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This letter informs you that all NDI students are arriving for participation in the 1985-1986 program year on Monday, June 10, 1985. It is my hope that those who are within easy commuting distance will arrive at the NDI residence prior to 1:30 P.M. in the afternoon.

In the event that you have not already been notified, your laundry # is (7). It would be good if all of your laundry would be marked with that number prior to your arrival here at the NDI house. Most students use Carter's permanent ink felt tip markers, or Carter's permanent laundry pens. Usually marking the garment labels works best. A sock bag works best for washing socks.

Enclosed you will find a list of "suggested" items. These are not requirements. Do NOT go out and buy a department store! It is best to arrive with things that you already have, with slight additions if you believe that they are necessary. There will always be an opportunity to add to your belongings as that becomes necessary.

Your arrival for program participation marks the beginning of a full year of hard academic work and personal development. Your first scheduled vacation away from the program will be December 19th to January 14th (approximate). As you will recall, NDI does not break for the mid-term or for Thanksgiving. As you will also recall, your close proximity to home cannot be allowed to be a reason for you to have privileges not enjoyed by every NDI student. I feel compelled to draw that to your attention for one last consideration. In spite of the fact that all of the others did not have a single home visit hour that all of the others did not have as well, during his entire four year period. There is no likelihood that I will make a future exemption or exception. We will, however, make sure that are more than infrequent visitors the the NDI olympic training center!

Summer school classes will begin on Monday, June 17th. During the first week, as is customary, we will have some serious sessions on introduction to NDI life. This informal, and at times traveling orientation, is mutually beneficial for both students and program.

I cannot stress too much that you have selected the "Marine Corps" route through the college experience. NDI is a very heavy duty program. Our desire is to

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produce only <u>superstars</u>. There are literally hundreds of other college routes far, far easier than The New Direction program. While I am definitely not trying to discourage you from taking on some genuinely "olympian" training, I am, at this last moment, attempting to have you fully aware of the fact that we do not give away \$50,000 total college scholarships as though they are meaningless. These are truly among the most exceptional opportunities in the country. We expect truly exceptional students in the program in return.

As every year goes by, we hope to increase our standards and the values and ideals of the program. We are looking for participants who can show us that they are the kind of "class act" that one would find at a West Point --- but better! A class act, a tough corpsman, a keen intellect -- these combined with no-nonsense and consistent training produce a man who is in possession of character, confidence and competence. We believe that those are three very important C's for the future.

I believe that NDI will be experiencing a growth and developmental phenomenon during the 1985-1986 year. This will tax all of the talents and energies of staff. The goals we have set for this program year are thoroughly unusual even for The New Direction. Students will have to be depended upon to be involved, cooperative, enthusiastic and helpful. This will primarily be the case if each gives everything he's got to program participation....be that on campus or at the NDI residence.

The fact that we offered you a scholarship clearly indicates that we believe that you have everything that it takes to become a genuine superstar, not in one thing, but in many various and diverse areas of human activity. We hope that on June 10th, you will arrive eager to prove that you've really got the stuff to make it happen.

I will be in Texas from June 1 to June 7 inclusive. June 1st and 2nd I will be driving enroute. June 3rd through the 7th, if you have to contact me, you will be able to reach me by telephone at (214) 327-1930. If I do not answer at that number during the day, call Mrs. York at (214) 922-4174. She coordinates my meetings, is aware of my schedule, and monitors my whereabouts. Messages to her will reach me quickly. I will arrive back in Whitney about 10:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 9th.

That's the news for the moment.

Best regards to your parents.

Sincerely yours,

David James Hemmerling Chairman of the Board Chief Executive Officer

cc: NDI Files.

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(Men)

- $\sqrt{2-3}$ prs of work out shorts, gym shorts or similar shorts.
- √ 2-3 tank tops if you prefer, but not necessary.
 - 1-2 prs long underwear (it can at times get severely cold).
- $\sqrt{\mbox{Running or jogging shoes, gym shoes, athletic shoes (whatever).}$
- \checkmark 1-3 supporters.
- √ White athletic socks.
- Any kind of warm up attire you may have or wish to have.
- √ A Fall-Spring weight jacket for work and recreation.
- / A Winter weight jacket for work and recreation.

Any athletic equipment you may wish to bring along.

Any musical instruments and sheet music you may wish to bring along.

- An attache case is extremely handy to have, especially when it is raining and snowing. A case smaller than: 18" X 13" X 5" is not very useful. You will carry books and supplies each day to campus.
- Any camera equipment you may wish to bring along.
- You may have a radio providing it is small. 15" X 8" X 6" is not considered too large. Some students like clock radios.
 - An alarm clock is very useful (try to avoid a loud ticker that keeps everyone in the house awake!)

Winter gloves

- (A dictionary is very useful.
- of 100 postage stamps should get you started with your personal correspondence.
 - If you prefer personal brands of shaving creme, shampoo, etc., you may wish to bring such along. NDI stocks what happens to be the best sale at a given moment. If you don't mind our house brand, that's fine.
 - (A wrist watch is extremely useful, but not required.

Because NDI students reside in single-sex facilities, the guys tend not to be interested in bathrobes, lounging jackets, etc. Most do not use pajamas, etc. You should abide by whatever is your personal taste in that regard. Let your home habits guide you.

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- Razor, combs, hair brush, personal grooming needs. And perhaps a zipper bag to store them in.
- A zippered suit bag is a good idea, but not a necessity.
- CA lint brush will be helpful if your suit material requires one.
- If you require medication, special soaps, etc., bring along a supply.

Students have a tendency to have their yearbooks and high school momento items along. Pictures of the family. An address book with addresses and phone numbers is usually a good idea.

- A laundry marking pen (or two) is always good to have on hand.
- A few of your mother's best recipes (that you like, and you think you might be able to cook well, for the entire group. Main meals, salads, desserts).

Enough \$ to place in a bank account for you to get home on, should there be an emergency.

Students generally plan to have about \$5 per week available for spending money. That's not necessary, but most have it on hand. \$75 would be more than an adequate start, in that regard.

Because NDI absorbs ALL college and academic expenses, NDI generally asks a student's family to absorb the cost of textbooks. If this is not possible, NDI offers payment. Cost of books averages:

• Summer Session: \$70.00 Fall Semester: \$100. to \$120. Spring Semester: \$100. to \$120.

(Currently NDI pays \$179 per credit hour for tuition, excluding lab fees, college fees and student fees. As a result, NDI asks students and/or parents to absorb books if possible. If not, NDI does respond kindly.) NDI's cost will significantly increase in the Fall.

Much of the clothing and accessories you have now will serve you well in the program. This is a suggested list, based on the experience of a dozen and more years of dealing with NDI students. Purchase new things slowly and wisely. DON'T BANKRUPT YOUR FAMILIES! NDI has a very definite appearance code, and because students are taken to meetings and conferences, their appearance is important. But in all matters, be completely prudent. You are not expected to look like a Wall Street executive (yet).