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Barbarians point with pride to the number of Phi Beta Kappas elected from among their number.

Oh, how thorny is the path of the man who consumes his life in seeking a place of ease.

If the "big-headed" student could only see himself as others behold him, his landlady would only need to place a pocket mirror on his dresser.

Truth is like the butcher's cat You think you have decapitated it, but lo and behold it bobs up the next day, serenely holding its head in its mouth.

The university summer school is to be a permanent thing. It also in the future, promises to be of more importance. For the first time the legislature has made an appropriation to maintain it. More instructors will be added to the faculty and more courses offered. By next summer regular university work will be offered and full university credit will be given.

The last days of the university year promise to be as interesting as usual. But the days just preceding the last promise to be dull and monotonous The boys go to camp after examinations are over, on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of June. Every student who does not have to stay is going home before the 3rd There will be almost an entire week before commencement when university life and spirit will be practically dead.

The success of the Lincoln Beatrice high school series of debates should be an incentive to every high school in the state Inter-collegiate and inter-high school forensic contests are gradually supplementing, if not supplanting athletic contests This is as it should be. The first object of an institution of learning should be intellectual. There is no reason why there should not be just as much school rivalry and enthusiasm over a forensic contest as over an athletic contest. The Lincoln-Beatrice series proves there is, and the success in this instance should be sufficient to incite every high school in the state to make arrangements for inter-high school debates the coming school year.

We can be justly proud of our base ball team this year. Although we lost a majority of the games on the trip east, yet our boys played fine ball and held down the score with some of the best college teams in the land. We have been afraid to undertake anything of such consequence as an extended trip heretofore, but the success this year will warrant the undertaking of a strong date season next year.

All, from the stately "Prof" to the jaded bookworm were constrained to hold their sides for fear of a mirth-broken blood vessel on Monday evening. The caprice of a few hundred night gowned cadets is not an every day spectacle. It seemed that all the fun for a whole school year had been carefully bottled and then uncorked for this special occasion. "Ridiculous!" gasped the prude. Ridiculous? Yes, but what pray you, would this old world be without the ridiculous? A joker without a joke.

This year will graduate the largest class that the university has yet been alma mater to. Not only is the class of '97 the largest but judging from appearances we predict for its members a bright future. Never before have such a proportion of the senior class planned for a life in some specialty. There seems to be more definite choosing of a life work than before. A great number intend to specialize in some branch of college work, and make instructors of themselves This is the age of the specialist. The choice of such a profession is a commendable one.

The face of the senior is rather serious now that commencement week draws near. It is a serious matter—this being a senior. Things go very smoothly while our college work hums merrily along, but when one comes to the "jumping off place," it is quite different. All of the warm and mating associations of a college life behind and nothing but a cold, "dig for-yourself" world in front. The consolation of an A. B. or even a Phi Beta Kappa, is anything but satisfying when one sees nothing ahead save a corn cultivator or book agency. But then there is the other side. It is edifying, we suppose, to know that one has attained that period in life which subsequents knee-pants or aprons. It would be nice to attain a broader view of the world if it were not that the sense one had of occupying so few in ignificent, square inches in it did not come so forcibly home.

This is the last issue of the HESPERIAN for this school year. The HESPERIAN believes that it owes