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Orator Spencer and his friends are to be commended upon their determination to waive further appeal of the disputed oratorical decision.

Though the question could have been carried to the Associated Students, there to be wrangled over and fought out, by dint of much unpleasant discussion and acrimonious debate, and though it would have thus been decided definitely one way or the other, judgment would have been rendered according to prejudice and personal bias. Much dissention and ill feeling would have undoubtedly resulted, and inter-bunch animosities would have been accentuated and deepened. Nor is it probable that thus throwing the quarrel into the arena of popular discussion would have brought forth any new light on the problem, or that it would have adduced any new testimony capable of serving as the basis for a more equitable adjustment.

On the contrary, the issues would have become still more confused, the arguments would very likely have been drawn into personalities, and the whole thing would have been decided, not upon the question of which one was best qualified to represent the Varsity, but rather upon a test of which one had the most friends ready to vote for him.

Both men are remarkably able talkers, and certainly no one would feel that the chances of the University would suffer at the hands of either.

It is a most happy solution of a most intricate and perplexing problem, and Mr. Spencer's withdrawal is particularly graceful in view of his recent brilliant victory in the inter-collegiate contest. By his decision he has saved the students from the embarrassing position of deciding between two capable men and stopped a quarrel that promised to lead to unpleasant and unfortunate complications.

ATHLETES COME OUT WITH SPRING WEATHER

O. A. C. News Letter, March 14.—With the coming of the fine spring weather comes the numerous athletics. Every day may be seen on the athletic field large numbers of track aspirants. Some new material is showing up very well, and with the few old track men, prospects are improving rapidly.

The Phi-Feronian Society play "The College Widow," was staged last Friday evening very successfully before one of the largest audiences that ever witnessed an amateur production here.

The Junior Annual photography staff has been very busy of late. Every day on the campus may be seen different groups of persons posing for the camera man. Pictures of the cadet regiment and of the different buildings and scenes are also being taken.

Fraternity men of Nebraska have installed the honor system and it is planned to have the entire school adopt this custom.

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FRESHMEN PLAN GOOD PROGRAM FOR ASSAMBLY

Peter Crockett Will Speak and Glee Clubs Will Warble Sweet Songs

The assembly hour next Wednesday morning will be turned over to the freshman class and the committee has prepared a program which will well repay those who turn out to hear it. The address will be delivered by Peter Crockett, while Miss Young will give a reading and several musical numbers are scheduled, including a solo by Wililam Lai, the Freshman Glee Club, and the Girls' Choral Club. Mystery surrounds the latter number. The Emerald sleuth heard melodious sounds issuing from the music room in the Dorm and immediately "beat" it there to gather in a scoop, but he was promptly kicked out and told that if he valued his life he must not disclose what he heard. He values his life.

GIVES EXPLANATION TO EUTAXIAN LITERARIES

An unusually pleasant meeting of the Eutaxian Society was held at the Kappa Alpha Theta house Wednesday evening. The program, which was the best of the year, was given by the following: Vocal solo, Edna Miller; piano selection, Sarah Smith; impromptu talk, Lilah Clark; parliamentary drill, by the members of the society. The feature stunt of the evening was Cornelia Pinkham's speech on "Why I Became a Eutaxian." As Miss Pinkham had only joined thirteen minutes before her speech, she was well appreciated. Delicious refreshments were served, and the evening ended in a general social time for the society.

STRENUOUS TRAINING FOR FAIR CO-ED DEBATERS

The co-ed debaters, Lilah Clark, Carin Degermark and Birdie Wise, met with Coach Buchen yesterday afternoon and received their training rules. The girls must begin work at once, and cease most of their social activities. The coach has put the ban on canoeing, afternoon strolls and evening visits. The debate will be held in May, although the exact date is uncertain.

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ORATORICAL CONTEST LOST SIXTY DOLLARS

According to Manager Huntington, there was a loss of approximately sixty dollars on the recent oratorical contest.

As all the bills are not yet in a detailed report can not be given. The main item of expense was the banquet at the Hotel Osburn, which was free to practically all who attended. The receipts at the contest cover this expense, with a small margin remaining. The other expenses were for advertising, programs, transportation and entertainment of the judges, a gold medal, and a few incidentals, making a total of about \$60.00.

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