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AMONG THE GREEKS IN ABSENTIA

A Few Words in Regard to Those Fraternity Men Who Will Not Be in the University.

MANY NOTICABLE CHANGES THIS YEAR.

A New Set of Men Will Hereafter Rule the Affairs of the Societies.

Never before in the history of the University have so many fraternity men of prominence left school in any one year. The late war, coming upon us just before the spring term closed, called away many of those, who were of a roving nature. Other causes, also had a hand in luring them away. The school seems to be entering upon a new epoch in this respect and hereafter, a different set of men will come forth to manage student affairs. Not even Bob Manley will be back to manage minstrel shows and organize quartets for midnight parties. And who will take Phil Russell's place to set the social example for aspiring Freshmen? What will become of the glee club without Jud Cooley to black boots and gather in stray notes? All these questions must be left for a time and Freshmen to settle.

Among the Phi Delta Thetas a great change has taken place. Harry Guay, Phil Russell, Burt Whedon and E. O. Weber have just gone to the Philippines with the First Nebraska. At present the outlook seems to justify the statement that they will be here for some time to come. Of the men in the Second Regiment, Bill Hayward will return to Nebraska City to resume his practice of law as soon as the regiment is mustered out. T. F. Roddy will return to the "Varsity" to study law. Ralph Haggard is at present in the city recuperating from an attack of malarial fever and still undecided as to what he will do in the future. Lou Westernmann will begin work soon in Decatur, Ill.

Of the other members who will not return, E. R. Davenport will continue his work in South Omaha, while Paul Case will be at his home in Endicott, this state. Mueller, Stone and True, will return to post in the Electrical Engineering department. Arthur Raymond, a man pledged last spring, left for Union college, N. Y., where he will spend the coming winter.

In spite of this heavy losses the Phi has rented the Westernmann house on S street and will be found there at present keeping Dean Iswey and Prof. Caldwell company. Having pledged several new men they are up to their former standard in scholarship as well as society.

Beta Theta Pi will be found in their old rooms in the State block. Everything has been renovated and made better than new. The letters of the fraternity are in gold leaf on the front windows to welcome all stray brothers to their abode. The old Betas in school this fall are: Bicketts, Crumb, Schick, Gillespie, White, Beghtol, McKillip, Sims, Hershey and Black-Buckstaff, Lau, Adams, Williams, man. This leaves them a strong and flourishing chapter to maintain their own in Greekdom. However, they have lost several old men who will not easily be replaced. Judge Cooley is in the employment of the Beatrice Creamery company of this city, where he has a very excellent position. Chas. Hendy, Jr., is at home in North Platte, trying to get the Spanish out of his system. George Wilber is doing the same in Wayne and is successful will be back in school the second semester for the annual Glee club concert. Bill Lehman is resting in Columbus after the severe trials of his college course. Maurice Hyde is in the employment of an electrical company of

Chicago. Ernest Ames is in the law business with his father in this city, and also aiding the fellows through bankruptcy on the side. Roy Carter will attend medical school in Chicago and Fred Tuulos is posting on his father's farm. Bert Robinson is at present at the exposition in Omaha, but expects to be in school the second semester.

With the Phi Kappa Psi boys things are flourishing. Nearly all old men are back and many new ones are being admitted to ranks. They have retained their house on G street which they occupied all last year. Their absentees are, S. A. White, Sergeant major of the Second Nebraska, at present in Manila, reports that he has not yet been on the sick list and is getting along finely. A. S. Pearce is still in Chickamauga and is very sick with the fever. His mother is with him and under her excellent care it is hoped that he will be able to return to school by the second semester. Bert Christie is in Omaha. He is very weak, having just recovered from a continued

Montgomery is still in Manila, while A. B. Wells is with Griggsby's rough riders. J. E. Fehet is with the Sixth cavalry, U. S. A. He was wounded during the summer in a skirmish in Cuba but has since recovered. E. W. Foster, also enlisted, but will be mustered out in time to attend the Creighton Medical College of Omaha. C. C. Young finds Nebraska too small for his aspirations so he will spread out on the sand hills of California and incidentally attend the Leland Stanford University.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon have taken a house at 2525 U street, which is newly furnished and of very neat appearance. They lost last spring only one man, E. B. Sawyer, by graduation. He is at present assaying for a company in Salt Lake City. D. Ostenberg will work in Omaha this winter. Sid Corby and John Kenny are still in the army and both are holding the positions of lieutenants. The active members remaining in school, are Teeter, Clapp, Sawyer, Holben, Bartlett, Harman, Davidson, Stopher, Sipherd, Millenz, Du Frene and Seldon.

Alpha Theta Chi also reports a few absent ones. O. H. Martin, president of the class of '98, will enter the law school at Harvard the first of October. Ollie Randolph returns to West Point where he is principal of the High school. Irving Cutler is principal of the Beatrice High school and is proving himself capable of the position. Martin Hiltner is head chemist for a large mining company near Yellowstone Park. Cooper and Imler are compelled to remain away on account of other engagements.



A remnant of the '98 Class Book.

attack of typhoid and malarial fevers. As far as known he will return the second semester to graduate with his class. Dick Reed is in Lincoln and is also just recovering from the fever. He went to Camp Thomas in the middle of the summer and stayed there long enough to get sick. He will spend the coming year teaching. Earl Williams of York will probably not be back as soon as he is in business there.

The Sigma Chis have also lost heavily this year, ten of their men, having secured positions elsewhere. In spite of this the remaining members are looking for a house and as soon as they can get one will again start up house-keeping.

George Burgert, Jr., will be at the head of the science department of the McCook High school. L. J. Belnap is with an electrical firm in St. Louis where he has an excellent position. V. P. Sheldon can not return on account of the rush of business in his father's store. F. G. Gustin has grown tired of 'Varsity life and become Mormon, having settled in Salt Lake City. William Halstead will return to Indiana this fall with his father where he will make his future home. E. D.

