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When Nebraska meets Michigan next Saturday afternoon she will be playing a game of greater inter-sectional importance than any she has undertaken since she last met the Wolverines in 1911. The Michigan contest will not be so decisive in deciding Nebraska's national rating as will the Syracuse game Thanksgiving day, but there are few who believe that a team that wins from Michigan will be defeated by Syracuse. In other words, the real crisis of the season comes this week. If Notre Dame had won from the Cornhuskers the crisis would naturally have been passed, but as it is the Wolverines are the biggest and most-feared obstacle in Nebraska's path. Feared though they are, they will not send any premature cold chills down Cornhusker backs. Students know that the odds favor Michigan, but they also know that victory is far from impossible. If it were, there would have been a different policy on the part of the Nebraska coaches in preparing for the Michigan game. Nebraska is going on a long and tiring journey to battle a strange foe on a far-away field, not just to fight them bravely, but to fight and to win.

Is Nebraska to have on formal party after all? It looks that way. At least the junior class has voted to hold its annual prom despite the sentiment against formal parties. The action of the interfraternity and Pan-Hellenic councils and of the senior class leaves this formal party the one bright and shining spot on the social calendar for the year. The third year class, at least, will have the pleasure of dress suits and party gowns. Their party, if it is given, will have the distinction of being the most expensive and most talked-of event of the season, and it will allow co-eds who voted to wear last year's party gowns to buy new ones for the affair.

The decision of the class, it must be said in justice to those present at the meeting, was taken after a fair consideration of the question, and the members undoubtedly thought that the proposed party would not be out of place. It seems to have been the formal aspect of the dance that formed the irresistible lure which captivated the minds of the juniors and urged them to cling to an institution now distinctly frowned upon. At least the class decided to cut out all the rest of the extravagant features—the elaborate dinner, the embellishments and decorations that lend atmosphere to the old-time prom—and to give the proceeds to war relief.

No particular harm will be done if the junior go ahead with their plans for the prom, but it certainly will not be in keeping with the policy that the University has adopted for war-times. It seems really a question of whether the desire to be economical is thoroughly sincere. If it is, why not eliminate all the extravagant features out of harmony with the times?

Why is Christmas so dear to every heart? Isn't it because of the spirit of good cheer, of good will, of harmony, which prevails? Ever since our ancestors in Old England hauled in the Yule log to form the center of jollity every people that observes the Christmas tradition has looked to that season as an armistice from the usual battle of life, a truce during which men worked together for each other's sake.

It may not have appealed to you, but in the old days the strongest link which bound Christmas hearts together was the singing of old folk-songs around the evergreen. Man forgot his relative station in life, his prejudices and jealousies and envies, in the united singing for all humanity.

And so today, wherever it is practiced community singing is still the great spiritual meeting ground where unconsciously and informally, personal memories are forgotten in the hope and enthusiasm for the future of the whole. That is why there is never a time when you feel better toward the world than when you have sung whole-heartedly with others such a song as "The Ties That Bind," and why, similarly, Nebraskans feel prouder and happier of their football team after they have gotten together to sing "The Scarlet and the Cream."

Community singing for its own sake will be tried out at Nebraska for the first time at Convocation this morning. Songs that were written for no other purpose than to bring Cornhuskers closer to one another, and the still more worthy songs of our country, will be sung. If students will go to the sing-fest and enter into the spirit of the gathering properly, Nebraska spirit, like the spirit of any community, will be strengthened and vitalized.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVE IN AIDING FRENCH ORPHANS
 (Continued from page one)

H. Alice Howell, Mrs. Jessie Beghtol Lee, Prof. James T. Lees, Dr. D. R. Leland, Prof. J. E. Le Rossignol, Prof. Marguerite McPhee, Major Samuel M. Parker, U. S. A., Prof. Laura B. Pfeiffer, Mr. C. L. Premer, Prof. A. A. Reed, Prof. C. A. Robbins, Prof. F. W. Sanford, Dean L. A. Sherman, Prof. C. W. L. Taylor, Prof. Hutton Webster, Mr. Max Westermann, Miss Frances Whaley, Prof. H. H. Wilson.

University societies, clubs and other organizations that have adopted orphans are as follow:

Art club, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Phi sorority, Business Woman's club, Class of 1918, Class of 1920, Delta Gamma sorority, Dramatic club, Faculty Row, Starr street, Interfraternity council, Romance Languages department, Sigma Theta Pi, University Players.

The regular monthly report of Mrs. Westerman follows:
 Previously reported\$13,043.30
 Additional collections and pledges 459.76

Total to October 5, 1917...\$13,503.06
 Additional out state adoptions:
 Cedar Hill Epworth League, Lincoln, R. E. Albright, pastor.
 Sergeant Nicholas A. Megas, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
 Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, University of Nebraska.
 Margaret Sheldon, Beatrice, Neb.
 Mrs. C. P. Fall, Beatrice, Neb.
 C. M. Mathewson, Walthill, Neb.
 L. A. Spencer, Sabetha, Kans.
 William C. Mach, Bruno, Neb.
 Fred R. Hanley, Lincoln.
 Mrs. O. O. Hager, Lincoln.
 Total adoptions to date, 240.

THE COLLEGE WORLD

Grinnell—The college enrollment this year totals the largest in Grinnell's history. And, unlike the majority of co-educational schools, the proportion of men is slightly larger than formerly.

Kansas—The Varsity basketball call has been issued. The squad is as yet small, but will be augmented by a number of men now playing football, when the gridiron season is over.

Oklahoma—"Beat Illinois" rang in the ears of the departing Sooner eleven yesterday when they embarked for the north. The development of a baffling open-field offense, combined with the line-bucking of the heavy full-back, is the mainstay of the Oklahoma hopes.

Ohio—"Every instructor and employee of the Ohio State University owns a Liberty Bond"—that's what the committee in charge of Liberty Bond sales at the Buckeye institution hope to say by October 27. It is the aim of the committee to make Ohio State stand ahead of all the universities in the country in helping to dispose of the bonds.

Columbia—Prof. J. McKeen Cattell, head of the department of psychology, and Prof. Richard H. Dana of the department of English in Columbia University were dismissed last week because of their radical and un-American views on the war situation. Prof. Cattell is editor of "School and Society," a well-known educational magazine, and of "Science," a periodical devoted to scientific subjects. Prof. Dana is the grandson of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and is noted for his literary criticisms.

Iowa—Lorado Taft, Illinois '79, delivered a talk on the "Processes of Sculpture" Wednesday evening which met with great approval. The reproduction of an artist's studio in which the sculptor and his assistants were seen actually modeling proved of great interest. Mr. Taft worked in clay, plaster, marble and bronze, building up a bust from life, sculpturing a mask which showed the changes from youth to old age, and chopping out a cast.

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