

students may at any moment derive full information regarding society programs by simply consulting the bulletin boards. We feel that THE HESPERIAN does represent the great majority of the students and that it voices the sentiments of that body when it refuses to devote a large amount of space to society programs. The criticism ends by asking: "If we are to have a paper why not have one that tells what we are doing? Simply, dear friend, because we sometimes do things that are very foolish and had better be left untold. The criticism affords some pleasure to us, however, because it shows that new students are taking an active interest in literary societies and are doing all they can to make them prosperous. THE HESPERIAN is ready at all times to publish such contributions.

THE foot-ball team covered itself with glory in the game at Omaha, Thanksgiving day. We have maintained for some time that our boys could be successful as athletes if they would only try and now we are pleased to see that they have put forth an effort and won. But meanwhile the other athletic departments must not be neglected. In base-ball we have a record to sustain and it might be well to begin preparations for the better organizations of the team. Hard work is what is successful in the end and unless our base-ball players show a disposition to practice a little more than they have been doing of late they must not expect to maintain the record of last year. We believe that the game of foot-ball at Omaha did more to advertise the the University there than could be accomplished in that line by several hundred dollars expended in any other manner. This is an additional reason why we should not neglect athletics at the U. of N.

THE growth of the University for the past year has been much greater than was expected by the most sanguine. There are now more than five hundred students in attendance here. This is a good showing considering that there are but two of the five authorized colleges as yet regularly organized. It seems to us that the growth of the state demands that the law and medical colleges should be established in the near future. This state is certainly able to maintain such colleges at the University. It is to be hoped that some time before long our state will be able to offer to all ample facilities for preparing for professional life. It is somewhat expensive and inconvenient for Nebraskans to be compelled to go to other states in order to secure benefits that might just as well be enjoyed at home. But while we desire a law and medical college, it is better not to establish them unless they are properly supported. Nor is it desirable to establish any more colleges if those that

are already established would suffer any by the change. The last session of the legislature was inclined to be too parsimonious towards the University. It is expected that the farmers will deal liberally with us this winter. There is an excellent opportunity for them to show their good judgement by providing liberally for the next two years.

SINCE we are now approaching the end of the term it is presumed that according to the time honored custom several of the students will remove their attention from state politics and begin to lay wires with a view to securing certain honors in the societies. THE HESPERIAN election is also drawing near so that on the whole there is plenty to engage the attention of our college politicians. It is to be regretted that college politics are so intense, but since this is the case, those who enter into the race for political honors should not complain if they are sometimes disappointed. College politics afford an excellent preparation for one who expects to take an interest in politics after school life is over, but this is no reason why any college man should descend to the level of the average ward politician. In these college contests only merit and ability should be recognized. Let the students keep this in mind when they are called upon to elect a new board of editors. Leave aside old prejudices and elect only those who will faithfully perform their duties. We hope to see all differences between literary societies disappear before the next election. If there are differences they are more imaginary than real. The societies have a common cause and upon it at least they should unite. In the next election we hope to see the different societies pursue such a policy as will at once produce the utmost good will and union in the barbarian ranks.

THE college press all over the country seems to be considerably agitated about college fraternities. This is gratifying. However one may regard college fraternities it must be evident to all fairminded men that honest discussion of the principles involved and of the advantages or disadvantages to be derived from such organization must result in good. As an opponent of the fraternity system we have much respect for a fraternity man who is such from principle and who is able to defend his position by sound and logic arguments. But unfortunately for the fraternities about the only reply they make to arguments that strike rather close is to intimate that all opponents of the fraternities are "soreheads." It is evident that this one cry must be convincing to some but since the fraternity system is not able to find some argument more reasonable and plausible we are inclined to think that there is not much to be said in support of