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## HONOR IN COLLEGE LIFE

It is the Basis of Ethics in a University State.

### THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

The Students and Faculty form a Great Family—Its Bond of Unity, Respect, Reverence, Obedience, etc., is "Honor."

The first chapel exercises were held Saturday morning. The chapel was crowded with both new and old students, who listened to the annual address of the Chancellor. The following is a stenographic report of the Chancellor's address:

It has been announced that an annual address will be given by me. So great is the ardor of my welcome to our renovated halls, to our refreshed and reinforced faculty, enlarged and glorious opportunities for work, I cannot give a formal address. Permit me, if you demand that of me, to use a word that you are never to use as students—unprepared. I come simply with a few hearty words of greeting and to indicate to you just one line of thought that I hope will be useful.

We have talked heretofore of the university as of a great family. And so it is. But that does not cover all the truth. In the broadest sense, as the word is used by St. Paul, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," all states, all humanity, various institutions make up families. But while we use the figure of the alma mater, by which the university is our "dear," or "cherished mother," we know that the modern university has grown to be so great an institution that it is too complex to be truly described under the title of "family."

It is really a microcosm. We have here not only a state university, but a university state. We must have organization; we must have laws—written and unwritten. We must remember that we are placed here in various official positions as citizens and guides in a university state. It is well that the universities have at last gained the full recognition of being a microcosm, of being miniature states. They are centers of influence for the state polity and for the church. Such the universities have been in history. They have a greater duty than ever in our complicated modern civilization. If the universities in the centuries past have been the centers for germinal thoughts, for the rise of movements that have swept through civilization, how much more must they be such today. We have not time to elaborate, but let us recall from two or three instances how the universities have been centers for thought, for the dissemination of truth and for the inauguration of great movements.

We know that liberty has been maintained in the universities; that though the universities of the old world at times seemed to be captured by the sons of the nobility and of the rich, they never became totally untrue to their charters and to their history. They have ever been places where rich and poor met together upon an equality, where the spirit of freedom was maintained. In the times of the founding of New England, old Cambridge in England was the seething center of the fermenting new truth. New England and American history are forever indebted to the fact that there was a larger percentage of graduates of the old universities of England in New England to the population than has ever been known, before or since in any state. Cromwell knew where his friends were in the universities, but particularly in Cambridge. And again we remember that England in the eighteenth century entered anew upon a life of religious activity and freedom, of genuine thoughtful rationalism that was not conventional, upon a morality that put to shame the rottenness of English society through a movement inaugurated by a few students in Oxford, of whom the Wesleys were two. In modern times we know that when the civil war came to America it was the young men in the colleges which stepped forth, they and the alumni. Our older colleges have monuments, like the great Memorial hall at Harvard, or the Soldiers' monument at Williams, to tell that the young men of the country in the colleges were of the people and were for progress and liberty. And even in old England there is a modern movement that goes out from the universities. To be sure, students like Herbert Spencer started speculations that looked toward sociological reforms, but whence came the application? the real movement? From the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and particularly from Oxford. We have as a world-wide name the name of Toynbee, who went from Oxford to apply his sociological

speculations and to learn by practice—which is ever better than speculation—what sociological reforms should be. This university as a university state stands true to great traditions, and must do so. It is perhaps only a matter of the summer's excitement and of newspaper life that we hear in all newspapers these days something about "academic freedom." It is an old tale to every university man. Of course we have academic freedom. Of course the universities have maintained it. The thing to be thankful for is that the American people sustain us in maintaining academic freedom, but we would have to maintain it or the university would be crushed.

If what I have said is true, that we have something complicated, a university state, and that it has such great responsibilities and opportunities, it is all-important that we know what is the bond of unity in the university. Is it statute passed by regent and faculty? Is it the iron use of authority upon the part of any official? What is the bond of unity in the Utopian state that we have? Honor, honor, honor—that is our law and gospel. That is our bond for service, for obedience, for loyalty, for progress. It is the bond that develops manhood and without which manhood cannot be. Honor embraces respect, reverence. Honor in its highest type is indebted—as we know as we study Christian history and the age of chivalry—to Christianity. Great pagans, great philosophers, in all nations have recognized honor, respect and reverence as essential in the last resort even in the state polity. But history shows us that when the philosophers were aided by the prophets of Christianity and by the life of the gentleman of history, Jesus Christ, then for the first time honor descended from the clouds and from the ranks of philosophy and became the everyday bond among humble men.

