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TO ALL FRESHMEN

To those among you who register now for the first time, the University extends a hearty welcome. Each year the University bids good-bye to familiar Senior faces, and each year it welcomes as its own the unfamiliar faces of first-year young men and young women. Unknown are you to the faculty, to upper classmen and to each other by name or face; but known to them all are you in the great common spirit of the University, the strength to do and the faith to believe. So you are not strangers in a strange land, but friends among your fellow friends.

The University means to you a change. To many of you this year will be your first away from home. To all of you it will be your first as an integral part of a great institution of learning. High school and preparatory are left behind. College days have come to you. With them come important and far-reaching changes. Home ties are severed; home restrictions loosed. From a society of those younger than yourselves, boys and girls, you are thrust into a society of those older than yourselves, men and women. Small town and country give place to the city. Instead of the old familiar friends and places, strangers in strange places pass you by. You are new. You must adjust yourselves to new conditions.

In any period of re-adjustment there are two courses open: The right and the wrong. So they are open to you today. You stand on your own two feet, and in your own two hands you hold the reins which guide your steps. The University, friends, relatives will suggest, you must decide. You must blow the chaff from the grain, skim the dross from the gold.

For him who would tread it, the primrose path of dalliance here is ready. There are twenty-five saloons in Lincoln. An equal number of pool halls call alluringly for the students time and money. There is a brand-new attraction every afternoon and night at the theatre. There are many loafing places more attractive than the University library or the attic bedroom. There are many amusements and pastimes more to one's fancy than writing rhetoric themes, working math problems or digging economic theory out of Ely or Chapman. But this path leads not to success.

Membership in the University is, above all else, an opportunity for mental advancement. That is the unique thing about a college. So-called society, politics fraternities and sororities are not unique to college. They are to be found even more perfectly developed, beyond our academic sphere. You and your people are making a sacrifice that you may come to Nebraska's University. It is your duty to take advantage of its oppor-

tunities to the full measure of your ability. The answer to the question "How," is the single word, "Work." You are independent. You may do as you please. Yours is to choose, not to obey. The people of the state of Nebraska have built this great University to afford to you an opportunity for higher education, for further mental advancement. May you in the years in which you choose to accept this service from our state, serve our state in return to the best of your ability in honest study.

BE EXAMINED DURING TUBERCULOSIS WEEK

Plans for a national medical examination day, a children's health crusade day, and a tuberculosis Sunday, all to be held in tuberculosis week, December 6th to 12th, were announced

today by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Medical examination day is set for Wednesday, December 8th, and will be the first effort on a national scale to urge an annual physical examination for everyone. Plans for the day include an appeal to induce everyone, sick and well, to see a doctor and learn whether they are in good physical condition. The scheme includes also the inauguration on the part of factories, stores and offices of an annual physical examination for all employees. Thousands of anti-tuberculosis associations, other societies, and dispensaries all over the country are expected to co-operate in furnishing free examinations for those not able to pay a physician.

Children's health crusade day on Friday, December 10th, is planned to

interest and instruct school children in healthful living. Special exercises will be held at which lectures, essays, and playlets will be given on the subject of health. This will also be the occasion for launching the Red Cross Christmas seal sale in the schools.

The culmination of the campaign will be the sixth annual celebration of tuberculosis Sunday. Last year on tuberculosis day over 100,000 churches gave attention to the subject of tuberculosis by sermons, talks, and announcements. The governors of all of the states will be asked to issue proclamations calling attention to the importance of increasing the knowledge of the public on how to avoid consumption. Clubs, lodges, and societies will also be asked to consider the subject at a meeting either on tuberculosis Sunday or some other day of tuberculosis week.

Cotton as Contraband.

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taining against said ports. But may it lawfully seize and pre-empt or confiscate shipments from American ports to neutral ports adjacent to Germany? To the exercise of such right the United States cannot consistently object. For not only has it insisted with all the eloquence of its whole navy and to the great cost of one of the leading British industries that cotton is contraband, but it has with live eloquence, reinforced by the logic of its highest court, maintained the principle that in the case of absolute contraband, the real rather than the nominal destination determines the rights which the belligerent may exercise over neutral commerce. This view is necessary not only to protect the belligerent against fraud, but to protect the honest shipper against his dishonest competitor.

The doctrine of continuous voyage, in cases where goods that are absolute contraband are involved, has been too thoroughly established by the decisions of the supreme court of the United States for our government to now insist that the nominal destination must determine the legality of the voyage. Speaking for said court, in the case of the *Bermuda 3* Wallace, 514, Chief Justice Chase said: "It makes no difference whether the destination to the rebel port was ulterior or direct, nor could the question of transshipment at Nassau, if transshipment was intended, for that could not break the continuity of transportation of the cargo. The interposition of a neutral port between neutral departure and belligerent destination has always been a favorite resort of contraband carriers and blockade runners. But it never avails them when the ultimate destination is ascertained. A transportation from one point to another remains continuous so long as intent remains unchanged, no matter what stoppages or transshipments intervene."

