

Kindler Exonerated.

The exoneration of George Kindler from the charge of "professionalism" by the Athletic Board at its meeting last Saturday morning, is a matter of pleasure to the lovers of University athletics. The charges made were met fairly and fully and easily proven to be without foundation. There was no ground for belief in their truth left, when Kindler had had his 'day in court.' We are pleased at this fact. Mr. Kindler is a strong man in many ways; we need him on our baseball team next spring as well as in the football practice this fall and now that he is entirely cleared of the 'cloudy rumors' set afloat he is certain to take his old place bringing his usual energy and accuracy with him.

Wagering.

It is a deplorable fact that there was betting on the Kansas-Nebraska game. It indicates a sure decline in college sports. Its effect is demoralizing and tends to bring our contests into disrepute. The temptation to bet on the recent game was strong, but that fact is hardly an excuse. To be bantered by a gang of 'fellows' with more money than sense isn't enjoyable, but to put ones self on their level by wagering with them isn't commendable.

The effect of this betting is already seen. Little would have been said about a 'protest' by Kansas, 'no game,' etc. had it not been for the heavy bets at big odds made by the 'fellows' accompanying the Jay-Hawk aggregation. Their money was hung up, they wanted to save it, they were sore, they came here with bulging purses and 'vain boastings,' the hotel clerks had their money and they wanted it back. And so the 'beefing' and squabbling occurred.

It is no matter of credit to college men that their athletes cannot meet without the fact of betting entering in and interfering with their contest. We say again 'There had been no protest, had there been no betting.' Are you pleased at the truth?

Inter-State Debates.

The objects of these debates are to develop debaters in our own institution, to come into relations of amity with other institutions of like character to ours, to create a 'University

spirit,' and to bring our University into prominence as an educational center of merit and influence. First of all these debates tend to create a healthy rivalry among individuals and clubs, inspiring men to strive for honors and rank among their fellows. They tend to get men to do something, to find if they do contain any powers upon which they may rely in the work of the world. Then they bring us in touch with our neighbors. "No man lives unto himself alone" no more does a University. We need new ideas, new methods, new manners of thought and new influences in our University organism. These we obtain by contact, association and communication with our neighboring educational centers.

Further, when our representatives are chosen and the contest is on, we have a 'center' of University life. Here gather our hopes and our enthusiasm, and here is the source of inspiration and energy. The issue is a rallying point, the outcome is a conjecture, a vague hope, a nameless fear. We await the result, we talk of the outcome, we guess and calculate. These facts at once evidence an interest and beget a tendency to coherence and unanimity. College spirit is the chemical resultant of individual enthusiasm on a given subject. Debating arouses these 'enthusiasms.'

Lastly, we are known by our products. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' The men who represent us are supposed to be our strongest, and as they impress our neighbors, just so is the University of Nebraska known among college people. If our representatives display logic, depth of reasoning, power of arguing and ability of presenting argument gracefully, then we are favorably known; if our logic is 'choppy,' our reasoning shallow, our arguments incoherent, and our delivery 'farmery' then we must be reputed unfavorably.

The large number of entries for the preliminaries indicates that we have the proper sort of material in the University.

The Great Game.

The championship of the West is decided. Nebraska has proven her claim to the title of Victor, she wears the laurels of the gridiron. She is "The champion beyond compare" The