

Library Plays Important Part In University

Gives Student Body Chance For Both Investigation And Recreation

LIBRARIAN SELECTS AND PURCHASES ALL BOOKS

Editor's Note—This is the fourteenth of a series of articles which Mr. Kezer has written for The Daily Nebraskan on the development, ideals, and administration of the University.

(By Munro Kezer)

In this article we shall begin the transition from a discussion of the administrative offices of the University to the service departments of the University. Today we shall look at the library, how it is operated, what it contains, what it needs, and its position in the University.

The librarian is an independent administrative officer of the University, responsible directly to the Chancellor just as are those who have considered in the last group of articles. At the same time, the library is one of the principal service agencies of the University, furnishing the student body as it does with necessary material for investigations and with recreational opportunities.

The librarian is appointed by the Chancellor and the Board of Regents and has charge of the administration of the library. He selects and appoints his staff and administers the funds set aside for the library. Besides the necessary appropriations, the library is partially supported by the students of the University. The matriculation fee of five dollars paid by each student on entrance into any college of the University goes toward the maintenance of the library.

Staff of Thirty-five
The librarian has a staff of about thirty-five at present, of whom some are only part-time student help. This number includes assistants in the departmental libraries which are scattered over the campus due to the lack of room in the main library building. There are seven such libraries besides five departmental libraries conducted without assistants by the departments concerned. The librarian acts as an advisor to the medical library at Omaha. Its funds are not on his budget except that the periodicals for the medical library are purchased from the general library fund.

The main library is divided into four departments: circulation, reference, classification and cataloging, and order departments. All are under the charge of persons trained in their field, each of whom is responsible directly to the librarian. The duties of the departments are self-evident from their titles.

One of the most important duties of the librarian is the selection and purchase of books for the library. In his book selection he is guided both by his own knowledge and by recommendations of members of the faculty. Although the librarian is not bound to buy books requested by the faculty, he rarely refuses unless it seems a very unreasonable request. Books are selected also by the aid of book reviews, publishers' announcements, and second-hand book dealers' catalogs.

Agencies in Cities

For the purchase of books the library has agencies in Lincoln, Chicago, New York, London, Edinburgh, The Hague, Paris, Leipzig, and Berlin. There are professional book agents in those places with a number of clients of whom the University of Nebraska is one. They save the University considerable time and trouble as well as expense in the long run.

The London agent, for instance, takes care of subscriptions to periodicals in England for the University of Nebraska library, buys any sets for which the University has standing orders when such sets come on the market. When the list of English books that the library wishes to purchase has been compiled, the librarian merely sends it to the London agent and he secures the books. Thus, the University library has to deal with but one agent instead of trying to secure desired works from each individual publisher or book house.

Orders from Publishers

The University library also orders directly from the publishers' representatives who come here each fall and spring. From their catalogs of title and author, the librarian can tell many of the books that will be needed. The library gets many books in exchange for University of Nebraska publications. Thus, the "University Studies" published here are exchanged with similar works of other universities. Exchange relationships are maintained with about 250 universities.

Another source of books is gifts to the library. The University of Nebraska library receives perhaps 2 or 3 hundred books a year as gifts, a relatively small number. Other uni-

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TICKET SALE ENDS TODAY

Fraternity Sale Over; Greeks Asked to Close Tables Friday Evening

ENTERTAINERS ENGAGED

The ticket sale for the annual Cornhusker banquet will close this evening for the fraternities and the tickets will be checked in.

The 1926 banquet is the annual tribute to the football team and at that time the identity of the captain of the 1927 football team will be made public.

Curtis is Toastmaster
The committee in charge plans to make this year's banquet a good one. John Curtis will act as toastmaster. The speakers list includes Governor Adam McMullen, Mr. Omenson of Omaha, Chancellor Avery, Coaches Bearg and Rhodes, and Lonnie Stinner. They have arranged for entertainment by Harriet Cruise Kemmer, Ed Ellingston and Gale Grubb.

It is customary for fraternity houses to close their tables for this affair, which will take place Friday, December 10 at the Scottish Rite temple.

GAMMA ALPHA CHI WILL ENTERTAIN

Honorary Advertising Sorority Plans For Social Friday at Alpha Delta Pi House

Gamma Alpha Chi, honorary advertising sorority, will entertain all women interested in advertising on Friday from 4:30 to 6 o'clock at the Alpha Delta Pi house, 501 So. 12 Street. Kate Goldstein, president of the organization, will head the receiving line. Others who will receive are: Ruth Godfrey, Mary Louise Freeman, Gladys Brinton and Ruth Shaad. The sorority colors, gold and brown, will be used in the decoration.