The identification of honor with duty, it has been pointed out by a recent writer in Men and Letters, is especially to be noted in the age of Elizabeth. Says this writer: "It was the peculiarity of the Elizabethan age—perhaps one should say of the age of chivalry—that any high and difficult course of conduct presented itself to the mind of the actor, to the actor in the theater, not merely as a matter of duty, but as a matter of honor. This identification of duty with honor gave to conduct an artistic and a moral element, and invested human speech and act with an ideal dignity. Mercutio, Tybalt, Paris, Romeo and Juliet, all young and vigorous persons with the world before them, preferred true honor to life. That place I give to honor in our state is correct and that the giving of it is no new thing, will appear from what Charles Dudley Warner says of a reunion, the forty-sixth reunion of a college class this summer. Says Mr. Warner: "As these people who had been out of college forty-six years gathered, it happened that while the records were spotted with defeats and failures, on the whole the men had succeeded, and the individual testimony was that the life had been a happy one. There was not much talk about money or position. These seemed incidental in the presence of these boys, these old college boys. The curiosity of the group was to see what sort of men they had been, rather than to learn whether they had acquired money or notoriety. Any mean or dishonest action or sharp practice revealed to this little tribunal would have seemed very offensive. I do not know that this standard of success is generally accepted, but keeping the good name of boyhood through all the allurements of life, and traveling in the middle path of unostentatious duty, is our main reliance in American society." What Mr. Warner says of one group of old graduates is true as members of this faculty could testify—of many groups. When we meet it is: Have we been honorable? Have we avoided sharp practice? This is fundamental for success.

Not to make this talk too long—believing that the traditions here presented you all accept—let me point out two or three applications.

We talk about introducing the honor system. That means that we are going to conduct examinations perhaps without having instructors present. We have had the honor system. The presence of a professor should not make something dishonorable honorable. We are upon our honor in this University. It may be well to have a little honor system with reference to examinations, but it is a mere incidental. We have a general honor system, and it is as high in Nebraska, if not higher, than in any other institution I know. But we must carry the thought with us to see that we scrupulously apply our spirit of honor in certain details. Honor forbids a man to plagiarize. Honor forbids a man to attempt to retell an old theme.

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## UNIVERSITY FRATERNITIES

Nearly All Have Secured Comfortable Headquarters.

### THEIR INFLUENCE IS GROWING

Increase of Membership and Chapters Evidence of their Increasing Strength—Names of University Fraternity People.

The frat people are back at the University in force this year and fraternity influence seems to be on the increase. Several of the fraternities have already got down to work and added a number of men to the ranks of the Greeks, which are considerably greater than last year.

Phi Delta Theta, after thirteen years of life in a block, has moved into a chapter house at 743 South Thirteenth street. Five men were graduated last spring, two of whom will return for work. A. B. Lindquist will enter the Omaha Medical college in preparation for a Chicago school of medicine. Thomas Creigh is practicing law in Omaha. H. C. Parmelee accepted a position in the Beatrice High School, but will probably be back to post here next year. Harry Oury will enter the law school and W. H. Hayward will take graduate work in American history. On the 18th of September the chapter initiated Karl C. Randal, Arthur C. Welshans, Horace Sherman and Harry A. Takey. Twelve members of last year's chapter returned for work, not including those who intend to post. They are: P. W. Russell, E. R. Davenport, R. W. Haggard, C. H. True, R. S. Mueller, E. O. Weber, E. A. McCreery, B. D. Whedon, J. T. Summer, Joel Stebbins, Roy Stone and C. H. Mansfield.

The Sigma Chi boys start the year with fourteen active members. At present they are located in the Montgomery block, but in the course of a few days will again be installed in a chapter house. Of last spring's graduates two are back taking work in the graduate school. The others are located as follows: R. C. Saxton is in "business with father" at Edgar, Neb. H. W. Doubrava is following much the same business at North Bend, Neb. D. W. Hawksworth is with the B. & M. at Plattsmouth and L. R. Packard goes to Northwestern to study medicine. C. C. Pullis is assistant principal of the Kearney High School.

The active members are A. A. Bischof, George Burgert, Jr., V. P. Sheldon, C. B. Cosgrove, L. J. Belnap, Ralph and Frank Rainey, F. J. Gustin, Paul Fitzgerald, J. E. Fechet, R. D. Montgomery, C. C. Young, C. R. Tishue, L. R. Ewart and Mr. Halstead from Bloomington, Ind., who enters this year as a senior.

