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"To be a graduate of a college is never to be totally released from it; once a Nebraskan is to be always Nebraskan in the deepdown constitution of our natures."—Dr. Hartley Burr Alexander.

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Penned by one of the most beloved men ever to walk the halls of these university buildings, the above words are too often forgotten and ground into the selfish whirl of our university undergraduate life, never to be remembered or recollected during our lives as alumni.

What a pity it is so many of us must be reminded after we receive degrees that we really have an abiding loyalty and affection for this university!

What a disgrace it is we know so little of what will be our alma mater; that after we leave it, we will be unable to defend it and praise it before those who would misjudge and suspicion!

What a shame it is that we as undergraduates go through four years of school so blindly unobservant of the spirit that is smothering within us, allowing it to rise only with the fortunes of the football team; what a shame that we are so terribly inexpressive of the goodness and values which this university is inculcating into us!

What a crime is committed when we feel our way unguided and bereft of the unified spirit and enthusiasm that so many great educational institutions have underlying the undergraduate career!

What a misunderstanding of what we are here for! The whole ugly picture will rise in retrospect after we are gone unless we do something about it before then. Proms, fraternity, Innocency, Mortar Board, football, Barb Union, Kosmet Klub, N club, AWS . . . they are all fun, they all give us fine associations. But all of them as a unit, as one unit, don't mean a thing to most of us and may not . . . unless!

Because we don't realize that our college careers, as a unit, and not just parts of it, should mean something to us; because we failed, and are now failing to understand that life in this university, whether we are Greek or Barb, in activities or not, must be and is the very foundation of our futures; because most of us forget that this school is the very place where we change our habits, take on our personalities, develop much of our character ... because we have not understood all of this, we have become a dormant, ineffective student body, forgetful of the growth and evolution of character and soul that this university gives us FREE!

Yes, we pay to take courses . . . we pay about a third of what it costs the taxpayers of the state to support our education.

But we do not pay for the real things we get! We do not pay for the added enjoyment of youth, for the awakening to manbood and womanhood that is brought so much sooner, for the chance to know what kind of people we will associate with in our later years, for the greater share of the knowledge we get from our curricula, or for the companionships and associations we made which would not have been made outside of school.

The argument runs, "We could have gotten all of this at another school!" But you got it here! If you had gotten it elsewhere, your debt would be to the other school.

Seniors! Juniors! Sophomores! Freshmen! Think about all of this! Don't wait until you are gone to realize what this university means to you! Don't kid yourself into thinking that you are paying for everything you get here! Don't allow that inherent, selfish nature that we all possess to keep you from wanting to be proud of this school because of everything it has given you!

Be proud of Nebraska now and forever! When you leave Nebraska, there should be a place for it in your hearts . . . a place it well deserves!

This is a great school! That we know because of the record of our alumni from coast to coast. Educators, prominent lawyers, doctors, engineers, business men...many, many more of them from Nebraska than the proportion to the total would indicate come from your school and attest to the greatness of Nebraska as an educational institution. This university has done more in contributing to the intelligence of this nation than any other school working under the handicaps it works under.

Be proud of Nebraska for its real worth.

