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## CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

### OUTLINE OF ACTION OF LEADING UNIVERSITIES IN THE MATTER.

For the information of its readers, the VIDETTE-REPORTER some weeks ago communicated with twelve leading Universities, located in various sections of the United States, requesting replies to the following questions:

1. How many students of your institution left their studies last spring to enlist?

2. Were Seniors who took this step granted diplomas when their class graduated?

3. What credit, if any, did undergraduates in good standing receive for the work of the spring term?

Eight of the ten universities replying show a total of 309 students enlisted, the largest number—121—being from Nebraska.

Nine of the ten Universities granted diplomas to their Seniors who enlisted. The single exception—Iowa State College—took no such action, owing to the fact that its Senior class graduated in November, instead of June.

The replies to the last question are published verbatim:

Princeton University: "Others in good standing were excused from the June examinations."

Harvard: "Undergraduates will as a rule be given full credit for work missed by them because of military duty. Each case, however, is separately conditioned."

University of Pennsylvania: "Where Seniors were reported as satisfactory in all studies, they were granted degrees 'in absentia.'"

University of Minnesota: "Credit for their spring term's work, if work all right up to the time of leaving."

Columbia University: "Students, other than Seniors, were granted leaves of absence, and will be permitted to return without prejudice."

Leland Stanford University—(Resolution of Faculty): "Students not candidates for graduation in May, who enlist at the present time, may receive leave of absence, and may make up the incomplete work at some time in the future, under such conditions as are satisfactory to the instructors concerned."

Iowa College: "Some of the instructors gave half semester credit, that is, credit for the actual work done. Others have done nothing, leaving the matter, as stated above, to be determined when the students return at some future time."

Cornell University: "I am unable to give you the information, as no data has been completed. Our Faculty did vote certain conditions."

Iowa State College: "That matter has not been passed upon by our Faculty, for the reason that it will not properly come up until they return to renew their studies in the institution."

University of Nebraska: "Undergraduates received no credit for last semester."

## Medical Department.

Visitors have been numerous at the "dissecting room" during the past week. It seems to be a favorite visiting place.

An elderly gentleman, with a pompous air, came into the building a few days ago seeking permission to lecture before the Medical classes on some specified subject, of which we failed to get the title in order that he might advertise himself as having lectured to the Medical department of the State University of Iowa. He evidently failed to impress the Faculty enough to have his request granted.

A. P. Donohoe, '01, who has been unable to attend classes this year because of typhoid fever, was a visitor Monday.

Mr. Gray, Medical representative of the Junior Annual, presented the subject of class pictures for the Annual to the classes for their consideration. The Sophomore and Freshman classes both voted "nay."

The Freshman class has had several meetings of late, but has only succeeded in electing a president, Mr. Nervig, and a secretary, Miss Clark.

## SOPHOMORE SOCIAL.

### HIGH MARK IN SOCIALS SET BY '01.

On Tuesday evening the "august band of Sophomores" was once more assembled. This time the Sophomores met not to condemn and execute the Freshman, but to become better acquainted with one another, and to enjoy themselves in a social manner.

At 8:30 the majority were present at North Hall, and the merriment began. A hotly contested game of pillow-dex resulted in a victory for the east side players by a score of 14 to 3.

South Hall was now darkened, and in the syzygian gloom, amid songs and murmurings, the youths of 1901 were knighted.

At this juncture light refreshments were served, and that mysterious bowl, for which the Freshman have so diligently searched, was unearthed, and immediately filled with a delightful beverage.

The remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in games, cake-walks, etc. The social spirit did not abate until a late hour, when "Never Sleep" closed the doors of the old South building, and another one of the social events of the class of '01 was a thing of the past.

## Debating Association.

A prominent professor in the English department of the University of Minnesota, in an unofficial communication to the President of the S. U. I. Debating League, recommends that a debating Association be formed, composed of the four Universities of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. He further remarks that should any one of the schools herein mentioned prove objectionable, or should not desire to enter the league, that the University of Nebraska should be substituted in its place.

The Grinnell team elected Burd, who played left end, captain for next year.

## IRVING-ERODELPHIAN SOCIAL.

### IRVINGS ENTERAIN THE ERODELPHIANS LAST EVENING.

Merriment reigned supreme in the society halls, last evening, when the Irvings were "at home" to their Erodolphian sisters. Themes were forgotten by the Freshies and lectures by the other classmen.

No sooner had the guests arrived when the merriment begun. "Art to Conceal Art" was the motto of the fore part of the evening. Each couple was given the title of a book, and with the profundity of their creative genius, proceeded to illustrate the title on a piece of paper. Great and varied were some of the productions. In the final guessing contest, first prize was awarded to Mr. McReynolds and Miss Hatch; the booby prize went to Miss Lulu Mann.