In deciding what constitutes sufficient evidence of ulterior destination, the naval commanders and the courts of the captor may err, but irreparable injury is not likely to result, as provision can be made by diplomatic negotiation for a review in order to determine the fact and extent of injury caused and the form and amount of reparation. This is a justiciable question which can be settled far better by arbitration than by an appeal to the ordeal of battle. Fortunately the two nations have far too much good sense to entertain seriously any other than a peaceable settlement of the dispute. The fire-eaters may furnish or consume such pyrotechnics as their climate or system requires, but the decision will be made by those having a broader conception of duty and a more just respect for the legal rights of others.—Boston Transcript.

Y. M. C. A. Gathering

The University of Nebraska Young Men's Christian Association is an organization of student young men for the purpose of promoting the Christian life. It is an Association for service. It seeks through socials, Bible groups and mission study, religious meetings, literature, employment bureau, gospel teams, and in many other ways to keep young men in the presence of the best and to develop in them a strong and intelligent faith.

We welcome you to the University and we shall be pleased if we can be of service in making these days happier.

Valeria Bonnell, '14, who spent the past year studying in Lucerne, Switzerland, will teach German in the high school at Harvard. Miss Hermine Hatfield, who was also a member of the party at Lucerne, will resume her work at the University this fall.

Statistics for Year 1914-1915
FRATERNITY GRADES

The scholarship rank and standing of the different fraternities and sororities at the University of Nebraska was given out this morning. Delta Upsilon gained first place this time, jumping to that position from fifth place the previous semester. Below the standing for the last two semesters are given and also the comparative standing of the fraternity and non-fraternity students:

	First Semester.			Second Semester.	
	Index.	% C+F+D		Index.	% C+F+D
Men	167.6	12.0	..	188.2	9.5
Fraternity men	143.8	14.5	..	164.5	11.3
Non-fraternity men	178.7	10.8	..	199.0	8.7
Women	249.0	4.3	..	266.7	2.8
Sorority women	238.1	4.6	..	255.7	3.4
Non-sorority women	254.3	4.1	..	271.5	2.6
Fraternities—	Rank.		Rank.		
Acacia	1	218.6	2.0	7	175.6
Phi Kappa Psi	2	207.7	7.7	3	202.6
Alpha Theta Chi	3	201.3	9.4	4	199.2
Alpha Sigma Phi	4	171.6	12.7	12	157.7
Delta Upsilon	5	168.6	8.5	1	206.1
Beta Theta Pi	6	163.6	10.2	11	158.9
Kappa Sigma	7	160.9	14.7	2	204.6
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	8	156.7	12.4	6	175.8
Silver Lynx	9	152.8	13.3	8	173.0
Alpha Tau Omega	10	146.1	11.0	13	156.1
Phi Gamma Delta	11	143.6	11.3	15	139.4
Delta Chi	12	142.2	14.5	5	179.2
Delta Tau Delta	13	132.4	12.0	14	144.8
Phi Delta Theta	14	113.3	16.5	16	133.3
Sigma Phi Epsilon	15	91.9	22.6	9	163.2
Sigma Nu	16	82.6	26.1	10	161.9
Sigma Chi	17	6.2	38.1	17	78.8
Semi-Fraternities—					
Bushnell Guild	186.9	14.5	..	244.7
Farm House	261.6	1.5	..	269.8
Sororities—					
Achoth	1	278.6	3.1	7	245.8
Kappa Kappa Gamma	2	271.4	2.9	1	287.7
Kappa Alpha Theta	3	262.8	4.2	2	287.6
Delta Delta Delta	4	260.8	4.0	3	277.8
Delta Gamma	5	246.1	3.0	10	238.8
Alpha Omicron Pi	6	231.0	6.0	11	237.8
Delta Zeta	7	230.5	2.5	5	255.0
Alpha Chi Omega	8	229.0	1.4	4	264.8
Alpha Xi Delta	9	225.1	5.3	13	213.8
Pi Beta Phi	10	219.4	7.6	12	232.4
Alpha Phi	11	218.4	7.8	6	253.9
Chi Omega	12	210.6	3.5	9	240.1
Gamma Phi Beta	13	196.0	9.6	8	243.2

To obtain the index number weight the percentages of grades as follows: E, 4; G, 3; M, 2; P, 1; A, 0; I, 1; C, 2; F and D, 3; and add. This number shows the relative scholastic standing of the student organizations.

Statistics for Year 1911-1912

	First Semester.			Second Semester.	
	Index.	% C+F+D		Index.	% C+F+D
Men	156.8	11.6	..	176.8	10.1
Fraternity men	129.1	15.6	..	137.6	14.1
Non-fraternity men	172.7	9.7	..	193.3	8.5
Women	244.8	4.6	..	270.7	3.0
Sorority women	237.8	4.8	..	253.9	3.3
Non-sorority women	248.5	4.5	..	277.8	2.8

Statistics for Year 1913-1914

	First Semester.			Second Semester.	
	Index.	% C+F+D		Index.	% C+F+D
Men	171.0	10.7	..	181.1	10.7
Fraternity men	148.8	12.9	..	162.2	12.4
Non-fraternity men	181.5	9.7	..	191.0	9.9
Women	249.6	4.2	..	259.1	3.4
Sorority women	241.4	4.4	..	244.0	3.3
Non-sorority women	252.4	4.3	..	266.0	3.4

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