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As has been published several times in these columns, a strong effort will be made this spring to take a track team to Chicago to compete in the western intercollegiate athletic association meet June 2. This has been attempted two or three times previously and we have been represented by a man or two. No team has ever been taken however. This year, the time seems ripe that something should be done. We have several men, who would stand a fairly good show of winning places, even if it were impossible to win firsts. But the same old trouble confronts us as in former years. The students of the University of Nebraska constantly refuse to support track athletics in anything more than a half hearted way. From all outward indications it never dawns upon them that a track man works longer and steadier for his place than any other athlete who wears a Nebraska uniform. They never stop to think that this branch is as essential for all-round development as any other. Repeated appeals have failed in their object.

But to the men who win places on our track team, too much praise can not be given. The sacrifice which they make, although unappreciated as it is, amounts to a great deal. A few each year, avail themselves to the opportunities offered in this line and these are the men whose efforts should be rewarded by a trip to Chicago. They deserve it as much as the foot and base ball teams deserve theirs. Manager Hewitt has arranged two meets to take place on the going trip.

This is the status of affairs. What is the student body going to do? Is an untimely end to mark the exit of this branch? Or, will they be extended a helping hand? The time for action is now. Other teams are accused of being made up from favorites. It merely gives a chance for the unsuccessful candidate to kick. But here, each man shows what he is. He is chosen from the records he makes. It follows that it must be a representative university team. If it is not, it is because the men have not turned out and trained for the events.

The most enterprising class of the school has practically made a proposition that may lead to a solution of the financial part of the present case. Two men on the track team belong to that class. The offer is to the effect that the class will defray the expenses of these two men to and from Chicago.



The Idler feels like offering himself up for a fresh paint sign. It would be a great thing. He could perch himself out on the Spanish cannon, with three or four cushions and a few bags of Duke's, and have a glorious time. And all the pretty girls would come out and look at him and say nice things and play 'ring around the Idler.' It would be jolly. Then the chancellor, associate chancellor, typists, Johnnie Noble and others from the executive office would file down with grave looks and many forebodings, and the Idler would be siezed as a suspect, taken into the office and quizzed until he was black and blue.

It was absolutely remarkable that they didn't paint the thing Saturday night instead of Monday. It would have been sporty then. But to put the deal off till the night watchman began his nightly sleeps again after two nights vigil, wasn't a bit funny. Any cheap skate could do that. But it is just like some people to wait until things get cold and then growl at the cook.

As a whole, the artistic tastes of the high privates in the rear rank seem to be decidedly deficient this year. Poor colors have been chosen throughout, and the smearing would do disgrace to a kindergarten. When a fellow makes a D like a cocked hat and a C like the same cocked hat with the brim knocked off, it is crude. The latter ought to have sense enough to know that the brim can be put back on with one stroke of the paint brush.

And say, did you notice that all the letters around on the walks and in front of the fraternity houses are C's, A's, and D's? The Idler has been wondering if the entire set is not an outfit of CADs after all. To say the least the idea is antiquated. They ought to get something new, at least once in every school generation. Why, it was way back in '97 when the fellows went around with the first can of paint. Everyone of 'em got a ride in the hurry-up wagon. There were lots of names at the station that night which

How about the other classes? Will they stand back and let a move of this kind go through without taking a hand? We trust not. Let each class raise \$50 which will send eight men. Two other men will be sent by the athletic association. This will afford good representation and will give the team a much deserved reward. As a final appeal to the different classes, we hope that this may be heeded.

Considering the different conditions which have met the base ball team since its departure on the trip, a most excellent showing has been made. It is usually considered if a team wins one-half of its games on foreign territory, the result is highly satisfactory. Our team can boast of this so far. A rousing welcome should be reserved for them on their return.

One more issue of the Nebraskan-Hesperian remains for the present college year. A considerable portion of this will be devoted to the senior class,

were never found in the registrar's list. And the fellows were all sealors, too. The guy down on the corner with three brass balls in front of his door did more business that time than ever before or since.

Ah! those were good old times, but they are long past now and the succeeding generations are growing crude. And it isn't only in the paint line. Do you know that the seniors couldn't even have a sneak day yesterday as they had planned cause it rained all night and half of the previous day on purpose. It is too bad. Now, speaking of sneak days, affords another striking example of antiquity. The idea, that a senior class, above all other classes, would do the same thing that two succeeding classes had attempted to do. That's the way they go. Whenever a rut gets started in this Nebraska soil, it gets deeper and deeper and each succeeding class goes farther and farther out of sight. Finally in the course of eight or ten years, a class comes along with a new idea.

It is said to be a wonderful aggregation of students and of course the idea becomes the model for the next ten years.

Now to sum the whole deal up, the only new things that have happened all year, worthy of consideration as far as originality is concerned, was the mysterious disappearance and the wonderful and long-to-be-remembered reappearance of Sampson and the photographing of Hallie Roberts.

Now the Idler likes originality, as has already been brought out. It may be fortunate that the seniors couldn't have a life-sized sneak yesterday. Now for a suggestion. How would it be if the seniors had a working day? It might be good to have them get down and plug for twelve hours. Perhaps some of them would come nearer getting diplomas on the seventh of June, and to others it might freshen their memory to know what work really is once more. Above all, it would be original.

We hope to be able to give the occupation and address of each senior for his or her first year after graduation. We also hope to be able to present pictures of some of the class officers and representative students. We consider this the proper and fitting close for our year as editors of the paper.

A few unpaid subscriptions are still found on our books. Why not call in and settle these at once? It will show that the efforts which have been forth to get out a representative paper have been at least slightly appreciated. It means merely one dollar each from all of you, while to us the aggregate is considerable. Subscriptions may be paid at our office, 223 North Eleventh street between 8 and 12 o'clock and between 1 and 5 o'clock. They will also be received at the University Book Store at any time. Subscribers out of the city should send the same by check, money or express order, addressed to the Nebraskan-Hesperian, Box 219, Lincoln. We trust that all

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