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A GENERAL REVIEW OF FOOT BALL

Statistics of the Individual Players and Their Idea of the Team of 1898.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL-WESTERN TEAM.

Other Views of the Team, and the Causes of the Slump at the Close of the Season.

The football season of '98 is a thing of the past. With it went hopes, fears, plans and blots, besides its own many perfections. In some ways it has been different from anything ever before experienced by Nebraska students, and the result has been most striking, among that class who really know and do something about athletics. The reason for the disastrous finish made by the team has been accounted for in various ways. The school is again drawing into the old furrows and from all appearances some of the scenes of past years may possibly be re-enacted. This must be avoided. So long as the students of this or any other institution of learning allow themselves to be carried off by spasms of useless yet harmful feeling, just so long will athletic and all other school events receive a secondary place and our team will be the sufferers.

The Nebraskan has now taken considerable trouble to find out some of the sentiments of players, students and alumni, hoping that the eyes of various students may be opened to the fact that harmony must prevail. A list of questions was sent to each man upon the team, with a request that he answer all and return them. The last question asked was for their opinion of this year's team and how it could have been improved. Some refrained from answering this, others express themselves freely. As a whole even their sentiment is divided, some blaming one thing, others another. The other statistics are put in as a matter of general interest and for comparison with other teams.

Captain Melford, the pride of the University football circles and athletes in general, has just completed his fourth year on the team. He is twenty-two years old, stands six feet and one inch and weighs 161 pounds. For thoroughness and good captaincy he has had no equal in the Western league this year. His good nature, his sound knowledge of the rules and his ability to "know" the "how" after a decision against the home team, has made him a general favorite with both men and rooters. In goal kicking he has made a record unapproached anywhere during the present season.

R. P. Turner, guard, cannot receive too much praise for his work. He is twenty-four years old, six feet and five inches high and weighs 215 pounds, these facts tending to give him an advantage hard to be overcome. His football ability, however, lies in his quickness and immense strength. He has been in school five years, three of which he has played upon the team. He says he thinks the team compares favorably with any previous year. The line up against Kansas was the strongest ever sent against Nebraska, he says, and was defeated by a lack of interest among the student body and the fact that the coach had a tendency to change men from one position to another carelessly too much. He will not return next year.

Alvin Hansen, the other guard, is one of the oldest men upon the team, having passed his twenty-sixth birthday. He is not so large as Turner. His weight is 200 pounds. Height, six feet, three inches. Like Turner again, he is entering his fifth year in college and has just ended his third year upon the team. He will not be back next year. In regard to the team Hansen speaks as follows: "There was excellent material and up to the time of the Kansas game worked with a spirit and determination that won the penalty. After this the team lost hope and did not train properly. I think the loss of team spirit was due largely to the general apathy of the University. The team seemed to feel the lack of sympathy and support. Football, to be successful, must be a general University affair.

"The team could be improved by having a training table and by a more strict enforcement of training rules, but above all they must have the sup-

port and encouragement of the University. As one of the defects of the team, I might mention the frequent personnel made necessary by the injury and ruling out of players.

"The team was poorly equipped. It was wretchedly supplied with uniforms, sweaters and other necessary wearing apparel."

At tackle, R. D. Kingsbury made a name for himself that will last for some years to come. Before this year he has had very little experience. Last year he was a member of the Wesleyan team and played good ball for them. He is twenty years old, six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. He is undecided as to whether next year will find him in school or not. There is no doubt that he will make a brilliant career if he keeps up the good pace which he has started. He would say nothing in regard to the team and management.

Pillsbury, also tackle, is nineteen

than an athlete. This was due to most wholly to tactics and style. Instead of changing their men back and meeting the big half way, they were slow and did not have their men back, thus allowing the play to meet them with its maximum momentum. It also called attention to the manner that the team made all training extra, and to the slump of the team after the K. U. game. Lack of influence of the coach over the men was to put the cause of this.

