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In the University of Chicago there is a ruling to the effect that no undergraduate may be approached, solicited or pledged by a Greek letter fraternity until he has been in college for three months, has passed creditably in three branches of work and has, for the entire time, conducted himself in a morally becoming manner. According to some of the Chicago dailies this privilege has been abused by certain fraternities, and in a short time action may be taken by the faculty to correct certain abuses. In spite of little dissensions of this kind at times, we are of the opinion that the student body of the University of Chicago is well satisfied with the condition. The evil effects of such a system as is in vogue in the University of Nebraska are no more fully realized by any one than by the members themselves. Yet no attempt has been made to bring about a change for the better. In an institution such as this action upon such a subject must come from the fraternities themselves and cannot be made a faculty ruling. In the past it has been the custom to go after men while they are yet in the high schools or immediately after their entrance into the institution. Throughout registration week knots of men may be seen in the armory working diligently with the unsophisticated freshman, planning for his entertainment and compelling him to believe in spite of himself that he is about the best fellow that ever struck town. A few days later the same freshman wears the colors of one or the other of the fraternities that has invited him to join them. The initiation follows and he is one of them before he has more than a vague idea of the university and before he knows anything whatever about the life of the institution. After it is all over there is time to think. He wonders what the other men in school are like, and pictures how he could have been had he waited and possibly to have been asked to join elsewhere. Often regrets follow such musings, and even sore disappointment. Yet nothing can be done. At the same time the man is not alone in his feelings. If he is out of place in the fraternity, it, on the other hand, is weakened by himself. Not being in harmony with them, he is not one of them and cannot carry out their plans with justice. Suppose, on the other hand, representatives of the different fraternities

should come together voluntarily and should attempt some reformation in this respect. Let us assume that by a harmonious vote it were agreed that no man entering the institution for the first time should be given a chance to join any fraternity for one semester; let the same apply to the sororities as well. Let us assume that such other regulations in regard to scholarship similar to those employed at Chicago should be brought up here and adopted. Is it not true that men would have time to study the fraternity situation and the fraternities would have time to study the men? Is it not true also that at the end of this time each would know better the thing wanted? Does it not follow that each would be adapted to the other and each be satisfied? The man finds his peers, coins his friendships out of congenial and helpful companions, feels like working, puts his shoulder to the wheel side by side with the others, and with the united action that follows something is accomplished for the individual, for the fraternity and for the university. The same spirit that characterizes the man with his associates will mark him in the class room, and if this is cultivated in a helpful way in the one place it will communicate itself to the other. For the fellowship of the University of Nebraska something of this nature ought to be undertaken. For the sake of our athletic teams, our debaters, our orators, our representatives in every line, something of this nature ought to be done. As long as there is a lack of harmony in the composite parts of the university, so long will it be impossible to get a truly representative team of any kind, and so long as the naphazard way of choosing members exists so long will the internal dissensions occur. It may be said that what is applicable to the fraternities fits almost without exception every organization in the university. The movement that reaches one must invariably reach all, and whatever change that is ever brought about must apply to all by striking at the root of the evil.

Among eastern colleges great importance is attached to general college clubs. At Princeton Whig and Clio "halls" practically divide the student body between them, and constitute together the great source of college fellowship and enthusiasm. The Houston Club at Pennsylvania performs similar functions. It has been of great value, says the Pennsylvanian, in fostering a spirit of fellowship before unknown in Pennsylvania. Here men from all the schools come together, and there has grown up a spirit and university feeling of loyalty before unknown. The need of such a club at Harvard has long been recognized, and of late a strong movement has been started for the erection of a university club of a broad, democratic kind; a donation of \$150,000 has made the carrying out of the long contemplated plan sure. Yale, too, has of late keenly felt the need of some organization to hold together, in a close college democracy, the undergraduates in its various departments—some center of a common Yale life other than the famous Fences. The Yale News says this may safely be termed Yale's greatest need, from the undergraduate point of view, and the Alumni Weekly joins it in emphasizing the necessity of taking steps to preserve, in institutions adapted to the new conditions, the spirit and character of the student life of Yale—the university's greatest treasure.

The Daily Palo Alto of Leland Stanford, Jr., university speaks as follows in a recent issue: "In the death of Dr. Amos Griswold Warner there passes a man whose place cannot be refilled. Not only did he occupy a position at Stanford so distinctive, both in the

character of his teachings and his qualities as a man, that he will be missed so long as his name is known, but his work as a scholar and a leader in the active world in which he was so potent a factor before coming to our university was of such strength and practicability that there, too, will be a vacant chair. His cheerful nature, his power, his sympathy, his common sense combined to make of him a man who, once known, could never be forgotten. But his end has finally come, and we must accept the inevitable as he himself accepted it, never ceasing, however, to regret that we are to see him no more, nor to rejoice that he was once an active force among us."

In a recent address before the Union League club of Chicago John Barrett, formerly minister to Siam, declared that the Philippine Islands were the key to the commerce of Asia, and with them controlled by America the bulk of the Asiatic trade would be diverted to this country. In his statements upon the subject he brought up two men, both residents of Nebraska, and placed their opinions in direct opposition and asked the members of the club which was the more feasible. Following out the idea he took up the justification of the war, and spoke as follows: "Are we to accept the opinion of Colonel Bryan of Nebraska, or of Colonel Stotsenburg of the Nebraska regiment, who died leading his men on the field of battle? The former says we provoked the conflict and we alone are responsible; the latter, in command of the regiment at that point of the line around Manila where the fighting first began, went on record that the Filipinos provoked the outbreak after he and other officers had done all in their power to prevent it. The Filipinos had deliberately fired upon our flag, and there could be no satisfaction except unconditional surrender." This recognition of Colonel Stotsenburg is more than gratifying to the students of the university.

Director Kimball of the university school of music announces that the out of town sale of seats to the Paderewski concert has been much heavier than was expected. The number previous to the time that seats were placed on sale for residents of Lincoln had reached almost one thousand. From all indications the auditorium will be taxed to its utmost seating capacity upon this occasion. Residents of Lincoln and other cities in the state have learned to appreciate good music and will sacrifice a great deal to hear it. The Omaha Excelsior speaks as follows concerning the event: "Lincoln is to be congratulated upon having Paderewski for a concert on the evening of February 12, the occasion being the dedication of their new auditorium just completed. The Excelsior trusts that our Omaha people will show their appreciation of genius and their love for music and their good will toward Lincoln also by going down in large numbers to hear the greatest pianist of our time. Mr. Willard Kimball of the Lincoln conservatory of music has the matter in charge and if a sufficient number signify their intention at the Excelsior office of going a special train will be secured, leaving here at 6 o'clock and returning in time to catch the last street car."

The victory of the basket ball team Saturday evening should arouse more interest in this line among the student body. The score was entirely too decisive to leave any doubt of the fact that the university can put winning teams in this line. In a short time the Omaha Y. M. C. A. will send a team here to compete, and a little later the University of Kansas will do the same. Nebraska must win these contests, and to do so it is necessary to lend hearty support to the players. Let us put a little foot ball enthusiasm into our winter sports.

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