After the award of the prizes, a voting contest was entered into to determine the swellest young lady, the best ladies man, the most popular young lady, and the most popular young man. The contest was very long and bitter. Ballot after ballot poured in without a choice being made. On the four hundred and sixty-first ballot, Miss Balle was selected as the swellest young lady, and the most popular young lady was voted as Miss Cushing. Even more bitter was the contest between the men. A veritable bombshell was thrown in the convention when Mr. Nelson arose and said: "Ladies, at the earnest solicitation of my friends, I hereby announce myself as candidate for the best ladies' man." Suffice it to say the Mr. Nelson received an overwhelming majority. Round after round of applause greeted this announcement. The victor was called upon for a speech, which was very good, but could not be heard very distinctly.

Mr. Loomis was elected the most popular young man by an overwhelming majority. He tried to make a speech, which was drowned by the cheers of his supporters.

At this juncture delicious refreshments were served, which sufficed to allay the sorrow of the defeated candidates.

The rest of the evening was spent in conversation, music and recitations. Mr. Egan rendered several of his exceedingly fine selections, and Miss Charlton recited a very humorous declamation.

Just at this moment could be heard the approach of footsteps, heavy and somewhat labored, thumping and bumping up the stairway. For a moment, silence reigned complete. Then there was a loud thumping on the door, and a stentorian voice that savored of the Green Isle, thundered forth "It's 'liven o'clock; come right out o' there, now, o'i tell yez." The warning of the guardian angel was heeded, and the happy evening was ended.

All those present pronounced the affair a decided success, and united in the hope that more socials of this informal nature might be indulged in, serving to cement more fully the

bonds of friendship between the Irvings and their sisters, the Erodolphians.

## State Teacher's Association.

The 44th annual session of this great organization will take place in Des Moines, December 27, 28, and 29. Some of the names on the program are Gov. L. M. Shaw, Hon. Henry Sabin, Hon. R. C. Barrett, Acting President A. N. Currier, Hon. LaFayette Young, Prof. F. E. Eastman, Cedar Falls, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Chicago, Dr. M. V. O'Shea, Madison, Wis., and many others of prominence in educational circles.

At the request of the Executive Committee, President H. H. Seerley of the State Normal School, will give an address on the subject: "Do the schools meet the demands of the people?" As this address will be discussed by President Beardshear, Ames; President Gates, Grinnell; Professor L. W. Parish, Cedar Falls; W. A. McCord, Des Moines; President C. C. Carstens, Marshalltown; Superintendent Bruce Francis, Montezuma; County Superintendent R. C. Spencer, Audubon, Superintendent O. J. Laylander, Cedar Falls, and several others of equal reputation, it is to be presumed that the subject will be quite thoroughly covered.

The Executive Committee of this year consists of Superintendent F. J. Sessions, Waterloo; Acting President A. N. Currier, Iowa City; Superintendent W. F. Chevalier, Red Oak, and Professor Thomas Nicholson, Mt. Vernon.

This meeting promises to be one of the greatest ever held, and hundreds of teachers throughout the State will be in attendance.

The Northwestern thinks the goal kick ought to be abolished. The way to bring it about would be to print a symposium on the subject by such authorities as the Messrs. Coley and Herschberger, and the Rt. Hon. Patrick O'Dea.

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Co. D will appear at the Armory Friday, at 1 o'clock, to have their pictures taken for the Annual. White gloves required. Forty demerits for non-appearance.

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## Baconian.

Dr. Newberry will lecture on "Color Blindness." Queries for the question box next week should be in the hands of the secretary not later than tomorrow evening.

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### Representation on Advisory Board.

A critical time has arrived in the history of the Athletic Union. A number of questions have arisen, the solution of which demand considerable patience, hard thinking, and ultimate good judgment. Not the least of these questions is that of representation on the Advisory Board. Some of the departments are already a trifle jealous of the Collegiates, claiming that the latter are the only ones there represented. This jealousy is a thing to be commended, in that it indicates an increased interest in athletic matters. It may well be thought wise to make a decided change in the composition of the Board, and a consequent partial change in the manner of its choice. Not alone are departments demanding representation; interest in Iowa's success is increasing among her alumni, and might be augmented by an alumnus member; and, finally, it is even possible that the captains of the three athletic teams, and the trainer, should be given a share in its deliberations. These suggestions are merely the formal statement of thoughts that have been working in the minds of a number of men. They will bear careful examination and study.

