

# Editorially Speaking

## What a Half Mill Levy On \$1,000 Would Accomplish

(The following table of figures shows the buildings necessary to the city campus alone and their cost as estimated in the report of the board of regents to the last legislature. Buildings are arranged in the order of the urgency of their need.)

New library.....	\$975,000
University classroom bldgs.	400,000
Electrical engineering bldg.	500,000
Auditorium seating 1,800....	175,000
Addition to Morrill hall....	100,000
Art gallery.....	500,000
Teachers college H. S.....	150,000
Administration building....	250,000
Student health bldg.....	150,000
Land.....	120,000

The imperative need for the first building on this list, the library, has been adequately presented during the past week. The Lincoln Journal and Star and the World Herald have taken up the hue and cry. If these newspapers are followed by other influential journals in the state, the necessary public consciousness of the university's retrenchment for lack of buildings will be established.

It is the hope of the Nebraskan that the library will be emphasized as the spearhead of the university building campaign. Full realization of the building condition on the campus, however, is vital to any campaign. The five structures listed after the library must be built before the state's No. 1 educational institution will be even with the board, before actual progress becomes thinkable.

A brief resume of the conditions making these buildings necessary is this: U hall and Nebraska hall, classroom buildings, must be abandoned, despite the fact that present classroom space is congested; engineering facilities are curtailed and engineers being turned away. There is no decent medium sized auditorium on the campus. The coliseum with its poor acoustics is too large and too expensive for most purposes. The Temple is small, poorly equipped and poorly built. Neither is appropriate for lecture and art programs, which should comprise a large part of university life.

Morrill hall, housing the university museum collections, is overcrowded, altho many specimens and works of art are being stored rather than exhibited. The need in regard to larger quarters for the art gallery and for archaeological and paleontological displays especially suggests itself, because the museum is of interest to grade and secondary school children and to many adults in the state.

But prior to these urgent needs comes that of the library. The fact that many buildings are required on the campus, only suggests that a start must be made. The place to start is on the library.

## Mike Behlen Will Be Glad.

Herbert P. Behlen—everybody called him "Mike" but nobody knew why—was a strange kind of activities man. He came to the university from Columbus, Neb., in 1933. He got into what might be called, by a stretch of the popular conception of the term, activities. He worked his heart out at it, but nobody ever heard of him.

Behlen used to keep the boarding house awake until the wee hours pounding out circular letters that went to every state and nation in the world. Sometimes he had them mimeographed, but usually it cost too much. He was always drawing cartoons or painting signs which he put up on the campus. Once he worked out a display whose dimensions were 8 feet high and 30 feet long. The boys in the boarding house were a little peeved at his blocking up the whole upstairs corridor, but they said little, because they liked Mike and figured that a guy who was that sincere must have something.

Mike organized campaigns with the Tassels and the Y. W. C. A. He was always making speeches or talking shop to newspaper men. Sometimes he took time off to write. He wanted to land a story. He said if he could land one story, he'd figure his college days were worth while.

Behlen left the university early in 1935 because of lack of funds. He turned his activity over to a friend with a long pep and instruction speech.

Mike will be glad this week when he gets his fall Prairie Schooner. He will be glad to know that the activity on which he spent the best part of his short college life has survived the ugly perennial fall rumors that it had breathed its last.

Behlen, as Schooner business manager, used to circularize the world for subscriptions. He advertised it with signs. He got the campus sales organizations to sell it. He wanted to write a short story for it. He believed in it.

## 'Bunch of Mugs' Scatter Debris in Stadium Press Box

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coop, they should call it a pigsty," Ernie says. "When those guys get thru in that box up there, it simply is a sin."  
Broken glassware, cigar and cigarette stubs, crumpled papers, odds and ends and all hard enough to clean up, but the hardest part, according to Ernie, is to clean the tobacco juice splashes from the windows, spittoons or no spittoons, the reporters always aim their juicy quids at the nearest open window. If they hit, it's a hit, and if they miss it's still a hit, but it's a little harder to get off.

"And the bottle," mourned Ernie, "it's just too, too sad." The Nebraskan staff members tried to

He thought it the only legitimate activity on the campus.

