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WELCOME TO OUR MIDST.

Voicing the sentiment of the entire student body and faculty of Nebraska we extend to you, the visitors representing the various high schools of the state, the heartiest of greetings.

Any pleasure which the sight of our great university may afford you, will, we hope, be increased in later years when you yourselves can boast of being a part of such a school. We have an alma mater of which we are justly proud and we will strive to instil into you such a quantity of that pride that when the time comes for you to pick your college old Nebraska will be uppermost in your mind.

We who are now daily enjoying the privileges and pleasures which only college life can afford, are bound together by a bond of fellowship. We came from towns, cities and farms, from rich and poor families, from families of all denominations, and now, forgetful of all these distinctions, we are struggling, on a common field, to become citizens of which Nebraska can be proud.

It is to be hoped that we may soon welcome you into the struggle, which is after all, not a struggle when one thinks of all the benefits and pleasures that it affords.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC.

In order that the students might become better acquainted, many things have been done at the University of Nebraska that have made this important feature much easier.

Nebraska is often spoken of as the most democratic school in the United States. And the reason for this is because a scheme has been worked out here where good social times can be had without the great expense it takes in other colleges.

Lately, a new custom has been inaugurated which is not expensive and which has proven to be a very good thing; this custom is the Wednesday evening band concert idea, which attracts many students to the campus. These concerts are free to the public as well as the students.

"Dandelion Day" is another event that comes off each spring where all the students have a chance to get together in one large mass. This, hereafter, will be a holiday, upon which occasion there will be a program of some kind, similar to the one of last year.

In order that many more can attend the two proms with less expense, cabs

have been abolished, except in cases of necessity. In this way the expense of a prom is cut down about one-half, and, without a doubt, everyone has just about as good a time.

It is probably on account of these reasons that Nebraska is so democratic. The events that come off here can be attended by every one, as no one is held up over the limit. At other large universities the men boast of spending fifty and sixty dollars for one prom, while here about one-tenth of that sum, and usually less, will take anyone to the best parties given at this University. It is also the opinion of others from other schools that we have parties here as fine as at the most expensive schools.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

We take this opportunity of greeting the high school students who are visiting our campus today. Perhaps the reception is not as hearty as it could be were those who have just returned from camp in a position to lend their efforts. However, what we wish to impress upon the visitors is not so much the fact that we are cordial in our greeting, as the fact that we have at Nebraska opportunities which they cannot afford to miss.

The time-honored idea that a person must go East in order to secure a first class education is gradually being broken down. This task is being accomplished by just such schools as Nebraska, whose progressiveness has marked it as a leader. This University has already forged ahead of its Valley competitors in many respects. In fact, in so many respects that it now draws students from a wider territory than does any other university of the middle west. This fact becomes evident when one notices that Nebraska ranks twelfth of all the universities and colleges of the United States. By taking into consideration Nebraska's comparative youth and the moderate circumstances of the state's citizens, one can easily see the importance of this ranking.

Our scholastic standing can only be determined by a thorough and general investigation, which will show that not only have we sent out into the world men and women who have made a name for themselves, but also that we have in the present faculty such authorities as Dean Bessey, Professor Barbour, Dr. Maxey, Professor Frye and Professor Stout, men known throughout the country for their opinions on certain subjects.

In athletics our record is equally laudable. The Missouri Valley championship has fallen to us every year, in at least one line of sport. Not satisfied with former records, we have, to date, taken both the football and basket-ball championships for this year. To the chagrin of Michigan, considered to be the only Western school who is able to invade Eastern athletic circles, we treated them to a surprise from which they will not soon recover.

One of Nebraska's most significant and important advantages lies in the connected campuses, more courses than does perhaps any other state institution. This is not merely a conjecture, but the statement of fact. In nearly every other university the agrifactor that it offers, on its two closely cultural, engineering, law or medical departments are entirely separate, and often in different towns or cities. Such is not the case at Nebraska; the only separated department, that of agriculture, is so situated that the students of the city campus may en-

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