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Confined To Its Cell.

Threescore and two years ago our fathers brought forth upon this campus a new university, conceived in University hall, and dedicated to the proposition that it would forever remain there.

Now we are engaged in a great argument, testing whether this university, or any university so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met upon a great lobby of that biennial argument. We are met to dedicate a portion of University hall as a final resting place for all plans for campus extension and beautification.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. We evidently are to have no other place to bestow these futuristic documents.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate this hall. The near-sighted men, living or dead, who struggled to keep the growing university in this building, have disparaged it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here; it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us, the present generation, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work of confining the expanding school, that they have thus far so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored holders of the purse strings we take increased devotion to that cause for which they have withheld the last full measure and bill; that we here resolve that the school of University hall, by University hall, for University hall, shall not move from that structure.

Presented in a sarcastic light, this is the case for the prosecution. The defense has but one argument. It is financially embarrassed. In fact, it is embarrassed to the point where it cannot see why the university should possibly have any reason for asking increased appropriations, while at the same time it can easily see the advantages of dispensing large sums for support of county and state fairs and numerous other causes.

Gentlemen of the jury are elected to serve two years. They render the verdict. The judge, however, passes sentence before the jury goes into its huddle. This leads frequently and naturally to a rather grave miscarriage of justice, for while jurors cannot be bribed, occasional attempts are made to intimidate them in an effort to make them accept the judge's sentence, rather than make a decision on the merits of the case as they themselves see it.

Evidently, there is no way out of the dilemma until we adopt a new system. . . and that will in all probability require more time than University hall can remain standing.

As a result, the university is in a fair way to remain in its cell until the walls of the cell collapse around it. It makes little progress either in physical expansion or in maintaining an increasingly better instructional staff.

There is one possible escape. If the inmates, on their own initiative, decide to erect a noble structure all their own, the jury will no doubt come across with another for more business-like purposes.

In plain English, if Nebraska students build a student union building, the legislature can be expected, quite reasonably enough, to match it with a classroom building to replace our present University hall—and other inadequate buildings that "grace" the campus.

Every reform begins at home, with the individual. Students realize the need of larger and better campus buildings. If they erect one themselves, the movement can be said to have "begun at home." Next, in any reform, comes the process of making converts. After the individual has evinced a sincere conviction by his own action, he persuades others. After a union building, the other from the state.

The process, worked from the other end, has never accomplished anything to boast of. In the logical order, it might get results. It is worth a try.

Add signs of spring: The rush of business for "love-lorn column" titers.

Southern Methodist university has started coed classes in football. We still wonder what football players say in their huddles.

What To Do?

Nebraska students are to rise to the utmost heights of self-government. The Student Council is to have a new constitution, and everything. Or perhaps, if everything.

At any rate, this historic document is about to be submitted to someone. The question before the council is "Who?" They may submit

it to the faculty committee on student affairs, and thus the faculty senate. Or they may first call a general student vote on the matter. The puzzle is which to do first.

If the constitution passes the student vote successfully, the faculty may reject it. This would mean another student vote, later. If it passes the faculty, it may or may not pass the student vote. By this time the process is getting rather confused.

Out of the haze, this: If students approve unanimously any constitution, no matter how little of specific power is left in the anemic paper, the faculty will be in a poor position to refuse it.

Considering this point, the Student Council might see fit to call a student vote on their prized charter before they submit it to the faculty. We hope they do.

In addition, if the much disputed eligibility clause is left in the constitution, and receives the approval of the student body, the faculty might pause a moment before they refuse it. It is a worth while expedient. We hope they try it.

This Is Filler.

There comes a time in every profession when something must be done to meet an emergency. This is it. We are writing this because it will just fill this space.

Now if we left the white space here, it would look even funnier than if we put this in.

That is why, students, we are writing this paragraph. And now that it is written, we may just as well run it.

To punish Spanish university students, they suspend classes. Why doesn't some well-meaning soul try that method here?

Rains warmly for formals, snows coldly for spring parties.

No such thing as sex equality. Man has to have beautiful car, beautiful allowance, beautiful girl. All a girl has to have is looks.

Optimist: Any senior who orders a cap and gown this early in the semester!

STATE SLANTS

Something New.

University of Nebraska students apparently are determined to disappoint the public and some newspapermen. They are giving them something to talk and write about besides "over-emphasized athletics," wild parties, crooked politics, pranks and riots, and other student affairs generally classified under the heading "the fall and decline of the youth of today."

The students seem determined to enter a campaign for a union building on the university campus. But before the taxpayers rise to protest, listen to this, the plan is for the students, alumni and faculty members to finance the building.

In the student world, which is something entirely apart and different from the life around it in Lincoln and the rest of the state, there are three political factions. Like political groups in every community and organization, they are bitter rivals—at least in theory. However these parties have buried their differences and united on one project—a union building. Tentative plans call for a \$600,000 building. The first units to cost about \$300,000, would include a theater, cafeteria, lounge rooms, and offices for student organizations and publications.