Selected When Juniors

The purpose of this professional advertising sorority is to honor those women who show special ability in advertising, and to promote the broader interests and higher ideals of advertising as a profession for women. The members are elected from the junior and senior classes of women who expect to take up this work after graduation from the University, or, in very exceptional cases, sophomores may be admitted.

Gamma Alpha Chi was founded February 9, 1920, at the University of Missouri, with eighteen charter members. There are now five active chapters of the organization located in universities and senior colleges of the United States. Alpha chapter is located at Missouri, Beta at Texas, Upsilon at Washington, Delta at Illinois and Epsilon at Nebraska.

Do Field Work

Thirty-five students of the University of Wisconsin Library school did field work in 44 Wisconsin city libraries last spring.

Student Delegates Describe Council Meeting at Ann Arbor

Editor's Note: Glen Buck, president of the Nebraska Student Council, and Ruth Palmer, a member, were the Nebraska delegates at the International Student Council convention last week at Ann Arbor. This is the first of a series of articles which they will write for The Daily Nebraskan.

For three days in the first week of December in 1927 University of Nebraska students will be able to show their hospitality to representative students from three hundred or four hundred colleges and universities of America. Many eastern colleges know little of this state University in the so called "far west."

That Nebraska spirit has a real spirit of hospitality was shown by the attitude of delegates at the Ann Arbor convention from such schools as New York University and the University of Washington who have had athletic relations with us in the past season.

Delegates from many of the older institutions in the extreme East had heard little of the University of Nebraska and appeared to be very curious to learn what kind of a convention would be offered.

Other schools bidding for the convention were Leland Stanford, the University of Iowa, Ohio State University, Mount Holyoke College, and Cornell University. The University of Nebraska was selected by a majority of sixty-four in a general vote of the entire convention.

Next year, the University of Nebraska will have the opportunity of entertaining the annual convention of this large organization. The Nebraska delegates feel fortunate that they were able to bring this meeting of national and even international importance to Lincoln. The location of the next convention should also be a real lesson in geography for the students in eastern schools, where Chicago is considered the western extremity of our civilization.

NEBRASKA MILITARY MEN RECEIVE HONOR

Names Appear in War Department Bulletin; Among 132 from 20 Colleges Listed

In an official war department bulletin issued recently at Washington, four University of Nebraska graduates of the R. O. T. C. unit, are listed as honor graduates of a distinguished college. The men were selected as Nebraska's allotment of 4 per cent of its senior R. O. T. C. classes for the honor.

The representatives of this unit are Earnest C. Hodder, Stanley G. Reiff, Paul C. Van Valkenburgh, and Lloyd R. Wagner. They are among 132 men from about twenty colleges maintaining distinguished senior units of R. O. T. C. during the year of 1925-26.

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTS PRINTS

Upperclassmen Should Make Picture Selection by Today at Latest

Upperclassmen who have had their pictures taken but who have not returned their prints with their selection for the class section of the 1927 Cornhusker, should do so today, if possible. The pictures are being mounted on panels and it is imperative that a selection be made. Those who have not specified the picture they desire in the yearbook by this evening, will have to be content with the selection as made by the photographer.

Space Annual

Organizations that desire space in the 1927 book should signify their desire at the Cornhusker office within the next two weeks. Immediately after the first of the year pictures or organizations will be taken and the work of assembling the six hundred page book will commence. Tentative plans must be drawn up then so it is necessary that all organization space be known by that time.

AMES LOSES BUT FOUR MEN FROM GRID SQUAD

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 2.—Special: Only four regulars from this year's Cyclone eleven will be lost to the 1927 Iowa State football team by graduation. Captain Bud Coe, one of the outstanding ends of the valley conference this season, his running mate, Ernie Anderson, Cyclone right end, Thomas, veteran right guard of three campaigns and Ole Anderson, 205-pound left guard, have played their last game. Toom, former Simpson guard who has been used at center, and Bob Fisher, alternate halfback, are also through. The Cyclone regular backfield will remain intact for next year's campaign.

Plays Leading Role



Cecil Schmitt, '28, Madison, who will take the leading feminine role of "Teddy" in the Kosmet Klub production, "The Dream Pirate", to be presented at the Orpheum theater next Monday afternoon and evening.

Schmitt has had previous dramatic experience at the University and had originally been cast for another part in the musical comedy. Herbert Yenne, the author, was first selected for the lead. He is now directing the production.

DEBATE TRYOUTS ARE NEXT WEEK

Freshman-Sophomore Aspirants to Start December 14; Varsity Report December 16

Opening debate tryouts for the year will be held next week. Tryouts for the freshman-sophomore debate teams will be held Tuesday, December 14. Tryouts for the Varsity teams for the question of parliamentary government will be held Thursday, December 16, unless changed by further announcements.