### Credits for Volunteers.

Now that nearly all those students have returned who enlisted last spring, the question recurs, "What credits are they to receive for the work of last spring term?" In another column of this paper appears a statement of the action taken by ten of the leading Universities of America in the matter of allowing such credit. Of the seven institutions in which final action had been taken by the Faculty, but one—Nebraska—refused to grant any credit; while one—Stanford—granted credit for work actual-

ly done before enlistment, and five—Princeton, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Harvard, and Columbia,—gave credit to all undergraduate volunteers (not Seniors) whose work had been meritorious, for the work of the entire Spring term. Now that it is confronted with this question, what reply will our Faculty make? The answer is awaited with considerable interest on the part of twenty or more men now in the University, who have returned to their work in the hope that leniency, if not generosity, would characterize their treatment in the matter. These men spent considerable money and several weeks time in work in the University during the first part of the Spring term. It can hardly be just that this should all go for naught—except, perhaps, the satisfaction of being a student. Then when the war came, they responded. Positions in business life were held, even at the cost of inconvenience to their employer—the salary, in many cases, continuing during absence, for men who enlisted. Worthy members of college and university Faculties were gladly welcomed back to their old places after the summer's campaign. The absence of these men meant a direct loss of so many months work in their business. The student lost these same months. But, unlike the others, he can, at a future time, make up to his own satisfaction, that which he failed to learn during absence. To some of these men the loss of these credits will mean a loss of class standing; in some cases, perhaps, prevention from graduation. The granting of credits could in no wise reflect discredit upon the Faculty. Neither could it decrease in any degree the knowledge and ability of the student, nor his future standing among men. Justice demands that credit be allowed for the amount of actual work done. Liberality would suggest that credit be granted for the work of the entire Spring term.

It is interesting to note the claims which are being put forth to the state championship on the gridiron this fall. Nearly every institution in the state with the exception of the State University and Grinnell seems to be able to prove to its own satisfaction a right to the state championship, if on no other grounds than that they were unable to secure games with the larger colleges. It is difficult to see why they do not for the same reasons claim the championship for the country.—Scarlet and Black.

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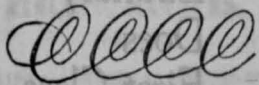
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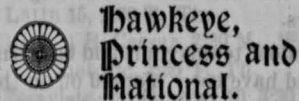
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O. M. Deems is attending classes again.

Fred Emry, '02, is home for a few days' visit.

Instructor Kelly did not meet his classes yesterday.

Boardman, L. '00, is out of school on account of sickness.

The Phi Psis give a party at their halls Friday evening.

Ben Swisher is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Alfred J. Scales, C. '02, is confined to his room by sickness.

The members of Ivy Lane sat for their pictures last Friday.

Baker is exercising in the battery since the foot ball season is over.

Dean Boerner, of the Pharmacy department, is sick with pneumonia.

Polygon wore a pleasant smile today noon for the sake of the Annual.

Professor Sims has been unable to meet his classes on account of sickness.

John Reynolds, C. '97, is associated with the Northwestern Grass Twine Company, of St. Paul, Minn.

The Sophomores at their meeting Tuesday, decided not to have their picture in the Junior Annual.

Frank Moore, C. '01, appeared at classes, Wednesday, after a few days' absence on account of sickness.

J. J. Sharpe, C. '98, who was admitted to the bar in September, has located in Des Moines, and has an office in the Good Block.

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Fred Ho'steen, C. '98, L. '00 was elected a member of the Constituent Assembly last Saturday evening.

E. E. Hobby has so far recovered from his attack of typhoid that he is again able to appear on the streets.

Dr. Eddy, of Marengo, spent Wednesday in the city on business. He also paid a visit to his daughter, Helen.

Miss Louise Hughes will conduct a number of young people upon a tour around the world, at her home this evening.

Miss E. na Page, '00, has lately been teaching in the Grammar School in the absence of one of the regular teachers.

An indoor tennis court and base ball diamond have been marked off on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor, and games will begin as soon as the paint is dry.

The High School Mirror, published at Williamsburg, Iowa, gave a very complimentary notice of the recent lecture by Professor Wilcox on the French Revolution.

Professor Wilcox did not meet his history classes Tuesday and Wednesday, as he was out of the city, having delivered another of the University Extension Course lectures, at Britt, Iowa, Tuesday evening.

The class of 1901 have resolved to carry class canes. Samples have been received, and the one selected by the class is a handsome wasselwood and will be a finer walking stick than has yet been displayed by a Sophomore class at S. U. I.

The romance of Dr. W. C. Sensibaugh climaxed at Port Byron, Ill., Monday evening, when he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda D. Howard, at the home of her parents, where she has been nursing him for a considerable length of time.—Republican.

At the meeting of the Professional Woman's League, Saturday afternoon, a constitution for the league was adopted, and the general business of this term was transacted. The ladies of the Law department have charge of the first meeting, to be held in January, '99. It will be literary and social in character.

Leslie Switzer gave an address of deep interest and real excellence at the high school Wednesday morning. He recited graphically some of the many episodes in the military life of Co. I at Camps McKinley and Cuba Libre, and blended artistically the humorous and pathetic. His story of the old Confederate soldier—illustrating the present oneness of the "blue and the gray," stirred all hearts. He paid Frank Hotz a glowing, but well earned tribute, as a model soldier—Republican.

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