

# CO-OP

## Well Established on Campus Founded by YMCA Members



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Exterior of the house, which owes its existence to the energetic group of college students who kept the University from razing it by repairing and painting, is pictured above. Known on the campus as the Pioneer Co-op house, it represents not a house but a home to the 34 students who live in it.



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Shown in action, upper left, is the German band, composed of five members of the co-operative group. Reading left to right they are Albert Walla, Eldon Mathauser, Verne Moseman, Lester Lock and James Jensen. In the background are, left to right, Lavon Haxby, Bob Kellogg and Niels Wodder.

Carrying out their most enjoyable phase of co-operative living are these members shown in the dining room and kitchen of the house, which is located at 511 No. 16th.

### Eight Colleges Establish ROTC Naval Programs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (ACP). Naval ROTC units are being established this fall at eight universities and colleges, according to Rear Admiral John Downes, commandant of the Ninth naval district.

The units are located at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.; University of Colorado, at Boulder; Duke university, Durham, N. C.; Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass.; University of New Mexico at Albuquerque; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.; Rice Institute, Houston, Tex., and Tufts college, Medford, Mass.

Meanwhile the navy announced in Washington, D. C., that expansion of the program of enrolling freshmen in naval science and tactics courses has increased to 27 the number of colleges having naval ROTC units.

Total enrollment in the present academic year is expected to reach 4,600, with a graduating class of 300. Last year's enrollment was 3,655.

The LQC Lamar school of law at Emory university was the first accredited law school in the south-east.

Hunter college students voluntarily withdraw from school when they fail to meet minimum standards of scholarship.

### Big Business . . .

## Library Officials Keep Busy As Students Demand Books

. . . In All Departments

Book business is booming this fall at the university library!

"Figuratively speaking," Miss Margaret Rutledge, head of the circulation department, reports that the total number of books checked out to students from the opening day of school, Sept. 15, through the first of October, was nearly 8,000.

#### Heavy Circulation Upstairs.

Unusually heavy circulation figures come from the upstairs reserve room where students spend most time preparing short daily assignments from volumes that can be checked out for two-hour or overnight periods. Eight hundred fifty-six books went out on the record day, Sept. 25, comparing favorably with the heaviest day in September, last year, on which 1,020 books were checked.

Downstairs reading rooms attract a steady reading group with

approximately 3,000 books going out every month. This September, 2,792 books were checked from the first floor reserve room in comparison to 2,725 last year. One thousand, five hundred seventy-eight this year and 1,560 last year were taken for a two weeks' period.

#### No Rush During Exams.

Contrary to popular belief, UN students do not read more books in the library during exam week than at other times. Resolutions for "fresh starts" at the beginning of semesters draw larger numbers to the library than midterm cramming. Circulations for January and May of last year are about average with between 700 and 750 books going out on reserve each month.

Miss Rutledge reports, as an interesting sidelight, that 1,850 books have been placed on reserve in the campus library this year.

Pioneer Co-op, only strictly co-operative boarding and rooming house on the campus for men, now entering its second year on the campus, is firmly established as a Nebraska institution. The house is the outgrowth of efforts for better living conditions made by enterprising YMCA members in the fall of 1940.

Established in order to "promote co-operative rooming and boarding houses on the University of Nebraska campus whereby students may reduce the general costs of living, inspire fellowship, promote co-operative spirit and social activity," the Pioneer house now shelters not the original twenty, but thirty-four men students, who maintain the house without hiring help, with the exception of a combination cook and housemother. Playing this dual role is Mrs. J. L. Jacobs.

Last year when the house was in its embryonic stages, there were twenty students living and working together in the house, which owes its very existence to them, for the university had seriously thought of razing the house.

#### 35 Members.

The first steps in creating the organization were to rent the house for \$50 a month, draw up a constitution, furnish the house, and elect a treasurer and steward. It was agreed that each member pay \$5 a week for room and board, \$3.75 of which goes for board. 15 percent of the boarding income goes to Mrs. Jacobs. At the present time, with 35 students paying \$20.00 a month the monthly income is \$680.

Officers this year, who must be members of the organization for not less than two semesters and receive the majority vote of the members at a closed business session, are Arthur Garbers, president; Raymond Miller, vice president; Nels Nordland, treasurer; David Carsten, secretary, and Joe David, steward. One-half of their room and board for their work is received by the treasurer and steward. Robert Howard, son of Senator Howard, was president the first year.

Dairy products are high on the food list, with more than \$125.00 a month paid for them. The grocery bill amounts to \$18 a day, \$18 to \$20 a week is paid to the cook and about \$200 a year goes for heat.

Improvement of the house itself was accomplished by the boys by taking the \$150 they had in the bank at the end of the first year and using it for nearly 30 hours on the one day rate by getting it Saturday exercising their own ingenuity. They rented a sander for \$4 a day, night and returning it Monday morning. They fixed a rickety stairway and did a lot of painting. For \$80 and a lot of work they accomplished what would have cost them \$350 if they had hired the work done.

#### Christmas Dinner.

The fellows splurged last Christmas when they spent \$40 for decorations and turkeys and invited the Chancellor and Mrs. Boucher for Christmas dinner. Every Wednesday night, the men invite a professor to dinner to lecture to them.

Serving the meals is worked out systematically, with three of them serving as waiters at each meal. A host is selected for each table, whose duty is to maintain order during the meal. After each meal, every fellow carries his dishes to the kitchen where a dish crew washes them. Working schedules are made and the members work when they are not in school or at some other job. Nearly 50 percent of the members have NYA jobs, while others do other types of work.

Ray Miller and Joe Davis act as sergeants-at-arms, and according to the steward, they never have any trouble. None of the members use intoxicating liquors and the front door is never kept locked.

Hour dances are a part of their program, now that the floors are sanded, and the group has a German band, complete with a piano which they bought for \$7.

If a member skips his dish-washing duties, he is promptly fined 25 cents. The fellows do their own laundry, with the exception of sheets, and have a washing machine and mangle, but no vacuum cleaner.

In order to make entrance for application, a man must be enrolled as a student at the university, must meet all the provisions of the constitution and by-laws, must pay a \$5 entrance fee, must live in the house, and must receive the unanimous vote of the group.