Eight men for the two teams and alternatives will probably be selected for the varsity squad for the parliamentary government question. The teams for the debates on the McNary-Haugen farm relief plan will be selected by tryouts shortly after the Christmas holidays.

A debate with Iowa State has been tentatively scheduled as an additional debate on the McNary-Haugen question. It is to be held at Ames as part of the farm week program when farmers gather there from all over the state. This debate is dependent on enough interest being aroused to make it possible to get a team in shape by that time. Students desiring to try out for the team to debate Iowa State should report immediately to Prof. H. Adelbert White at his office in the law building.

Numerical Meet Will Be Held in Stadium Today

A numerical track meet will be held under the Stadium this afternoon, starting at 4 o'clock. All events will be held except the discus throw and the javelin throw.

The track was oiled last week and the managers have been working on it ever since. It is in the best shape it has been this season.

Coach Schulte is anxious to have all track candidates out as this will be either the last or the next to the last meet for fall numerical points.

Niblack Elected Head Of Oklahoma Harriers

Norman, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Leslie Niblack, rangy Sooner cross-country runner from Shawnee, was elected captain of the 1927 University of Oklahoma Harrier squad at a meeting of the lettermen following the close of the season.

Rogers Visits Here

Clarence F. Rogers, C. E., '24, junior highway engineer with the Rural Public Roads bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was a visitor in the engineering department last week. At present he is located in Texas.

Bentz Visits Engineering College

Chester R. Bentz, civil engineering, '21, now resident engineer for the Iowa state highway commission at Winterset, Ia., was a visitor at college of engineering last week.

Oldfather Speaks Today On Travels in Holy Land

Prof. C. H. Oldfather of the department of history, will speak at Vespers Tuesday evening on "The Holy Land." He will tell of his own experiences during recent travels through that country.

Miss Catherine Beckman will be the leader of the service and Grace Rogge will give a vocal solo.

PLAYERS PRESENT MOLNAR'S "SWAN"

December Production is a Three-Act Comedy; First Showing Will Be December 9

The December production of the University Players will be "The Swan", a three-act comedy presented in the Temple Theater this week-end. The play, written by Frank Molnar, will be offered for the first time Thursday evening, December 9, and will be continued afternoons and evenings through Saturday evening.

"The Swan" is declared one of the finest plays on the modern stage. It ran a full season in New York and made a pronounced appeal to all theatergoers.

Love Story

Although it tells a most interesting love story "The Swan" is savored with humor. It is the type of play that could have been written only in Europe, where the institution of royalty may be a cause of bitterness but never of jest. In the infatuation of the romantic young tutor, Nicholas Agri, for the Princess Alexandria, is found the theme of the play. It is the story of a lover in the low ranks winning the affections of a princess. After he wins the princess he yields to the inevitable force of circumstance.

Mr. Kirsch, the stage manager, is incorporating some of his novel ideas in the settings for the play, creating striking effects with draperies.

In the cast of "The Swan", the third play presented by the Temple Stock Company, H. Alice Howell plays the part of the Princess, Rose Cecil the part of George, Nancy Forsman the part of Arsene, Frances McChesney plays the lead as Princess Alexandria, with Harold Sumption as Hyacinth, Harold Felton as Prince Albert, Werner Mall as Caesar, Thad Cone Howard Cottle, Esther Zinckler and Ruth Schrank complete the cast.

University of Chicago Receives Endowment

The University of Chicago has received from Mr. George Herbert Jones, director of the Inland Steel Company, a gift of \$415,000 for the equipment and endowment of chemistry. Plans are already being formed by the University for the construction of the George Herbert Jones chemical research laboratory which is to be the first unit of new laboratories devoted to fundamental investigations in chemistry and its relation to medicine and industry. Additional units will be added as funds are contributed.

Because it provides maintenance for one of the basic sciences upon which the new \$20,000,000 medical program of the University has been erected, University officials regard the gift as extremely important both to the Midway institution and to the city of Chicago as a medical center. Modern chemistry bringing new and essential discoveries in the form of drugs, serums and the like, demands a new and efficient type of laboratory, they say.

All-Male Cast of Fifty Features Kosmet Show at Orpheum Monday

"The Dream Pirate," the thirteenth annual musical comedy production of the Kosmet Klub, honorary dramatic organization of the University, will be presented in Lincoln at the Orpheum theater on December 13. An all-male cast, of fifty University students, including several football stars and clever female impersonators, is in the production which is an original musical show written by Herbert Yenne of the dramatic department of the University.

