

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Editor Nebraskan-Hesperian: Will you kindly permit the credit committee to announce through your columns that all requests for extra hours for the second semester must be in the hands of the registrar by Wednesday, January 24. Heretofore, these requests have been scattered over several weeks, causing many unnecessary sessions of the committee. These requests should state subjects, hours and reasons for asking extra hours.

Only two classes of requests are recognized by the committee as coming within the powers granted them by the faculty. The first case is where a real hardship is shown, arising from changes of group, sickness, complications due to new faculty legislation and the exigencies of graduation.

Secondly, in certain rare instances extra hours are granted to confessedly strong students whose previous work warrants the increased registration.

In neither of the above cases should permission be granted where it will result in injury or discredit to either the student or the university.

To this end the names of all applicants will be listed and submitted to each member of the faculty with the request that the instructor indicate whether the past work of the student warrants increased registration. The verdict thus rendered will practically decide the matter except in rare instances of hardship. Respectfully,

T. M. HODGMAN,  
Chairman.

The Pershing Rifles constitute the cream of the cadet battalion. It is good for the battalion that the Pershings exist. In the drill on Thursday evening the members get the inspiration so easily and often lost in the battalion drill. Here the commandant shows himself at his advantage especially. The advantages for good drill are many and he gets into closer contact with the men. He can pay more attention to details, for which he has a keen eye. To be able to obtain good results from drill in a gentlemanly way without resorting to the usual military roughness is our commandant's strong point.

The Pershings need a few more good men. Now, it is refreshing to drill with them. It is only once a week and that at a time which is not very valuable to the student anyhow. He does not start his evening's work before 8 o'clock and by that time the Pershings are dismissed. After a little pleasant exercise one feels much more like studying. Those who wish to join should do so now. The Pershings are one of the prides of the university and should begin next semester with a full house.

VICTOR ANCHORA.

## INTERNATIONAL FIELD MEET.

The negotiations between Oxford and Cambridge and Yale and Harvard for an international track and field meet in this country, which was begun early in the fall, have not yet been concluded. Manager Dana of the Yale track association states that while the negotiations are still in progress nothing definite had yet been decided upon. Assurances have been received from the Englishmen that they are likely to send a challenge to this country. There are a great many questions which must be settled before the Englishmen can agree to come to this country. The chief of these is the difference in the training seasons in this country and in England. A new difficulty has arisen in the effect the South African war, if it continues, is likely to have upon the English athletes in the way of demoralizing their teams by many of the best athletes going to the front.

The Yale track team will begin training on February 1. Jim Robin-

son has been engaged to coach the track candidates. John Flannagan, the world's champion weight thrower, has offered his services free to the shot and hammer candidates.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Leland Stanford university is considering the matter of opening the university library on Sunday.

Harvard will establish a memorial for her sons who died in the late war war Spain a university club. Mayor Henry Lee Higginson made the project possible by a gift of \$150,000.

Eleven thousand men and 1,600 women are engaged as professors in the 423 colleges and universities in the United States. An army of 188,000 young men and 40,000 young women are in attendance.

The faculty of Grinnell college has decided to give the editor-in-chief of Scarlet and Black, the college paper, three hours' credit, the local and athletic editors each one hour credit.

Mr. C. A. Young has raised \$38,000 for the endowment of a chair of the English Bible at the University of Virginia. To this amount it is hoped \$25,000 additional may be added. Similar chairs are at the State Universities of Michigan, California, Oregon and Missouri. An effort is being made to induce other leading institutions to establish similar chairs.

Celebrity has great advertising power. President McKinley visited Mount Holyoke last commencement and that institution opens with a registration of 562. The public was informed that Dewey received a part of his education at Norwich university, and Norwich now has a larger freshman class than ever before.

On November 30 there were 1,055 students in attendance at the Kansas state university. This is by far the largest number ever enrolled so early in the school year, and from present indications the total enrollment for this session will reach 1,200.

Wisconsin has decided to continue base ball for another year, and if not successful she will then drop it.

## HARVARD SCHOLARSHIP.

In 1898 Edward Austin, a Boston merchant, bequeathed to Harvard university \$500,000, the income to be used for "needy, meritorious students and teachers, to assist them in the payment of their studies." In the settlement of this estate Harvard received \$425,000. In fulfillment of wishes of Mr. Austin, the president and fellows have voted that \$2,000 shall be assigned yearly from the income of this bequest to establish eight scholarships, each with an annual value of \$250.

## YALE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION.

The annual catalogue of Yale university, which appeared recently, shows an attendance of 2,517, an increase of six over that of last year. The attendance by departments is as follows: Academic department, 1,224; scientific department, 571; graduate school, 281; law school, 195; medical school, 135; department of music, 107; divinity school, 100; art school, 90; total, 2,709; deduct for names inserted twice, 188; total, 2,517.

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