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MACLEAN LIKES FOOTBALL

SAYS COLLEGE FOOTBALL IS A GOOD THING

Experience of Eighteen Years With Varsity Football Shows no Injury From the Game and Many Benefits

Pres. Geo. E. MacLean is a strong advocate of varsity football.

Eighteen years experience with it at Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa has shown him many benefits to students who play the game and no cases of injury. The development of university spirit, the improvement in scholarship in those who should be inclined to shirk their class work, moral elevation; these are some of the benefits which Dr. MacLean has seen in the playing of the game. President MacLean's indorsement of football this time was in a letter written to the University of South Dakota athletic authorities, who expect a hard struggle with some legislators who believe they are called upon to make football playing a serious misdemeanor.

The letter is as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to reply to your inquiries in regard football.

"Without elaboration to reply briefly to your questions as to the effect of football on the player, and the university and the scholarship, I would make the following statements:

"In an experience of eighteen years either directly or indirectly related to committees on athletics in state universities, I have never known a player to be degraded by football. I have often known of the elevation of a fellow of large physique and animal spirits into a man of more intellectual and moral type. To state it in another way, I have known men without lofty instincts and, possibly low tendencies to go upon teams, and I have never known them to go any lower, and frequently have observed their elevation in every particular. Since the preaching far and wide of muscular Christianity, it has often come about that the leaders of our teams have been members of the Y. M. C. A. For example, the captain of the team of the University of Iowa was a president of the university Y. M. C. A.

"The universities which formerly neglected too much the physical side of the student and did not take sufficient interest in this play, in no small degree through the influence of football have come to recognize not only the importance of physical training and of play in education, but also the social obligations of the university to its students. The development of university spirit is traceable in no small measure to football.

"Too great prominence is frequently given to football in newspaper reports; nevertheless, the support of football and athletics is a significant straw as to which way the wind blows in a univer-

sity in all lines of activities.

"The effect of the game upon scholarship is negative rather than positive. It has been found necessary to demand a minimum of scholarship standard upon the part of the players. Some of the best scholars maintain a high standing upon the team, but it is doubtless a strain upon the individual. Scholarship is gained in the way of greater scrutiny of the standing of students on the part of the faculty.

"The evils which spring up about football, like betting, should not be attributed to it; they are evils too much fostered in the home life and social life of Americans. They should be prohibited and suppressed not only as vices, but as doing harm to a legitimate sport we need among others in America which has been lacking in healthful amusements.

"It is to be understood that I am writing only of football in a college or university with a proper physical director and thorough faculty and alumni supervision. The major portion of the accidents and evils of which we hear occurs among the young, untrained players, and on other than university fields."

GEORGE E. MACLEAN.

Senior Play

R. M. Anderson has resigned his position as chairman of the senior play committee. His place has been taken by Casper Schenck. The committee have planned to put on the Merchant of Venice. The cast has not as yet been made out, but will probably be chosen from those who have had special work in both forensics, and Shakespeare.

HONORED BY NORSE

Prof. Veblen Presides at First Meeting of National Norwegian Society

Prof. A. A. Veblen returned yesterday from Minneapolis, Minn., where he was called to attend a meeting of the executive board of the Valdris Samband, of which he is president. This society is an association of a large number of local Norwegian societies named "Valdrises" after the local divisions of Norway. The association was formed last August at a meeting held in St. Paul and Prof. Veblen was elected its first president and a member of the executive board.

While in St. Paul, Prof. Veblen was also called upon to preside at the first public meeting of the Norwegian Society of America which was organized in the twin cities this week. This society will include within its scope all the Norwegians in the United States and Canada and has for its object the keeping alive of interest in Norwegian affairs and the dissemination to its members of knowledge of Norwegian history and literature. It will hold one general meeting each year and will begin the publication of a periodical at an early date.

MEDICAL OUTLOOK BRIGHT

FINE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY MEDICAL COLLEGE

Six Year Course and New Buildings Promise Era of Expansion for Medical College—Fine Opportunities for Clinical Instruction

The six-year combined collegiate and medical course, allowing a student to take both his bachelor's degree in the college of liberal arts and his medical degree in the college of medicine in six years, and the new medical buildings which will be ready for occupancy next September, promise an era of expansion for the college of medicine.

The outlook of the college of medicine is cheering indeed, says Dean D. R. Guthrie in the Middledonian. With a past of which she can be justly proud, the college of medicine faces the future with high hopes. With a large and enthusiastic class of students with a constantly increasing band of loyal alumni, with the splendid liberality of the state of Iowa behind her, the college is indeed entering a new and prosperous era.

A visit to the corner of Dubuque and Jefferson streets will convince one that the liberality of the state has been thoroughly aroused. The sound of the hammer, chisel and saw, the presence of many busy artisans, are evidence that the board of regents are determined to have the buildings ready for the opening of the next session. Work on the laboratory building is progressing rapidly.

The laboratory building for the housing of the departments of physiology, pathology and histology will be 50x150 feet, basement of granite, superstructure of cut Bedford stone and fireproof throughout. The equipment will be the best and most modern to be had. This will be made ready at a cost of \$165,000. The anatomy building, 60x60 feet, and constructed of the same materials, will cost \$70,000. The completion of these buildings will give the students of medicine facilities for instruction unexcelled. The regents have in contemplation in the near future the erection of a building for the department of chemistry, of the same material and general plan as these two.