The Alpha Theta boys have kept up with the times and greatly improved their rooms on Twelfth and so that they are now among the most commodious of any in the city.

Delta Tau Delta has taken a house at 246 North 17th street, which gives them much better quarters than they have enjoyed for some time past. Of the graduates of last spring, Charles Weeks is the only one to return. He has accepted the position of commandant of the University battalion and promises to be very popular with the students. Bert Robbins is in Manila as a volunteer. A. A. Gilman holds a fellowship with the New York Theological seminary; John Saville is electrical engineer for Swift's Packing house in South Omaha while Frank (Rag) Riley is in the newspaper business in Kansas City. He says he finds it more satisfactory, financially, than rustling "ads" for the Nebraska. Eleven members have returned for work. Whipple, Kind, Brown, King, Doane, Weeks, Woodlawn, Yauer, Cleland, Barnes and Weaver.

The Kappa Sigmas are comfortably situated in the Hawley block on Eleventh and N streets. Nine of last

THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY

The First Chapel Exercise Last Saturday Morning and the Introduction of the New Members of the Faculty.

THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS

The Higher Spiritual Life and What It Means to the Students and the State University.

The formal opening of the University for the year 1898-99 occurred in the Chapel on Saturday, September 17th. The exercises were begun at 11 o'clock and lasted a little over an hour. The Chapel was full to overflowing of enthusiastic freshmen and other classmates, who greeted with clapping, hurrahing, and whistling each member of the faculty, both old and new, as each made his appearance on the platform. The Chancellor received the greatest ovation, for in addition to all the above manifestations of good feeling, the University yell was raised and given with a will. It was a typical college gathering and must have shown the freshmen present the "esprit de corps" of the University.

The regular chapel exercises were first gone through with and then the new members of the faculty were introduced in turn by the Chancellor. The first to be presented was Dean Wilson, the first dean of women the University has had, and she was received by a hearty hand-clapping.

Miss Bouton was next introduced as the head of the new "School of Domestic Science." She said she hoped her new duties would not interfere with her old.

The Chancellor announced that Mrs. Taylor would not be a member of the faculty this year, and introduced Miss Ilerron as her successor.

The new head of the Electrical Engineering department was then presented in a happy way by the Chancellor. The students insisted on hearing him say something and he responded by saying that deeds count and not words; that it would be a good deal easier to tell at the end of the semester whether his administration had been a success or not.

Mr. J. I. Wyer, the new librarian, said he wanted to meet all the students individually and to do all he could in every way to help them.

C. L. Weeks was announced as the new commandant of cadets.

Pryce, an assistant in the physical training department; Hitchman, an assistant in the department of Mechanical Drawing and Machine Design, and Miss Davis, of the Mathematics department, were then presented.

After making a few remarks about the new building and explaining the efficiency of the new courses of study, in preference to lectures. This feature has been very favorably commented on by leading men of the bar and is attracting students from other states.

After making a few remarks about the new building and explaining the efficiency of the new courses of study, the Chancellor spoke of the numerous book stores on and near the University campus, and said that the University Book store had the sanction of the authorities as its aims were looked into at regular intervals by a committee of regents, faculty and students. He then made a short opening address, which was full of good thoughts and was heartily received. He said in part: Since the real opening address has been given, as you have seen the old and new members of the faculty here, ready as never before, for their work, all I shall attempt to do will be to tell you what was to have been the subject of it, and point out its moral.

The address was to have been upon "The Higher or Spiritual Life of the University."

We are somewhat in danger, with our wonderful growth of piling ourselves upon our equipment, upon our numbers, upon the things that are material. But if the University is to be true to the ideal of the pioneers who founded it, to the best period in its own history, it is to meet the demands that are made today upon these great state universities to whom belongs the inheritance of the future in education in America, we must cultivate and conserve the spiritual life. The first universities were established in the bosom of the church. The next stage of education found the denominational colleges representing the spiritual aspirations of the church as directed to education. In this third and greater stage of education where the state has become so civilized and Christian that it carries on education, we must see to it that the inner life of man is kept growing.

As Americans there is especial danger of our living on the surface, but this unique summer has shown us that the people are sound at heart.

Now as a university we must be a leader of the American people. As scholars there are special temptations to draw us away from the cultivation of the spiritual life, that contemplation of God which is the deepest form of prayer.

The inner life must be active in that sympathy which must issue in helplessness. Usefulness must then be cultivated.

So I beg you by this life of contemplation, by maintaining, according to your own belief, a communion with the God you seek, if you know Him not and by unselfish helpfulness toward your professors, toward one another and toward all, to keep the higher life, that the University as well as you may continue to grow.

The date for the opening of the new building has not been fixed absolutely but it will be about the middle of October, and the Chancellor promises a great feast day for the University. President Chaplain, of St. Louis, has been secured to give an address.

FRESH-SOPH. MEET.

Preparations for the Freshman-Sophomore track and field meet are already under way. More than forty members of these classes met in the gymnasium Saturday evening.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. H. Hastings, who explained the object of the meet, that of discovering and preparing athletes for spring events. He also gave statistics to show the progress made during the past year because of the increased interest in track athletics, which dates from the first dual class meet of this kind last year. A number of the upper classmen were present and took part in the discussion. Football Manager Bischoff, W. E. Andrew, president of the Athletic Association, and others, made speeches encouraging the athletes in embryo to get out and do or die. The events in which the contestants will win or lose their class honor will be: 100 yard dash; 220 yard dash; 440 yard dash; 880 yard run; mile run; 120 hurdles; 220 hurdles; running

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