Beta Theta Pi has fourteen men in the University this year as follows: E. C. Ames, L. A. Ricketts, Thomas Hyde, Will H. Lehman, Chas. Hendy, Edgar M. Cramb, Frank L. Rain, Roy R. Schick, Fred Tuilas, Clarence White, Bert Robinson, George Whaley, Frank Buckstaff and Abraham L. Houghtelin. Several of last year's Betas will not be back again. James Burks is assisting his father in the implement and hardware business in Beatrice. Dave Burks is occupying himself in a similar manner in his father's store at Fairbury. Carl Burnham is attending the University of California, where he expects to graduate this year. Mike Hartigan is in business in Chicago and is said to be turning the heads of the fair sex in that windy burg. Peter Lau will assist in managing his father's business. "Doc" Everett announces that he will not be in college this year, but will be editor-in-chief, illustrator and "devil" of a comic weekly in the Klondyke. George Whaley, he of the German silver voice, has a fellowship in child-study and his smiling countenance will still be seen perambulating the classic halls of the library building. A. L. Houghtelin is at present engaged in manufacturing brick at Fairbury, but expects to be on hand shortly after Judge Reese opens his resort for "young legal students." Lowe Ricketts, '97, will also attend the aforementioned resort. Freddy Tuilas, "the cherub" who left the University in the spring of '96, is back again and will take up his abode in Professor Caldwell's room in the Library building.

Beta Theta Pi has abandoned the chapter house for the present and is now located in the rooms in the State block formerly occupied by Phi Delta Theta. The new quarters have been given a thorough renovation and all friends of the Betas are cordially invited to "drop in."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity starts the new college year with the following old members back: Geo. Bartlett, Everett Sawyer, Willard Clapp, John Kenny, Arthur Harmon,

Roy Sawyer, Fred Du Frene, Haney, Holben, Green, Stopher, Davidson, Corby and Teeter. For the present they will keep their rooms in the Harris block, 1132 N street, which have been very desirable and pleasant for club rooms and social entertainments during the last two years that they have occupied them.

The four graduates of Sigma Alpha Epsilon last year have been very successful in securing good positions. C. C. Griggs is chief assayer for the Big Bonanza and Ashland mines in Terry, S. D. A. S. White is practicing law in South Omaha, and reports success. H. E. Reagan has a position in Chicago with the Western Electrical Company. M. F. Manville will teach in an Indian school in the South. Edgar Morrill will continue to ship butter from the dairy at Stromsburg, which he has been managing during the summer.

The boys also lose one of their alumni, John H. Farwell, who has just received an appointment as secretary to United States Consul McGill at Tampico, Mexico.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity occupies the same rooms as last year at 1318 O street. The following are the active members: Ray P. Teele, Frank T. Riley, Will McKay, Alfred A. Gilman, Chas. Weeks, John Saville, Burt Robbins, Otis Whipple, John Kind, La Rue Brown, Jesse P. Cleland, E. L. Meliza and Albert E. Parmelee. R. H. Manley will take post work in the University this year. Geo. H. Thomas is teaching school at McCook, Neb. T. K. Burrows is at the Worrall Hall Military Academy, N. Y., Orry Kellogg is at Sidney, N. Y., with his mother, on account of whose illness it will be necessary for him to remain out of the University this semester. Larry Weaver is in Oklahoma but will probably be back next semester.

Phi Kappa Psi began the year with fourteen men in their commodious chapter house at 1630 G street. With the new culinary department in active operation, the change from home life to college life is scarcely noticeable. The chapter considers its prospects this year unusually bright, with eighteen active members and five pledged men.

Harry Saedd will teach history in the L. H. S. F. Kormeyer will post in English and English literature, while Jesse Rowe will continue his work in geology. The active members are Messrs. Haecker, Collett, L. Kormeyer, Hitchman, Christie, Barber, Brown, Clarke, G. Shedd, White, Wigenhorn, Rowe, H. Shedd, F. Kormeyer, Ladd, Wilson, Imhoff and Dick Reed, who is now in the city. Jules Sedgwick of Rush Medical College, Chicago, has paid the chapter a most enjoyable visit of a week. He returns to Chicago to manage the Rush football team this fall.

Kappa Sigma is comfortably settled in its chapter house at 1801 N street. Nine members have returned to begin the new year. C. A. Turrell will spend a few weeks in Cleburn, Texas, before coming back to take his A. M. C. C. Culver was obliged to seek higher altitudes owing to throat trouble and will spend the winter in Denver. C. A. Fisher traveled all summer on the United States geological survey.

The Alpha Tau Omega chapter begins the college year with the following active members: Brown Riggs, Mumah, Covell, Nunemaker, Erb, Humphrey and Morrisey. The Elliott cottage at the corner of Fourteenth and M has been engaged by the boys as a chapter house. They expect to assume possession by October 1.

R. H. Graham is principal of the High School at Arapahoe this year. H. E. Covell, while acting as principal of the Elmwood High School, will carry graduate work in the University and will retain active connection with the Alpha Tau.

