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There is an abuse of library privileges on the part of a number of young men which should not be tolerated and which doubtless will cease to exist after this word to the wise. We refer to the very ungentlemanly habit of expectorating in rooms used as much by women as by men—especially the library. Every student should feel it to be as intolerable an offense as if committed in a friend's parlor. Men do not realize how disgusting the habit is to all women nor how impossible it should be in an institution like ours to have such looking sairs, halls, and class rooms as have been seen for the past few weeks. There ought to be some difference between the appearance of the halls of the university and those of the city hall for instance, or police headquarters.

This is particularly true of a library, the floors of which should no more be subject to such treatment than should the hard wood floors of a private residence. Moreover, aside from its unpleasantness the habit is extremely uncleanly and unhygienic, so much so that more than one city board of health has tried to prevent the spread of disease by forbidding the practice in public places. Finally the fact that a number of the women instructors as well as some students have complained of the filthy appearance of halls, stairs, class rooms, and even alcoves, should make every man on the campus see to it that neither he nor his companions offend longer in this respect.

The Chancellor has again been forced to mention smoking on the campus. It seems that this should not be necessary. Any one who has the best interests of the university at heart surely will not do it. While we now have better fire protection than in the past, no risk should be taken. A fire in any one of the buildings would result in a total loss as no insurance is carried. New buildings are needed too badly for us to be careless with what we have.

The Minnesota Daily in a recent editorial kindly told its subscribers what kind of a paper they wanted. A communication to the paper asked the organ of the Gophers to publish personals and locals. The claim was made that such events interested the public. Evi-

dently, this was not the first complaint. The editor replied with a weighty editorial stating that it was above a daily paper to publish personals. We would urge that it is not above any paper to please its subscribers. People wish to know what the members of the faculty and their friends are doing. Such items are news and it stands to reason that a newspaper should publish them.

Trouble is brewing at the University of Iowa. Recently, President MacLean suspended ten members of the sophomores for kidnapping the president of the freshman class. Protests and resolutions against the action are numerous, but it seems likely Dr. MacLean will not recede from his stand. The best element in the university is supporting him and we hope he will be able to settle affairs without causing too much trouble. However, his stand is an admirable one and should be upheld.

The institution of indoor practice for the foot ball men at Michigan is an admirable example to us. Coach Booth is here and no doubt can be secured to push the work. The following clipping from the Michigan Daily is explanatory in itself:

"As soon as the mid-winter examinations are over, the foot ball team will begin indoor signal practice under the direction of Keene Fitzpatrick. This radical change in the foot ball practice cannot fail to be of great benefit to the team. It is a start toward all-year-around practice.

Just before the holidays there met in the gymnasium a graduate committee, together with the present foot ball leaders to plan for next year. The question of a coach was not definitely settled and is still in the air. Manager Baird is corresponding with some of the prominent coaches, but the final selection will not be made for some time. However, the indoor work will be taken care of by Keene Fitzpatrick himself.

The work will of course be light at first. All the 'Varsity men as well as the scrubs, will gather every Wednesday evening in the gym, and run through signals and formations. The idea is to get the "Michigan foot ball system" down pat, so that when autumn comes and the hard work begins on Regents' Field there will be no need to teach the men the rudiments of the game and the principles on which the Wolverines play."

If every one will give the board proper support, such practice can be established here. It will greatly aid the team for next year and give greater promise of success. Nebraska must win the Western Championship for next season.

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