Williams, the other half, also played fine football. He is twenty-six years old, five feet, ten and one-half inches high and weighs 120. He played two years on the Ashland high school team and was captain of that team three or four years. He was on the all-western team at Delta in '96. He will be in school next year and was elected captain for next year by common consent at the meeting of the team last week.

Brain played quarter and end during the latter part of the season just closed and on the whole showed up remarkably well. He is twenty years old, five feet, seven inches and weighs 125. Played on the Kirkwood, Ill., high school team for three years and on last year's senior and freshman teams. He expects to return next year. When asked for an opinion, he said that he would leave that for the other men to give.

Leibman is twenty-one years old, weighs 190 and is five feet, nine inches tall. He has had no previous experience, although it is his fourth year in college. He will return next year. In regard to the team he thinks about the same as the others in regard to the severity spirit and lack of men trying for places. He urges more games for the second eleven throughout the season.

WELCOME TO DELTA UPSILON

Still Another Fraternity Enters Our University Which is An Excellent Addition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAU DELTA OMICRON.

Their Faithful Work Rewarded at Last and Their Ability Recognized.

The Nebraska chapter of Delta Upsilon was formally installed last Friday evening at the Delta Upsilon rooms in the Beech block, corner of Fifteenth and O streets.

The ceremonies were conducted by George F. Andrews, Brown, '95, of Bristol, Conn.; Arthur H. Jameson, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '92, of Chicago; John Wilson Barrin, Cornell, '90, and Dr. H. O. Rowlands, Colgate, '78, etc.

The charter members of the local chapter are: Thomas D. Lamm, '98 (absent); Alvin A. Miller, '98; H. H. Noyes, '98; H. D. Elliott, '99; R. H. Thompson, '99; F. H. Kuegel, '99; Clayton Burr, '99; R. W. Bliss, '99; W. D. Hall, '99; Eugene Brookings, '99; Charles L. Wray, '99; E. J. Rhodes, '99; A. T. Strahorn, '99; E. M. Hoffner, '99; S. D. Elliott, '99; Oliver Chalmers, '99; J. Emory Lester, '99; R. G.

The oldest of a certain set of anti-secret societies which developed finally into a national fraternity, Delta Upsilon was one of Williams college called "Social Fraternity." It was founded in 1834. In 1840 negotiations were entered into with a similar society at Union and similar organizations at other colleges. These resulted in a convention in 1847 at Troy, N. Y., Union, Amherst, Williams and Hamilton colleges represented. Common constitution was adopted and the society called "Anti-Secret Confederation." The present badge compounded from the letters of the latter Greek name was adopted in 1855. The name was not placed on the constitution until 1864. In many ways Delta Upsilon is different from other fraternities of national standing. It poses as a non-secret organization; the significance of the society's motto is known; it has no grip, signs or pass words; its constitution is public; the records of its conventions are printed and may be read by anyone interested. As a rule, strangers are not admitted to chapter meetings, but this is for a very natural reason, and that is, that they have no particular cause to be there. Thus the privacy of most business and social organizations is observed.

At the present date the society has thirty-three active and five inactive chapters, with a total membership of about 6,500 men. The government is vested in annual conventions which are held with various chapters in turn. During the interval between conventions, an executive council, consisting of one graduate and three under graduates, administers the affairs necessary.

Among their prominent alumni are: The late President Garfield, ex-governors of Wis. Proctor and Vermont Senator Morrill of Vermont, college presidents, Amos A. Brown, Master of Stanford, Whitman of Columbia, Snow of Kansas. Many others might be mentioned of equal note, but the list is too long to give numbers.

