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The last issue of the Kansas University Weekly is something of a surprise. The Pi Beta Phi sorority had entire control of that edition and made it so far superior to the usual publication sent forth by the Jay Hawks that we suggest letting the young ladies have charge of the paper all the time.

During the fall season every one wonders why we do not have more college songs. An attempt is made in a meeting in chapel to learn a few for the game on the Saturday evening. Every one says we should have more time and wonders why some one does not do something. When the day for the game comes, no one knows the songs very well, many no. at all, and no one cares to lead. As a result, no one sings.

For a suggestion we have this to offer: Have a number of good college songs prepared immediately. There are several professors and students in the university who can write a good, lively song containing college traditions, and to some air well known to everyone. Such productions should by all means contain something of our past history. This would make them dear to the alumni, who have already passed beyond the college gates as well as to those who are to graduate in the future. Every one complains that the University of Nebraska has no traditions. We think that more tradition will gather around a college song after a few years than around any other single thing. A gathering of alumni in any part of the country will sing the old songs, calling back things which were dear to them when in school.

As a means of starting the songs, we would suggest this: Have a number of songs prepared and presented to some one competent to judge of their value. Then, turn those selected over to the director of the chorus classes and let her drill the members upon them. By this means a good foundation will be prepared. Next fall, a number will know the songs well when the foot-ball season opens. Others will follow. In a short time, Nebraska will then have songs to be handed down to the future student body. We think Mrs. Raymond would also be willing to undertake such a thing. It would not only help the university but also create an interest in the chorus work.

The following clipping from one of the daily papers explains itself. We might say that we also consider "two thirty" as stopping the party at an "early hour" if that is what they desire:

Iowa City, Ia., March 22.—(Special)—The three girls' fraternities of the University of Iowa, the Kappa Kappa Gammas, the Delta Gamma and the Pi Beta Phi held a meeting Thursday night at the invitation of the Kappa Kappa Gammas to discuss the late hours for university parties that now obtain. There was a discussion of the matter for a long time without any definite conclusion, a majority of the girls not being anxious to take any action in regard to the matter. Finally a motion was passed that all the girls present go home from the junior promenade, to be held April 12, at half past two. All the girls present agreed to do this. The girls are now afraid that the credit for their action will be taken by Miss Young, the dean of women, who wrote an article for the Vidette-Reporter, the college newspaper, favoring earlier party hours very strongly. The girls claim that their action was taken on their own initiative and that the only suggestion for it was taken from something that President MacLean said about the matter. They will try the plan of going home early at the promenade, and if they like it will probably adopt a permanent understanding. The action of the three fraternities practically means that the promenade will end at 2:30.

STANFORD DEBATE

The debate with Stanford has been postponed until next fall. This action has been taken because of the number of contests to be held here this year and the short time for preparation upon the question.

A short comment upon the negotiations will no doubt prove of interest to all. Last December, a Stanford student wrote to a University of Nebraska student asking if a debate between the two institutions would be possible. The negotiations were then turned over to the debating associations of the two universities. Leland Stanford refused to pay the Nebraska debaters' expenses to the coast but made a proposition which would divide the responsibility between the two organizations. Stanford would take the debate but Nebraska was to pay one hundred dollars toward the expenses, and next year the arrangement was to be reversed. However, if Nebraska so desired she could have the debate this year and Stanford would take it next year under the same arrangement. The local association saw fit to reject this proposition, and offered to assume the responsibility of carrying through the contest for this year, if Leland Stanford would do the same for the following year. That institution immediately accepted the plan. However, so much time had been consumed by the correspondence that the middle of March had come with no question yet selected. This would leave only about a month for preparation, or possibly less if any difficulty were to be experienced in the selection of the question. The association decided that the time was too short and immediately informed Stanford that Nebraska would like to postpone the contest until next fall. This of course, brought the negotiations to a standstill. Arrangements for the contest will be taken up again next fall. We then hope to see quicker work and a successful end to the attempts of the associations. The ice has now been broken and this will, of course, make it much easier. In addition, the date is practically set. If all will now pull together Nebraska and Leland

Stanford can carry out the greatest debate ever planned between American colleges.

RUBBER HEELS.

We all know the conscienceless laggard who tip-toes awkwardly into class just after roll-call. Why do his shoes always squeak so excruciatingly? He never is content to sink into the first chair in his path but must rasp his way to the very farthest vacant seat. All work is suspended. Every finer nervous sensibility is set on edge as when a saw is filed.

Another of the species timidly opens the chapel door during the doxology and with deliberate villainy waits till prayer is begun before bringing in his vociferous shoes.

It is not always a squeak. Ordinary heels with the best intentions in the world can not walk a wooden floor in quiet. Did you never discover that all the noise in walking is made with the heels? Wear rubber heels and you will see. Wear rubber heels and the amount of nervous energy which you will save yourself and those around you in your daily peregrinations through class-rooms, chapel, gymnasium, library, and halls will be beyond estimate.

Legislative appropriations for university carpets are small and as long as our floors are all bare and many are of hard wood, rubber heels, like vaccination, should be compulsory.

It is a physiological axiom that all petty irritants, a scratching pen, a squeaking shoe, a tight collar, each dissipates that priceless nervous force which is laid under direct levy in mental work, and every annoyance of this sort directly affects both quantity and quality of our work.

Again, did you never notice, especially when you are tired, the jar which comes to the base of the brain through the spinal cord at each stroke of your heel on the hard pavement?

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