The play will first be presented in Lincoln on December 13, after which it will make a tour of eight Nebraska towns, during the week of December 19 to 25. The towns and dates are: Nebraska City, December 17; Beatrice, December 18; Hastings, December 20; Grand Island, December 21; Columbus, December 22; Norfolk, December 23; Fremont, December 24; and Omaha, December 25.

This is the first year the Kosmet Klub has attempted an extensive trip with its production. In the past a showing in Omaha was the only out-of-town performance. Since the production has become an important event in the University's theatrical calendar, the Klub has decided to present its prize-winning show in several towns in the state.

"The Dream Pirate" was selected as the most suitable musical comedy among those which were presented to the Klub for a decision. In the past the plays received for the judging were not as numerous as they are now, and consequently there was not as much chance for proper selection as there has been of late years. The history of the Kosmet production from the time the Klub was organized in 1911 shows the rapid strides which have been made, with "The Dream Pirate" representing the result of these years of development.

During the winter of 1911 several members of the class of 1912 conceived the idea of presenting a junior play. A committee was appointed by the junior president, W. L. Bates of Kimball, a Regent of the University of Nebraska until 1924, when he resigned. The result was the play, "A Message from Mars," which was produced at the Oliver theater (now the Liberty) March 18, 1911, under the direction of Prof. R. D. Scott of the

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KOSMET SHOW TICKETS SELL AT FAST RATE

Good Seats for Evening and Afternoon Performances Still Available

QUARTET WILL MAKE TRIP

Goes to Omaha Wednesday to Sing Before Civic Clubs and High Schools

Ticket sales for "The Dream Pirate," 1926 Kosmet Klub show which will be presented at the Orpheum theater next Monday evening, started off with a rush yesterday morning when about seventy-five were in line.

Sales kept up with a long line for several hours. The sale for the evening performance was heavy, but plenty of seats are still available. Reservations are at the Orpheum box office.

"This is the finest response we have ever had," Robert F. Craig, Kosmet president, declared. "We always expect tickets for Kosmet shows to be in demand, but more interest seems manifest in the show this year than ever before. I think that we will have the house sold out for both performances before the show is presented."

Dress Rehearsal

The cast of fifty men was put through a long dress rehearsal Monday evening and seemed almost ready to go on the stage. Costumes for the two choruses are being completed and the "chorus girls," dressed in fluffy costumes, worked on their dances. The dancing, under the direction of Ralph Ireland, who recently returned from an engagement dancing in "Sunny" with Marilyn Miller on Broadway, promises to be exceptionally good.

A book of songs from "The Dream Pirate" is now being printed, containing songs from the show that are expected to be hits. Songs were written by Lamar Burling, Betty Clapper, Lowell A. Miller and Harriett Cruise Kemmer. The members of the club are so confident that the music is far beyond that of most productions, that they are investing heavily in the song books.

A twenty-four page souvenir program, containing information about the Klub and the play, is also being prepared.

Quartet on Trip

The Kosmet quartet, made up of Kenneth Cook '27, Randolph, Paul Morrow, '29, Fremont, Wallace Benta '28, Stromberg, and Carl Olson '27, Lincoln, will go to Omaha Wednesday to entertain at a number of gatherings, and give Omahans a sample of the show that will be presented there December 25, under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Judd Crocker, '27, and George Gregory '30, a blackface "tango team," and Al Ernst '29 and Charles Cox '29, a specialty dancing team, will also go on the trip. They will entertain at the high schools, civic clubs and at a joint dinner of the junior and senior Chambers of Commerce, which about 1,000 will attend. The Kosmet quartet will also sing over WOW Wednesday evening. Arrangements are being made here to have the quartet sing over KFAB. Other radio stations have asked for the quartet's services.

Declines Offers

The Klub has been forced to decline offers to play in more towns where substantial guarantees were offered because the booking is already arranged and could not be altered or extended. An offer for a week's run at a large Omaha theater was likewise turned down.

For the Lincoln performance the Klub has secured Conway Beaver's Orpheum theater orchestra, which will be augmented to eighteen pieces for both the afternoon and evening performances. On the road it will carry its own jazz band, made up of a selection from some of the orchestras now playing for dances in Lincoln.

Dr. Hagerman To Tell Of Mexican Situation

"The Mexican Situation" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered by Dr. Roberto Hagerman during the regular convocation period next Thursday morning in the Temple theater.

Every student is urged to take advantage of this splendid opportunity of hearing this nationally known authority on Mexican affairs.

Harold Zipp Promoted To Cadet Captain Rank

The name of Harold W. Zipp was omitted from the list of promotions of the military department that was published last Sunday. Zipp was promoted to the rank of cadet captain.