

# Love Library languishes for lack of \$

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"Nebraska may beat the hell out of other Big Eight football teams every year, but comparatively, the University library is at the bottom of Big Eight schools," says Frank A. Lundy, Director of University Libraries.

"The University of Nebraska library ranks 46 out of 47 in the Association of American Libraries," Lundy said.

"Our undergraduate library would be adequate with 250,000 volumes, but as a school with 46 Ph.D. programs we

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should have 1.5 million volumes and working towards acquiring two or three million," Lundy said. (The University libraries have just reached one million volumes.)

In buying necessary books, the University is already 10 years behind. "And it's not easy trying to catch up," Lundy said. "For example, every book we buy this year is an act of censorship against the 19 we don't buy."

Lundy blamed former University Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin (now U.S. Secretary of Agriculture) for causing the library "to steadily lose ground."

"The director of libraries can't get

the money needed for the library by himself. He needs help from the University and from public officials," Lundy said.

Lundy said he is pleased the University now has a chancellor who sees the necessity of a strong library.

But Lundy said the chancellor alone cannot resurrect the library. "The people of this state must realize that our library is an indispensable center of intellectual work. If the library is weak in collections and services, this institution is inescapably mediocre."

Besides falling short in acquisition of books, Lundy said the state legislature has not increased the library staff commensurate with its needs.

"Few people realize that our four main libraries (Love, Thompson, Nebraska Hall and Law) are each open 100 hours a week. That's two and one-half office weeks in one week. We just don't have the staff to provide adequate help and services," Lundy said.

Another pressing problem of the library is the lack of space. Presently, there are 100,000 social science volumes in the Law Library which should be at Love, the main library building, Lundy said. There are 100,000 science volumes in the East campus library which should be at Love and in 1971 there will be 100,000 humanities books placed in Nebraska Hall due to the space shortage at Love.

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warehouse until additions are made to the central library building.

Other present inconveniences due to the space shortage include the library office being spread through five floors of the west wing of Love.

Lundy also said the present 12 libraries on all the campuses only have seating room for 10 per cent of the students. "The minimum average standard is 25 per cent, and most school libraries have a higher per cent."

"Even when the new undergraduate wing and the research center are added

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to Love, the seating capacity will be only 20 per cent of the student body," Lundy predicted.

The addition Lundy referred to was approved by the Legislature in 1969, then stopped by the Nebraska Supreme Court because of a technical error in legislative procedure. The Unicameral is expected to authorize and appropriate the money for the library addition next session.

Using another comparison, Lundy said Cornell University, which has 14,000 students, has a library budget of \$4.5 million. The University of Nebraska with 20,000 students, has a library budget of \$1.5 million.

"Some state legislators have actually asked what a third class university library would cost," Lundy said. "The people of Nebraska must decide where they want their money to go," he added.

## Companies bid 840,057 die in Southeast Asia for peace symbol

Washington (CPS) — The U.S. Patent Office has given the go-ahead to a competition for commercial trademark rights to the peace symbol.

Two companies, the Intercontinent Shoe Corp. of New York and LUV, Inc. are bidding for exclusive rights to the internationally used symbol, the upside "Y" in a circle with a bar extending through the fork of the "Y". The sign originated from the semaphore code for Nuclear Disarmament — ND — and was first used in Britain during the b a n - t h e - b o m b demonstrations in the late fifties.

The sign is now widely used as an anti-war protest here and abroad, and has been attacked as the "anti-Christ" by right-wing fundamentalists.

WASHINGTON (CPS) — A total of 840,057 people have died in the U.S. Asian war, not including losses among Southeast Asian civilians and troops in Laos and Cambodia according to the current U.S. Department of Defense figures.

American lives lost in the Southeast Asian conflict number 43,674 "resulting from action from hostile forces," and 8,554 from other war-related causes. Saigon government casualties are listed at 114,544, in addition to 4,096 among American allied forces. The Defense Department claims that the North and the NLF have lost 671,742 soldiers since the death count began in January, 1961.

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