AMPLE CLINICAL WORK

The hospital, newly repaired, so growing in popularity and affords ample clinical opportunities for all students. The regents promise us to enlarge the hospital by erecting another wing as soon as patronage demands it.

The splendid work done in the departments of anatomy, histology, bacteriology and physiological chemistry will be greatly improved by these new facilities. With the liberality of the state aroused in her interest, with a class of students intelligent and enthusiastic, with an alumni association always true and loyal to its alma mater, and with a faculty

earnest and devoted, the college of medicine of the State University of Iowa has truly a brilliant future.

MINNESOTA RAISES BARS

The regents of the University of Minnesota have taken action, raising the tuition fees in all departments of the university. This increase has hit the students from the state of Minnesota to some extent but has borne hardest on non-residents of the Gopher state. Non-residents to enter the college of engineering, for example, must pay a fee of \$120.

These fees from outside students are intentionally put at a high figure with the intention of barring out those students. Registrar Johnson gives the following interview in the Minneapolis Times:

"The action of the board of regents, increasing the incidental fee 33 1/3 per cent. for the college of science, literature and the arts, is not in any sense a serious matter and will have no appreciable effect upon the attendance.

"The action taken doubling the fee of non-resident students will have a tendency to shut out such students. The action is increasing the incidental fee to be charged students in the college of engineering and the mechanic arts and the school of mines, 300 per cent, is as much more serious matter. The increase in the fee will, of course, mean a serious cut in attendance, but will enable the regents to make better provisions for those who remain. The fee for non-residents is practically prohibitory."

LAWS NEED NOT FEAR

The Troubles of the Laws Are Ended by The Supreme Court

The laws who have been shivering and quaking for the last month, are now slumbering peaceably. No nightmares of arithmetic, grammar or geography longer haunt their pillows. Orders for text books to use in cramming can now be countermanded. Mother and sisters at home no longer need to hunt in the attic, for White's, Longwell's and Harper's.

The supreme court, enacted a rule which meets with the favor of all students. The rule which is a fair and just one, provides, that the certificate of the president to a three year high school course or more, will be considered sufficient. The requirements for admission to the law school, were planned to meet the requirements of the state statute and the new rule merely recognizes that they do this. The board will not go behind the certificate of the president of the university.

The securing of this liberal and just ruling, is due to the untiring efforts of Dean Gregory, who has been in constant communication with the supreme court; and to President MacLean.

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Calendar for the Week.

Jan. 31, Oratorical benefit, auditorium, 8:00 p. m.
Feb. 2 Monday 8 p. m. Prof. A. L. Frothingham, Jr., auditorium.
Feb. 6 Friday, semester ends.

During the last three years the college of law has had a new dean, has lengthened the course of study from two years to three, and has changed its calendar from a three to a two term year. These are about all the changes possible unless the regents should decide not to build a gymnasium and construct a new law building instead.

In connection with the probable initiation of a number of seniors into the Scimitar and Fez, the question has been asked if the fez is as appropriate to senior dignity as the mortar board. It is argued that the fez is more appropriate as the head-dress of learned men, for the original "wise men" came out of the east.

THE IOWAN has been the happy recipient of many expressions of approval, from the alumni, of our policy of publishing a budget of alumni news once each week. The work of editing this column is being done by Mr. W. P. McCulla of the IOWAN board and to him belongs the credit of its success.

Some steps are being taken to revive the Scimitar and Fez. This is a good move. The Scimitar and Fez was a most excellent organization and worthy of perpetuation.

The "true type" heroism in football is well shown in an article entitled "Some Football Heroes" in a recent issue of the DAILY IOWAN,—Penn Chronicle.

There are still places for a few good tenors in the choral union. It meets on Tuesday evenings.

These days keep chanting solemnly, one by one "Apres nous le deluge."

Two Chinese students have just entered Oberlin college.

The botanical department at Illinois has been badly crippled through the freezing of the laboratory plants.

The Independent of Missouri state university will be issued entirely by the women of the university on St. Valentine's day.

The following Chicago university doxology is clipped from the Minnesota Daily: "Praise John from whom oil blessings flow, praise also Bill who spends the dough, praise John; praise Bill, praise all the host; praise Bill a little, praise John the most."

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At Other Colleges

Phi Kappi Sigma has entered the university of Illinois.

The baseball candidates at Leland and Stanford university started outdoor baseball practice soon after Christmas.

The Milwaukee College of Physicians and Surgeons has been denied annexation by the regents of Wisconsin University.

Amusements

Miss Forbes in that thrilling war drama "Barbara Frietchie" at the opera house tomorrow night. secure your seats early.

Harry Tracey, the famous Oregon outlaw, was sentenced to prison for robbing an express car, and that robbery is one of the features of the new comedy melodrama, that will be the attraction at the opera house next Monday, February 2.

Those who saw Miss Adelaide Thurston when she played Lady Babbie in "The Little Minister" several seasons ago, and last year in "Sweet Clover," will remember what a pretty and clever little actress she was. Mr. Col-dren has arranged with her and her fine company to appear here soon in "A Cozy Corner" which has been making a big hit everywhere they have appeared,

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At the time of registration seniors should see to it that all conditions for graduation are met or settled except those covered by the next semester's program.

The Classification committee will hold its last meeting of the semester for the consideration of petitions as to programs for the next semester at 4:00 p. m., Tuesday, February 3rd. After that day petitions are not entitled to favorable consideration except in cases of unavoidable delay or of conditions not previously known.

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