Mike's faith in the Schooner was a faith in Doc (Editor L. C. Wimberly). "Doc's a strange chap," Behlen was fond of saying, "he's always looking for something different. He bridges the gap between the commonplace of today and those of tomorrow. He's against anything that establishes ruts in our thinking, be it science, religion, or the craze for two-bit hero worship."

Behlen will be glad to know that his friend Doc is off to another ten years of Schooner editing.

## Contemporary Comment

### The Union of Course, But Now a Library.

(Excerpts from an article in the Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star by Constance Syford, University of Nebraska graduate.)

Our Student Union nears completion. Its lounges, its great hall, its dining rooms, its browsing room, its geographical centralization of student activities will go far to build a genuine opportunity for an increasing culture in the student body. It is a halfway house of which we may well be proud and to which all who can should contribute something. But to stop at this goal would be to create an evil of exaggerated interest in social and extracurricular activities—an evil which, indirectly, the union itself seeks to avoid, by promoting that "contagious" spirit which should better balance, thru fellowship, the varied interests and activities of a united and happier student body. Presumably the emphasis is on "student." Certainly the new Union is a first step toward a still greater Union which will come only when the book instead of the pipe or the pigskin becomes the symbol of its ideal. But the book demands contemplation. And contemplation demands quiet, comfort, and that seclusion which a beautiful treasury of books should offer the eager mind.

### No Contagion of Culture.

Above our parched prairie stubble, warmed by the glow of prairie sunsets surpassing any over Monte Mario or St. Peter's in Rome, looms our prairie capitol. But on the university campus a small red building offers bare and shabby comfort to greet the young student eager for his first great adventure in learning. Good general reference books, a handful of rarer ones, a very few for the deeper researchers there are—somewhere crowded and stuffed and therefore unseen in the inadequate quarters in which staff and students work without the atmosphere of books that they may see as living representatives of the past and present. Of any inviting comfort, too, there is little to produce that "contagion" of culture and of scholarship which awaits the will—the will to give—of a generous people.

Our Nebraska capitol is inspiring. Our Student Union is one step toward a greater fellowship of students, on the moral and social side. But there still remains a sad need for that stimulus to the spirit of scholarship and of intellectual endeavor, for that opportunity for the widening of intellectual horizons and the deepening of vision, for that heightening of cultural ideals which the world of books, made available thru an adequate library, alone can produce. A library, adequate to the needs of the varied intellect, should become—would become—the haven of a student's spiritual individuality, the source and home of his intellectual freedom and power. "Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to Heaven" Shakespeare had a character say in Henry the Sixth.

### Bulwark Against Unreason.

The state of Nebraska was built by pioneer men of learning and of culture. It can be true to their vision and dream—it can grow only as the knowledge of the past, preserved in libraries, is diffused widely enough in youthful minds, to temper and give balance to the daring of the future. This is the great purpose of a university. It is for this that the citizens of Nebraska forget crop failures and stock market comets and business uncertainty and national whimsies and vagrancies, risking their last savings in that life trust fund and insurance policy offered their sons and daughters in a university education, the safest of all investments—a bulwark against any tide of unreason. Let all of us speed, by generous contribution, thru legislative appropriation and private endowment, a great and beautiful, an adequate university library, the ever living mind and soul of the university, the measure of its potentiality.

console, surely it can't be as bad as all that we said. "Ask Joe there," said Ernie, pointing to the Nebraskan's taciturn sportswriter, Joe Zelle, "he'll tell you it's so." "Yes," said Joe, "it's pretty bad."

Miss Nan Gerry, instructor in case work, is to conduct an institute on "Recent Trends in Case Work Factors" at the Nebraska conference for social work state

meeting to be held in Grand Island Oct. 17, 18, and 19.

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## Inquiring Reporter



by Merrill England

It won't be long now before the Student Union building is completed, and that panacea for campus ailments will be going full blast.

Many benefits were claimed by the backers of the movement which swept the building into being. Dire results were predicted by those who opposed it. Among the latter was the unknown gentleman, who had his reasons and stated them last year in his vitriolic "let 'em eat cake" letter to the Nebraskan.

In that epistle, he raged, to the effect that, when a university, needing a new library and lacking the barest essentials in classrooms, erects "a monument to the herd instinct of its 6,000 students, truly the inscription over the door ought to read 'Let 'em eat cake!'"