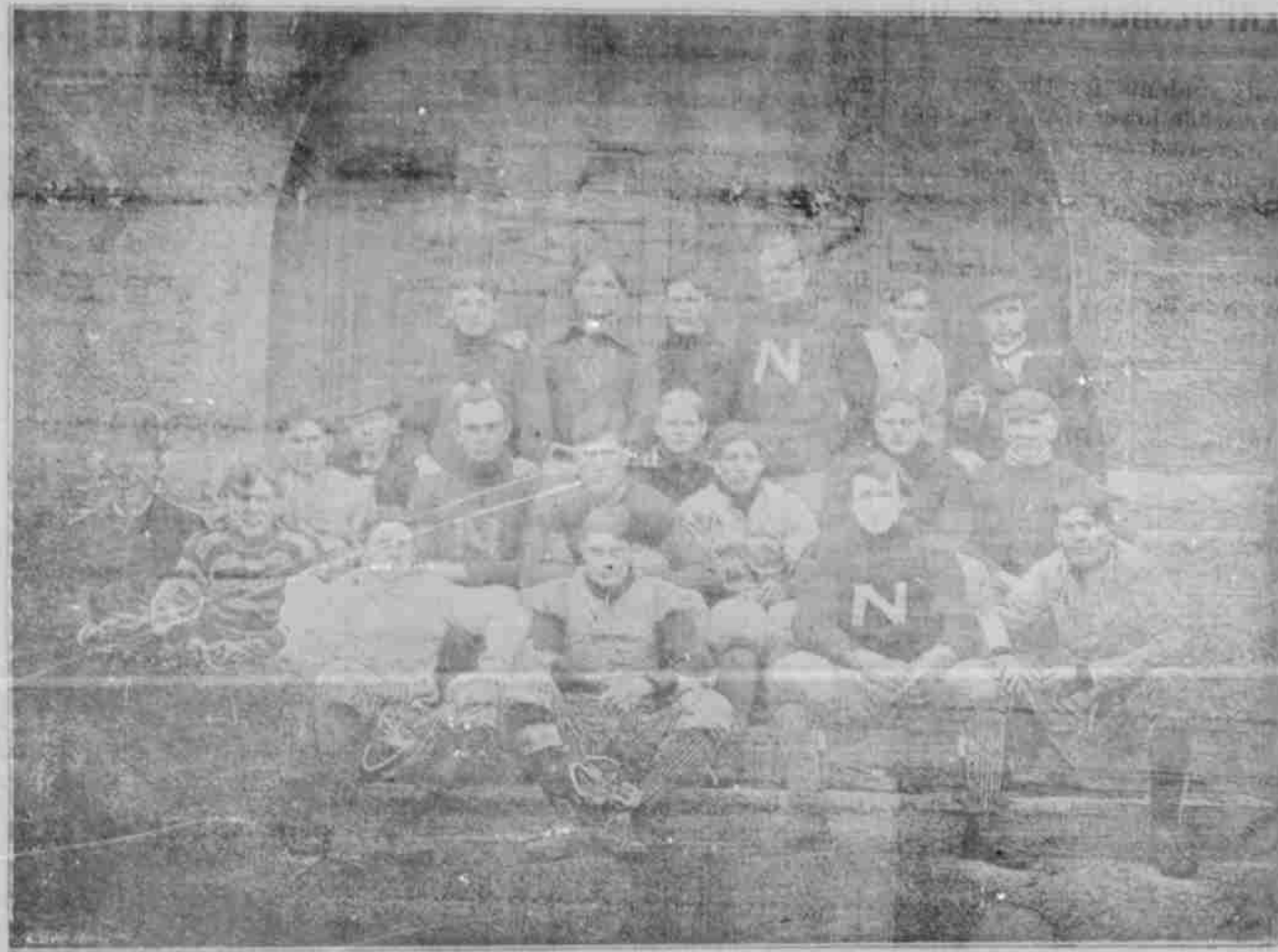
The Nebraskan, speaking for the fraternities of the University, wishes to extend to the boys the warmest of welcomes and bids them take their place in the brotherhood of the University.

