

become wise at a much later date than those who learn from the fortunes and misfortunes of others. There is one quality which is more often perverted and which if not perverted is conducive to more good, to the new student especially, than almost any other quality of which humanity is the possessor. That is self-esteem. Generally, a student of a retiring disposition consumes two years at college in crawling out of his shell, and then, when he is out, he is uncertain whether he ought not to crawl right back again. If he has capabilities in any special line of work he discovers it after he has gone through years of school life that would have been of inestimable value in developing his especial bent. Enter the University, with a well developed *ego*, but strive strenuously not to let the dwarf become a giant. Remember that you are the peer socially of all your companions, and perhaps the superior mentally of many who scorn your rural aspect. Do not be afraid, therefore, of "making breaks." Make them and be done with them. Get through with them early, for they *will* come, and far better early than late.

The annual question of a cane rush will soon begin to agitate minds, Fresh. and Sophomorian. We hope that the good judgment of the incoming Freshman class will excel that of preceding classes, and that this worn out custom will be done away with. It belongs to the primitive days when college students played town ball and one old cat. In all colleges of national repute the custom has long ago died out. Even a cane break is nonsense; some things happened in the cane rush last year which were very much to be regretted; let us avoid the possibility of such unbecoming actions this fall. The three foot ball games which will be played in Lincoln will give students a chance to witness enough scuffling. It has been proven again and again that nothing breaks up the fall term so much as the general undercurrent of excitement that the prospect or actuality of a cane rush produces. It would

be much more profitable to drop this juvenile business and concentrate all the enthusiasm on a higher kind of athletics. However, if the little folks want to amuse themselves and play Waterloo, and dirty each other's faces and tear each other's clothes, the older classmen will watch them with a smile of indulgence, remembering that once they, too, were young.

The opening of the year is the time to work up college enthusiasm. Everyone returns fresh and ready to enter the lists to combat for honors of some sort. The fall of the year is usually given over to athletics. Let this year be no exception. New material is needed in the foot ball team. Surely there will be no dearth of applicants for place on the first eleven. The Athletic Association assumes a heavy responsibility when it agrees to pay \$500 for a coach for the team. Last year there was difficulty in raising \$150. But with the increased number of students, and with the additional advantage of having an early start, the association need have no fears of being unable to raise the requisite amount. The money will come all the easier if the team be an excellent one. No loyal student will refuse to join the Athletic Association. The small investment of fifty cents will prove a profitable one.

The University has never opened when the prospects pointed more certainly to a successful year. The faculty has been increased, and the new professors, we may pride ourselves on the fact, are everyone thorough scholars of wide reputation and acknowledged ability. Although we regret exceedingly the departure of some of the faculty of last year, we cannot but congratulate ourselves with the fact that their places have been filled by such excellent men. The appointment of Prof. Taylor to the vacant chair of political and economic science is especially fortunate. This professorship has been vacant for two years, although the work has been carried on by Professors