

An existing condition that should be brought into play at the U. of N. is one which exists at Iowa college. It is this: Many of the students are regular correspondents of their county papers and in this way advertise their college in a manner so that all classes may hear of it through the state press.

The Butler *Collegian* contains a very readable essay on Bacon. In the department headed "Literary Societies" we notice that one of the societies contains eleven members. Over the page we learn that one fraternity started out with twelve members this year. Fraternities don't tend to ruin literary societies. Oh, no.

There does not seem to be that bitter feeling between the different fraternities which usually characterizes the spiking season. This is as it should be.—*DePauw Adz.*

Will the Kansas university folks please tell us if the word "spiking," as used above, has the same meaning at K. S. U.? Last spring the *Review* contained an account of the barb-frat pow-wow, in which it spoke of certain frats drinking "spikes." Do the the people of DePauw have to follow the ways of a prohibition state and call them "spikes" also?

At last the problem is solved. The faculty and board of regents should at once secure for all time the services of the editor of the Gates "college" *Index*. He is the only man as yet who has ventured to answer why the number of co-eds in our university is decreasing. He says, with all seriousness, that it is because we have those brutal cane rushes here. "Parents do not propose to throw their daughters into the society of young men who are led by such unmanly principles as described in the columns of THE HESPERIAN." After graduating at Gates "college," the *Index* man should come to Lincoln and enter the Freshman class and get a little experience before venturing to furnish the solution of so serious a question.

The *Argonaut*, from the university of Michigan is elated over the high honor paid it by a visit from the Pan-American congress. The gentlemen who managed the trip and selected the places to be visited certainly showed their good judgment when they took the congress to Ann Arbor. The university of Michigan, although a comparatively young institution, has attained first rank in many departments above the oldest colleges of the country. Its growth has been fostered in every possible way by the legislatures, and today it is an institution of which the people of Michigan may well be proud. It is to be hoped that the day will soon come when the legislature of our own state will be composed of men who are far-sighted enough to see that upon the splendid foundation which has been laid, in spite of previous opposition, may be built a university which will eventually take its place in the front rank of American colleges.

Another of those cases of faculty-meddling comes to our notice in the suspension of the *Lookout*, of the Chattanooga, (Tenn.) university. A complication in the publication of the paper occurred and the faculty took it upon themselves to adjust the matter in a manner very distasteful to the management of the *Lookout*. We admit the right of a college faculty to suppress the publication of improper matter, within a limit, but when a college paper is supported wholly by the efforts of the students, then they should fix the policy of their paper so long as their paper is not discourteous nor detrimental to their college, and with this understanding we have yet to see the college paper that needed to be regulated by the faculty. But if a college paper cannot be run by the college students satisfactorily to the faculty, and it becomes necessary for the faculty to assume parental care, let them remember the financial part of the enterprise as well.

Why don't the Niagara *Index* managers buy a cider press with which to print their paper. Guttenberg with his poorest appliances could have done better job work than that on the *Index*. Possibly a hay press would be better, since the exchange man dishes up about the usual amount of baled hay abuse in every issue. He is a true blue Catholic. In the first issue of THE HESPERIAN we took occasion to make a remark or two about the Notre Dame *Scholastic*. If the *Index* man believes that college students care an iota for the most of the matter contained in the *Scholastic* he had better come forth from his seclusion in a Catholic seminary and breathe a little of the pure, sweet air of the prairies from which THE HESPERIAN hails. Perhaps he might break his puppet string, though, if he could get a little view of the world outside his own little Catholic sphere. The *Scholastic* people had better pull the string more often and make the freak at Niagara talk more. If the world only knew what genius lies slumbering in the fertile brain of the *Index* exchange man it would force him to come forth and at least reveal his name which up to the present he has refused to do.

The Kansas university *Courier* of October 18 contains a two column continued article on "Frats and Barbs," that is well worth the time spent in reading it. The fraternities at Lawrence have ruined the literary societies, split the college into factions, and two or three of them have become disreputable even outside of the university. The writer knows of one Kansas mother who will not send her younger son to Lawrence for fear that the same element that has made a "lusher" of her older boy in spite of her Christian influences will ruin him. And this young man is a member of one of the "way up" fraternities down there. When the fraternities begin to make a reputation of that kind for their college it is time that the authorities take a hand in suppressing them. Yet there are people in our university who are scheming to wreck the three literary societies in order that the "fight unto the death," as they put it, may be their victory. At present this university has a fairly good reputation for morality; but let the fraternities here be recruited and increased in numbers by the class of men who are at present in the majority in one or two fraternities, and we will soon have a reputation for immorality and general toughness that will rival even some of the California colleges.

A LIBRARY CATALOGUE.—WHY NOT?

Why is it that we can not have a catalogue of the library printed for the use of the students? A catalogue would be a valuable aid to the students in their work. Especially is this true of new students, who under the present arrangement, have very little chance to find out what is in the library, excepting as they are referred to some particular book by a professor or instructor. There are hundreds of books in the library that the majority of the old students know nothing about. A catalogue would be of exceptional value to students who wish to do work on special topics by enabling them to find more readily the books containing the desired information. Oftimes, too, a catalogue would save the librarian the trouble of answering questions. It would be the oracle which would remove from the shoulders of librarian much of her burden. Most of the leading colleges have library catalogues. We are behind them in this particular. Let some enterprising student circulate a paper among the students petitioning for this thing and I think there will be few if any of the students who will hesitate to sign it. If we let "the powers that be" know that we want this little favor, surely they will be magnanimous enough to appropriate the small sum necessary for the purpose. A.A.F.