Delta Upsilon held her sixty-fourth annual convention at Philadelphia on October 20 and 21. Sessions were held at the Altire. All the thirty-one chapters were represented, and 1,500 new ones were added, applicants from McGill University, Montreal, and from the University of Nebraska receiving charters. The organization of a general annual association of the society was ordered, details being left to the executive council. Judge E. B. Sherman, of Chicago, was re-elected president and Rev. Thurston B. Penfield is continued on the executive council. We trust he will again have charge of the Quarterly, with which he has been so successful. Over 100 are said to have attended the banquet. Open story exercises were held at Houston Hall, but the program's five minutes talks by Stephen Crane, the novelist, Senator Brewster of Vermont; Governor Voorhees of New Jersey; Governor Powers, of Maine, and other well known men, were only partly carried on an account of the enforced absence of some of these gentlemen. Swarthmore was visited, and a theater party was given by the local alumni association. The next convention goes to Ann Arbor. Ten members of the Omicron, a society were present from McGill with Prof. Capper, an honorary member of Delta Upsilon.

The society chartered by Nebraska was known as T. D. O.

Nebraska supports Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Om, Alpha Theta Chi (local), Phi Delta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta

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CAPTAIN MEFORD AND HIS MEN—CHAMPIONS OF 1898.

years old, six feet two inches tall and tips the beam at 185. He is a product of last year's season. At the beginning of this season he showed such marked improvement that he earned a place on the team in the first game. He will return next year, kind providence permitting. In his opinion of the team he called attention to the points already pointed out. He also thinks that every man in college, physically able, ought to get out and make compelling warfare for places on the team.

Springer is twenty-one, measures five feet, eleven and one-half inches and weighs 190 pounds. He played four years in the high school and upon last year's championship eleven. He will be back next year. He raises the point that the men do not follow the instructions of the coach. "The coach," he says, "should need to assist ways where a man can't wait for a second bidding, does not notice this deficiency until much harm is done."

Benedict has finished his third year on the team. He is twenty years old, five feet, nine inches high and weighs 161. He has made a great reputation for himself by his ability as a half. He will not play football next year. This is disheartening to the students in general as he is a great favorite along the side lines. He says: "The team was for the most part better on offensive

Ervin, at full, deserves much of the credit for the good showing of the team. His untiring energy, his good nature and extra heavy weight made him an equalizing man for the team. He is twenty years old, lacks an inch of the six foot mark and weighs 195. His work is all the more remarkable when it is considered that he has but one year's experience. About the team, he says: "The team of '98, up to our return from the Kansas trip, was the strongest that ever represented the 'scarlet and cream.' The score in the M. S. U., and K. U. games will bear me out in this statement, as Kansas claims her team this year is the strongest she has ever had, while Missouri certainly was stronger than last year."

"After this time the rulings of the athletic board, the unjust criticisms of certain parties and unfair reports of the games all united to discourage the coach, manager and men. The loss of the Denke and Iowa games can be attributed directly to the unfair black-listing of two of our most needed players.

"A little more University spirit—on part of certain professors and members of the athletic board and less criticism would instill more interest on the part of the students today and

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Pollard and Charles Peterson, both of 92, are pledged.

After the installation ceremonies, the company of Delta Upsilon's adjourned to the banquet hall. The following guests were present: Dean Monah B. Reese, of the Law School; Harry N. Stahl, Phi Kappa Psi and Joel Stebbins, Phi Delta Theta.

The scarlet and cream and the fraternity colors, blue and gold, were much in evidence. Red carnations, the fraternity flower, decorated the banquet table.

The following toasts received warm responses:

The Philadelphia Convention, H. H. Thompson.

Nebraska chapter, Delta Upsilon, H. H. Elliott.

Our Absent Members, H. H. Noyes, Our Friend, the Economy, H. G. Stebbins.

The Graces, Joel Stebbins.

Our University, Dean Reese.

The Mission of Delta Upsilon, Geo. F. Andrews.

Our Fraternity, Judge E. B. Sherman, Delta Upsilon, John Wilson Barrin.

The new chapter was remembered with gifts and greetings from University friends and distant brother chapters. It is pleasantly located and looks forward to a prosperous year in its new home.

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