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Farnsworth, '02, Praises its Democratic Goodfellowship.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1903.

Dear Nebraskan—Unlike the other large colleges of the East, Cornell is not located within or near a large metropolis, but lies as if it were apart from the rest of the busy world—a democratic center of learning by itself. A more beautiful, picturesque site for a college could not be imagined than where Cornell now rests. Situated in the hilly region of the south central part of New York state, in the fertile Cayuga valley, about four hours' ride south of Buffalo, is the quiet, typical college town of Ithaca and Cornell University. Like the University of Kansas, the campus is located on a hill, which overlooks the town and the beautiful, clear Lake Cayuga, which has made Cornell famous with her crews. The campus is the most beautiful that any college in the country possesses. It covers a large area of land, and in the summer time when all the buildings are covered with ivy, together with the beautiful walks and drives, it presents a fine appearance. Numerous little lakes and brooks and deep gorges add to the natural beauty of the campus. It would be impossible for one not to fall in love with such a garden spot and with such picturesque scenery as Cornell offer.

In keeping with what nature has bestowed upon Cornell, the student body seems to absorb the spirit of the place and are welded together in the common welfare of Cornell. Other large Eastern colleges possess a good deal of Eastern snobbishness and associate ideas. Cornell has always upheld democratic ideas, and everyone is a "good fellow." College spirit and the loyalty of all Cornellians to their alma mater is something remarkable and is the first thing that a new comer notices here. The welfare of the college ranks first in everything, class enthusiasm is next emphasized, and then come other forms of college life.

This fall during the football season half the student body went down to Percy Field every day, rain or shine, to cheer the team and scrubs. During the games, organized rooting and college songs made every Cornellian feel that there was no name so dear to him as "Cornell." Before and after every athletic contest "Alma Mater" is sung, every student standing with his head uncovered. This feature is always carried out, whether the team is victorious or not, and creates Cornell spirit. I have often wished Nebraska would adopt a similar custom.

From the beginning of one's freshman year until his graduation, the one ambition of every Cornellian is to win a "C." or his class numerals, which are next in importance. This continued striving to secure honors brings all kinds of material for athletic teams. Here even football is of secondary importance to the "crew," and while Cornell does not always excel in other forms of athletics, she is pretty sure to turn out a "world's record crew," and it is becoming a recognized fact that Cornellians are "natural born oarsmen." In baseball and track athletics considerable interest is manifested. Constant practice goes on throughout the fall and winter.

In spite of the other attractions, a good deal of hard work is done here. In fact, in order to remain here and enjoy the pleasures of such an ideal college life, the student must work. Each term at least ten hours must be passed by the student, and if he fails he is "busted" and is given three days to leave Ithaca. In order for him to be reinstated the next year he must pass all back examinations. At the present time many students are bidding their friends "good bye" as a result of receiving a "bust" notice. This system helps to maintain a high standard of scholarship and the one favorite topic of conversation throughout the whole year is "Will I get busted?"

Much as I like Cornell, which has been made so pleasant for me by the generous good-natured Cornellians, I still look anxiously forward to each
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