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The opening of the present school year gives the students of the university a chance to show their loyalty in a new way. Acting Chancellor Bessey accepted the position which he now occupies after a vigorous protest, at the time of the summer meeting of the board of regents. The fact that he was persuaded to take the position under any circumstances is most highly commendable and should gain for him a still warmer place in the hearts of the students than he already occupies. With combined support from students of all classes a successful year should be assured to all.

It is hard for the management of a paper to apologize to the subscribers upon any subject. Above all, it is hard to tell how it all happened, why it all happened, and why the paper did not come out on time. Perhaps this is especially hard when it is the first issue of the college year. However, in this case, we feel that we will receive no censure from the student body. Our contract for the year had been awarded to the principal losers in Friday mornings fire. A large amount of our copy had already been put into type and everything united to make us believe that the paper was about to enter upon its most successful year. Although we are a little late for the first issue, and although we had to hire new firms to do our work, we feel that all of our readers will see our position and not attach any blame to us.

The foot ball season is again at hand to absorb the minds of the students and to afford recreation to all who desire. The financial condition of athletics is good. Hard work at the close of last year put all debts out of the way, and for the first time in years it is possible to start a team with the statement that it is out of debt. This is something that ought to be impressed upon the minds of new students. From the troubles of the past, it is now the ardent desire of every student of several years' standing in the institution to keep the teams on their feet and place them where they can be of the most honor to the University of Nebraska. The Nebraskan-Hesperian wishes to urge upon all the necessity of proper support to athletic teams. Let the day of season tickets be past; it is too much of a sacrifice to the management. Let each man come to the gate on the day of the game and pay the 50 cents that will be asked, and in this way much more will be raised than has ever been before.

It will be a surprise to many of the students to see the names Nebraskan and Hesperian combined. At the same time, any who have given the matter thought will see that it is one of the

most important steps ever taken in college journalism in this institution. For some years past the papers have been the source of constant dissensions; the troubles stirred up in this manner have been a constant detriment to the good feeling that would otherwise exist. The union of the two papers was brought about after a thorough discussion of the situation by the men in charge of each. Many members of the Alumni association, faculty and student body were consulted in the matter, one and all agreeing that it was the most advisable thing that could be done. Simultaneously to the beginning of the discussion the use of the college journalism class was offered on condition that the combination be made. How to run the editorial comment was a point hard to settle in the minds of all. It was conceded that it must necessarily be neutral. With this as a basis, the journalism class, a column for signed communications and the public sentiment as necessary auxiliaries, the impossible was accomplished. Both papers have lost their original size, and this with the union of the names puts in the background the identity of each paper and starts another, which, with the combined efforts of all of the students, faculty and alumni of the institution, will be an honor to the university and an organ to express the true feeling of each and every student. The column of signed communications is open to every one, regardless of sex or class. If anything comes up in the university that does not meet with the approval of any literary society, fraternity or class organization, any representative may express his views and may have the guarantee that whatever he says will appear in the columns exactly as he desires it. The new management desires to print a paper that will excel any college paper in the United States. For this reason an invitation is extended to all to send in suggestions as to how any matters should be dealt with. We trust that all will give us hearty support.

Last year many desired that steps be taken toward the erection of a monument of some kind in honor of Colonel John M. Stotsenburg and the students of the university who lost their lives in the Spanish war and in the Filipino struggle that followed. However, it was thought that the time was not then ripe to do anything. At present the other side of the case is to be considered. The regiment has returned home; a satisfactory settlement of all difficulties is looked for at an early date; it is evident that we are soon to have other problems with which to deal. A man whom all of the university honors has written and asked that steps be taken to erect a memorial tablet in the institution, and in order to see that his remarks are heeded he encloses a check for a goodly amount. Letters are given below which explain Major Pershing's idea on the subject:

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28, 1899.—Chancellor University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.: My Dear Sir—I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the president of the board of regents, respecting the erection of some memorial in memory of the students of the university who have participated in the Spanish war and the war in the Philippines. I hope that active steps may be taken to carry out this idea, and I can think of no better way than starting it off in this manner.

"I am very much interested in everything that the university does, and you may be assured that I shall always have a tender feeling for her. With sincere regards. Yours truly,

"JOHN J. PERSHING."

The enclosed copy to the regents, mentioned by Major Pershing, follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28, 1899.—The President of the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.: Dear Sir—It is with great satisfaction that I see, in perusing the annual reports of the University of Nebraska, the names of so many of its students enrolled as volunteers in various Nebraska regiments. Such a record speaks as well for the university as for the individual. It clearly demonstrates the fact that patriotism and education go hand in hand in that institution.

"In view of the services rendered the country in times of need by university boys, many of whom have given up their lives in her service, it has occurred to me that some fitting and lasting memorial should be erected to their memory. While I make this only as a suggestion, it seems to me that a memorial tablet or tablets might be placed upon the walls of the chapel; and, I should think, this memorial should comprise lists of names of the university boys by companies and regiments, and should recount the battles in which they participated.

"I very much regret that I shall not be present upon the return of the last of the Nebraska volunteers to their native state, for it would give me much pleasure to again meet these young men, who are now veterans.

"This seems to be an opportune time to present the question of a memorial of the nature suggested, and in order that a subscription for the purpose may be started I have placed at your disposal, according to the accompanying memorandum, the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose. Very sincerely,

"JOHN J. PERSHING."

It will be seen at a glance that some systematic plan must be devised in order to fulfill the suggestion here offered. The management of the Nebraskan-Hesperian has decided to take up the matter and if possible see it to a successful completion. To place all of the names of the university boys in the war on the tablet, together with their regiment and the battles in which they were engaged, as suggested by Major Pershing, would be a task too great for the university at the present time. It seems advisable that subscribers to the fund should be either students, alumni or members of the faculty. We wish to suggest, considering these things, that a tablet be erected to the university dead only; that the list be headed by the name of Colonel John M. Stotsenburg.

With this end in view, the Nebraskan-Hesperian desires to raise the sum of \$500 for the commencement of such a memorial. Let this sum be outside of the amount given by Major Pershing, although combined with it for use; let the total amount be raised among the students, alumni and faculty; let all make it a matter of their personal interest; let the work be done harmoniously, and let it begin at once.

Plans upon the subject will be gladly received by the Nebraskan-Hesperian. Any who have thought upon the matter should have some idea of how the money ought to be raised. Ideas in regard to the form and material of the tablet would also be welcome. Let the student body, with their friends, unite and do honor to the men who were formerly in our midst, but who gladly gave up their lives when they were called upon to do so.

Acting Chancellor Bessey has sent a notice to the deans that when a student desires to change his college he must do so on the approval of both the deans concerned. This is a ruling in accordance with the action of the faculty in regard to the change of courses where the dean of the college is to be consulted. It will save much time to all parties concerned.

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