet.

The original charter of the Harvard chapter of Phi Bet Kappa fraternity, which was lost several years ago, was recently recovered at a sale of antiquities in Boston.

Chicago will, in all probability, play a football game with Pennsylvania next fall. Pennsylvania has set aside a day in November for Chicago. If acceptable, the game will be played in Philadelphia.

Statistics from sixty-seven colleges in thirty-seven states show that football men stand one-half per cent, higher in their studies than the average of the whole college.

The Harvard Students' Co-operative society supplies practically all the books and stationery used in that institution. Its sales for the year '06-7 amounted to nearly \$120,000.

The editor of the Clover Leaf, the publication at the University of Kentucky, has recently been publicly reprimanded and suspended from the university for writing an editorial on the "Function of the Faculty."

Cornell college has a competition in military drill covering the work of seven or eight weeks. Regularity of attendance at drill and the percentage of uniformed men are among the points on which the companies are graded.

Mrs. Stanford is going to fit up a large assembly hall for the use of the men of the university. Billiard tables, fully equipped, and tables for periodicals and reading and writing will be placed in the room. The movement is intended to afford greater opportunities for social life among the men of the university.

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