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PREFATORY NOTE

Nineteen hundred and nineteen is the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the University of Nebraska. It is therefore appropriate that some record be published, sketching the history of the institution in the first fifty years of its existence. The articles contained in this anniversary book are the product of no long period of preparation. Most of them were written within a few weeks after the book was planned. Doubtless they omit much that might well have been included, and here and there they may exhibit inaccuracies; and there is probably overlapping of material, as always when a work is the product of collaboration. It was not possible in the time available to secure all the contributions wished or to secure contributions from all the persons approached; and it is to make good the defect thereby occasioned that certain articles are supplied by the editor. Nevertheless, for the most part, the sketches come from the pens of those best fitted to write them; and it is hoped that the book in some fair measure reflects the growth of the University since its foundation half a century ago.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and financial management. The text highlights that records should be kept in a clear, organized, and accessible manner, ensuring that they can be easily reviewed and audited.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the role of internal controls and risk management. It states that these mechanisms are crucial for preventing fraud, errors, and mismanagement of resources. The text suggests that organizations should implement robust internal control systems and regularly assess their risk profiles to identify and mitigate potential vulnerabilities. This approach helps in ensuring the integrity and reliability of the organization's operations.

3. The third part of the document addresses the need for continuous improvement and learning. It argues that organizations should regularly evaluate their performance and seek feedback from stakeholders to identify areas for enhancement. The text encourages a culture of learning and innovation, where employees are empowered to share their ideas and contribute to the organization's growth and development. This continuous process of improvement is vital for staying competitive in a rapidly changing environment.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of communication and collaboration. It notes that effective communication is key to ensuring that all team members are aligned with the organization's goals and objectives. The text emphasizes the need for open and honest communication, as well as the importance of fostering a collaborative work environment where team members can support each other and work together to achieve common goals. This approach helps in building trust and enhancing the overall performance of the organization.

5. The fifth and final part of the document concludes by summarizing the key points discussed throughout the text. It reiterates the importance of maintaining accurate records, implementing strong internal controls, pursuing continuous improvement, and fostering effective communication and collaboration. The text concludes that these practices are essential for ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of any organization.

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CHARTER-DAY POEM

QUARTER-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The hunter shook from his brown pipe the spark
That flashed into the dark
Of the knotted grass-roots, and grew strong and sprang
Into crackling flame, and it heard the wind that sang
Its keen dry wail o'er the prairies, and strengthened and
grew
Till it flared to a league-long flame, and the scared birds
flew,
Smoke-blinded before it, and the blundering buffalo fled,
And the coyote quacked in his covert, and the Indian said:
"Tonight the God of the fire has raised his head!"

From the fire of ancient worlds a little spark, chance-
shaken,
Fell on our alien plains, and spread alone,
And strengthened till it shone
World-wide; and nations said: When did it waken?
We saw not its birth, but today we see afar,
A flame that darkens the low sunset star,
And drives the huddled night
Cowering before the lances of its light.

For a voice cried in the ear
Of the West: Awake, for the future calls thee! Hear,
Child of the plain, today your limbs are strong,
Your eyes are radiant! Wake, for you sleep too long!
Wake, for the east hills quicken into day,
And the gray wind of morning calls to song!
Wake, for within your heart there glows
The prompting of the new-born soul,
Strenuous and tireless, quickening as it knows,
Far off, the destined goal!