

## Editorially Speaking

### Yes, We Have No Hollyhocks

In commenting on the unattractive and undeniably barren appearance of most of the city campus, Dr. C. M. Hill of Yale recently said, "I do hope the next time I return to the Nebraska city campus, there will be at least one morning glory and one hollyhock planted and growing around the building you call your teachers college."

The applause which greeted Dr. Hill's statement would indicate that those who are interested in the university fully realize its shortcomings as far as lack of material equipment is concerned—yes, even in regard to shrubbery. But they are even more keenly aware, perhaps, of the shortcomings of some of that equipment which it does have.

For if the campus is short on hollyhocks, it is long on condemned and crumbling classroom buildings, outmoded laboratory facilities, crowded storage space, and all the inconveniences that go with falling plaster, leaky roofs, leaning pillars, and warped floors.

Built in 1871, University hall has been condemned for years by building and fire inspectors. To reduce to a minimum the possibility of its collapsing on students and faculty members of the two departments which it still houses, it has been partly demolished to a one story structure and bolted together with iron pipes to keep the walls from falling. Infested with roaches and vermin, the building gets a soaking inside as well as out in wet weather and moss has begun to grow on the damp walls of its classrooms.

In 1895, when the library was built, there were less than 1,000 students enrolled in the university. Today, there are more than 6,000. In 1895, there were 2,000 volumes

owned by the library. Today there are more than 300,000. Meager reading facilities are offered for only 400 students, less than 7 percent of the enrollment. Over 100,000 volumes owned by the university are available to but a small proportion of the student body because the books must be stored in remote places away from the library. Not one cent of insurance is carried on the books or building, which is a definite fire hazard.

In spite of its age, the library building might still see years of usefulness in housing laboratories or classrooms once the tremendous weight of the overburdened bookshelves is removed from its sagging floors. Perhaps the college of pharmacy might move over from its 51-year-old building which is infested with rats, fleas and roaches, and sadly inadequate from the standpoint of equipment. Ironical is the fact that such a structure houses the offices and laboratories of the department of student health!

No money has been appropriated by the state legislature for major classroom buildings in the last decade in spite of a soaring enrollment which places the university 16th in size in the nation. The situation here may be seen when one finds that Nebraska buildings have a valuation equivalent to \$832 per resident college student compared with \$2,287 for Iowa U., \$1,241 for Iowa State, \$1,466 for Minnesota, \$1,441 for Illinois, and \$1,097 for Wisconsin.

To remedy this situation and replace such buildings as those described and others equally as bad, the board of regents proposes a \$2,500,000 building program for which a government PWA grant up to 45 percent may be obtained. The remainder must be provided by the state legislature. It would be difficult to find a more needy project for which the legislature might appropriate and the PWA donate funds.

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### YOUTH SEES HOPE IN HITLER

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elections which have been going on. Everywhere where there are Sudeten Germans the vote has been overwhelmingly for Henlein's side, the writer states. "Results of votings held among the Germans in America have just arrived, and everyone is anxiously awaiting the results."

"Alle fuer Einen."

A letter from a second German youth in the same village further explains the stand of the German youth on the question of the Hitler regime. "If I should start telling you what our leader has done, the letter would be too large to send across. The beautiful words 'Alle fuer Einen, Einen fuer Alle' have once again come into reality. In short, there is work, there is bread, there is order, unity and satisfaction."

"But regretfully there are millions of Germans in other countries who look longingly to the mother land. Hitler knows this very well. Our worldwide unity makes for a firm foundation which cannot be overcome." The letter tells of the annexation of Austria and states that "only a few weeks have passed and Austria already looks different. There is now one people, one leader, one country. Austria is heading toward a bright future. This is the condition the way I see it and the way all young German people see it."

### REGENTS APPLY FOR AID

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is housed in buildings that have extra fire hazards. New facilities are needed if the University is to offer students the advantages which the rapid progress of engineering in the last 25 years has produced.

The most pressing need of the college of agriculture is a Home Economics hall. The work in this field has increased five-fold since the present structures were erected in 1909, and the department is forced to accept temporary classrooms and laboratories in other buildings—space which is needed for other purposes. Cafeteria and dining accommodations on the ag campus are entirely inadequate, too, and can only be improved by a new building.

A new University hall would take care of departments now forced to use University and Nebraska halls, both condemned for many years. The proposed building would be somewhat similar in size to Social Science hall and take care of several departments which now use classrooms definitely dangerous from age and dilapidation.

### STUDIO THEATER PLAYS

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take the form of a farce comedy. The part of Rollo will be taken by Robert Johnston. Claudine Burt will play the character of Jean, and Florence will be portrayed by Betty Rowland.

An unusual and striking feature, according to Prof. Yenne, is to be used in the production of these plays in that they will be acted on an arena type of stage. The three plays will be produced in the middle of the floor with the audience seated on all four sides. Between the plays the audience will be invited into the hall for refreshments while the scenery is being changed. This is an experimental type of production in using

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the arena stage and should bring forth a different type of acting as well as staging, stated Mr. Yenne.

### EXCAVATION BEGINS

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and working downward. Newell's group will be stationed about 18 miles north of O'Neill and will be uncovering the material lying between two small creeks. The third site, about one mile east of Stanton, will be worked by the group under Angelino.

In addition to the WPA contingent, three other students will be working to acquire experience—Joseph Walla, Linwood stationed with the Ponca force; Stanley Bartos, Wilbur, at O'Neill, and Henry Praus of New York university at Stanton.

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