Alpha Tau Chi begins the year with eleven active members. The rooms held last year in the Zebrung block have been retained for the ensuing year.

Of the members of '97, J. V. Cortelou is teaching at Humbolt, Benton Dales will assist in chemistry and take work leading to the master's degree. O. S. Erwin is in business in the city. Allie Randolph has accepted a position in York College for the ensuing year. G. S. Town, '95, is principal of the high school at Junction City, Kan. C. H. Kelsey, '95 L., is county attorney of Antelope county and is located at Neligh. R. S. Hiltner, '94, is assistant chemist of the experiment station. De Alton Saunders is at the head of the department of botany in the South Dakota Agricultural college at Brookings. H. W. Orr is attending Ann Arbor Medical School, where he will take a degree of M. D. with the class of '98. He is assistant professor of embryology.

The undergraduate members are: W. R. Mansfield, C. K. Cooper, D. S. Loofbourrow, M. E. Hiltner, this

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## THE GRIDIRON IS ANIMATED

New Material Showing Up Better Than Expected.

### TRAINING MODES DIFFERENT

Doctor Hastings Putting Men Through Severe Setting up Exercises—Progress of the Prospective Football Team.

Football matters daily assume a more definite shape. New men are turning out daily for practice and consequently more interest is being evinced by all. But it is not merely among the players that the management is anxious to see interest, but also among the rest of the college, which the management think ought to turn out in large numbers and show the players that though they don't engage in the game themselves, they do care a lot how the team comes out. Especially ought this to be true of the "co-eds," whose presence always makes the boys "grit" their teeth and go in a little harder.

The practice now consists in passing and kicking the ball, breaking through the line, setting up exercises, under the leadership of Physical Director Hastings, ending with a sharp run and "back" a cold bath and rub-down. This work is rapidly tending to get the men toughened for the harder work to come when coach Robinson arrives.

Great possibilities lie in some of the new men, and how the positions will be filled cannot be described until the first game of the season, which is some distance in the future. Of the new men the following have been interviewed and their heights and weights ascertained: Stringer, who has played four years with the Beatrice High School, is 5 feet 11½ inches and weighs 185 pounds; Swartz has also played four years with Beatrice and is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds; Loofbourrow, who comes from Kansas university, is 5 feet 11½ inches tall and weighs 178 pounds; Halstead comes from Indiana university and is 6 feet 1 inch in height and weighs 168 pounds; Hart, who has played on the York High School team, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds; Wood, who comes from Logan, Iowa, is 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighs 175 pounds; Troester, who played for several years on the Lincoln High School team, is 6 feet tall and weighs 160 pounds; Fraser is a Montana man and is 5 feet 10½ inches in height and weighs 151 pounds; Tukey has played tackle for three years on the Omaha High School team and is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds; Montgomery was here last year, but did not play, he is 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighs 156 pounds; Hummel was also here last year, but did not play, he is 6 feet tall and weighs 170 pounds. The above weights, with one or two exceptions, are with their clothes on.

Of the old men out so far Benedict stands 5 feet 9 inches and weighs 148 pounds stripped, Pearse is 6 feet 2¼ inches in height and weighs 176 pounds stripped, Wiggins is 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighs 140 pounds stripped, Shedd is 6 feet in height and weighs 170 pounds stripped, Hanson is 6 feet 3 inches in height and weighs 210 pounds stripped, Turner is 6 feet 5 inches in height and weighs 225 pounds stripped, Cowgill is 5 feet 6½ inches in height and weighs 156 pounds stripped.

### PROFESSOR SCOTT TALKS.

Professor Scott of Princeton, one of the most renowned paleontologists of this country, made a short address to the students of the University at the conclusion of the chapel exercises last Wednesday. Professor Scott spoke briefly on the true aim of all American universities and the common dangers which they shared. He said that fidelity to duty should be taught by every university, as the greatest danger in this country today was a lack of a true sense of duty. All American universities should stand together to face this danger and there should be no jealousy between them. This danger should be given serious consideration. True patriotism does not consist in waving the flag, making the eagle scream and ignoring danger. The American people as a rule are too good natured and put up with abuses which would set an English community into a flame of indignation. Corrupt politics exist today mainly because the people are too good natured, or perhaps too lazy, to purge them. The way to eradicate these evils is for every university to make its highest aim the teaching of fidelity to duty.

Coach E. N. Robinson of Brown University will arrive from Rhode Island sometime during the next week. Mr. Robinson, in a letter recently received, confidently predicted a winning team for Nebraska this fall.