What does the student on the campus think of the Student Union? What benefits will it perform?

Erna Motl, Graduate college: "It will concentrate student activities in one place. It will center them all at one point; and, by placing them side by side, it will be much easier for the one desirous of entering an activity to evaluate the various activities and make a choice between them. "It will give to the university a center for both activities and social life which we lack now."

George Cameron, Bizad sophomore: "As I see it, the bars will have practically all the benefits of the Student Union, in that it will make available to them countless social activities which they cannot take advantage of at this time. "All the students will gain, however, as it will provide a place for mutual acquaintance which is surely needed, and which has so far been entirely lacking. "One thing should be watched—it may provide a means for additional graft. In any organization there is ample opportunity for graft, but in the Student Union, unless it is exceptionally well managed, there will be a wonderful opportunity for someone's personal gain at the expense of the whole campus."

Hazel Lawrence, Teachers college sophomore: "By providing a place for student activities offices, meeting, and reading, the Student Union will be a much needed addition to the buildings on this campus. Of especial benefit to those who are affiliated with no social organizations, it will serve the whole campus by bringing the individual students into closer contact with each other. "The cafeteria is a wonderful idea in itself. Too many of the students have no decent place at which they can eat, and at the cafeteria, they will be able to secure good food at a reasonable price."

Anonymous, Arts and Sciences junior: "I have a rather peculiar attitude toward education. I feel that no amount of knowledge benefits one unless one can use it. The discussion of lectures and of books gives you far more than sitting and dozing in a class, listening to

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a very boring prof for an hour. And it is there that the Student Union building will serve its purpose. Where can you go now to talk over some new theory or idea? Practically nowhere."

Leo Butler, Engineering college sophomore: "Although other buildings were needed much more, the Student Union will have its advantages. It will relieve the congestion in some of the buildings, and provide many social benefits for the students."

"The cafeteria and the informal library are two of the best ideas that have been proposed around here for a long time. Then, it should bring the students closer together by providing a common meeting place. It will probably do much to break down the barriers that fraternity men build between themselves and the bars. "I only wish they'd get it finished."

Alma Glade, Teachers college junior: "It will be wonderful. The Student Union building at Minnesota has unified the campus. Instead of each little group having a party in one corner of the campus, they all have them in the Student Union. Then the building has brought the students into closer contact with one another and they co-operate with each other for the school. That same thing can be done here."

Katherine Kilbuck, Teachers college senior: "On the whole, I am very favorable toward it. I hope, however, that we may have a new library soon. If there are any objections to the Student building, they must be based solely on the fact that it went through ahead of the library. "The building will localize the campus activities that are now scattered all over, and by localizing them, it will make for a better spirit between organizations and between students."

Mark Rasmussen, Arts and Sciences freshman: "A pretty good thing. I've been told that the library should be the center of student activity, and I do not feel that it is true. A library may be the center of the intellectual life of the student, but it cannot serve as the student activity center. This function should and will be performed by the Student Union, doing just what its name implies, forming a union of students, bringing them closer together, building a better university."

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## BUSINESS WOMAN TALKS TO Y.W. VESPER GROUP

Miss Wisner Will Discuss Significant Living At 5 Today.

"Significant Living from the Business Woman's Viewpoint" will be the topic of a talk by Miss Mildred Wisner, head of the personnel department at Miller & Paine's department store, at the meeting of the Y. W. vesper group this afternoon at Ellen Smith hall. The address will be the second of a series of discussions entitled "Significant Living."

Virginia Wheeler will lead the devotions. Under the direction of Maxine Federle, the choir will sing the recessional and professional as well as a special number. Frances Marshall is chairman of the vesper staff. The service takes place at 5 p. m.

## NU-MEDS HEAR GRIFFITHS

Head of State Hospital To Speak Wednesday.

Dr. D. G. Griffiths, superintendent of the Lincoln state hospital, will speak at the Nu-Med society at the Grand hotel at 8 p. m. Wednesday. This is the second meeting of the group this year and all pre-med students are invited. Any former members are still members. All new members will have a dues of 50 cents. Approximately 80 students attended the last meeting.

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