The public, which appreciates the University Players despite the discomfort of attending a performance in the present quarters, certainly can realize the need of a theater. The other facilities are those for which persons acquainted with conditions at the university realize the need but despair of obtaining as long as classroom buildings are still in acute demand.

It is in connection with the social life that the union building would be the most valuable. This is especially true as it applies to those students not affiliated with fraternities and sororities. The building might remedy some of the conditions in connection with these social organizations that give rise to complaint. The social life that is indispensable for normal development of young people of university life would be greatly benefited by this union building.

A project of this magnitude cannot be accomplished overnight. With the enthusiasm and determination of youth behind it, however, the project can be completed in a surprisingly short time. The students are to be congratulated for taking the initiative in such a worthwhile undertaking.—Lincoln Star.

MORNING MAIL

'Sold Out'

TO THE EDITOR: The student body has been repeatedly "sold out" by several organizations on the campus this year who have imported musical organizations with meaningless but imperious sounding names, but the supreme box of the season was perpetrated by the all-university party committee who, last week nonchalantly heralded, by means of a large and colorful announcement erected in a prominent place on the campus, that a well-known recording orchestra was to play at the coliseum Saturday evening and then, without the slightest intimation to the patrons of these parties, brought in a pick-up band from Omaha to play the engagement!!

It is an extremely deplorable condition in the first place, and amounts to nothing more or less than a confession of poor management on the part of the students in charge of these functions when orchestras are imported from other cities and paid exorbitant prices amounting to one-third more than local orchestras demand for the same services, especially since there are many bands in this city whose excellence is more than comparable to the big name musical aggregations of the country.

It would undoubtedly be considered nothing less than rank treason on the part of this writer to meekly suggest that in the future a more efficient way, faculty supervised, be innovated to curb the inefficiencies and for once give the student body a break.

L. L. D.

Eugenia Hsia, Guest of Y. W. C. A., Tells of Childhood and of Schools In China; Likes America Much

For every Chinese word spoken during the meeting of the English club at Laura Haygood college in China, a fine of one cent is made," said Miss Eugenia Hsia, Chinese student who is special speaker during the Nebraska in China drive. She explained that one sentence costs the speaker six cents. Miss Hsia was president of this club.

Miss Hsia was raised in the American schools in China. Her father was a mission minister. During her high school years she attended the Baldwin Memorial school and from there was sent as a scholarship student to Laura Haygood college. She is now studying kindergarten work in Cedar Falls on a Chinese government scholarship.

Likes American Schools. "I like the American school so much," declared Miss Hsia in a recent interview. Her small black eyes twinkled with enthusiasm as she explained that there were so many things one could obtain outside of books in the American school.

In China there is no Y. W. C. A. secretary such as the colleges here have. The officers of the club carry on the work. Miss Hsia was president of the group during her high school days and served on the cabinet at college.

Have Stringent Rules. The Chinese are interested in student government. The president of each class checks all the details of the daily routine and if a student is found delinquent she is brought up for trial at the end of the week. No excuses can be offered. No talking after 9 o'clock and girls may not walk together in the halls are some of the rigid rules cited by the visiting student.

The teachers take no hand in these rules. Miss Hsia believes that is the reason for the good cooperation. "We like to play pranks on our fellow students," laughed Miss Hsia, and then she related the incident of her finding a weird object in her bed one night when she went to bed in the dark.

The activities of the school are based entirely on ability. The "Laura Haygood Star" which is published twice a year contains both Chinese and English essays.

Astronomy Department Owns Good Equipment; Lacks Space To Set Up Modern Telescope

Editor's Note: This is the sixth article of a series devoted to university departments. The stories list of each department's possibilities, requisites and history.

BL LEONARD L. CASTLE.

A department having for twenty-five years an excellent equipment and with no way of using it in all that time—this is the paradoxical position in which the astronomy department of the university finds itself. For twenty-five years the department has had a telescope nine times more powerful than the one now used but has been unable to utilize it because of lack of mounting space.

In 1906 the university decided that a new telescope should be had for the department. The telescope then in use, and the same one in use now, had been here for many years and was considered as being too old to use. Plans for a new one were drawn up and it was built by the engineering department of the university. The new telescope compared very favorably with those used in other large universities of the country. The lens were twelve inches in diameter while those of the old one were but four. The new telescope was eighteen feet in length. Because of the amount of light received the new telescope was nine times more powerful than the old.

Kept on Display.

At the time the telescope was built there was no room in which to mount it so it was kept on display in the mechanical engineering building for several years. Each year it was thought that the new building would be erected and each year the legislature refused to appropriate the necessary funds. Finally about fifteen years ago the mechanical engineering building became so overcrowded that it was necessary to move the telescope. The machine was then expertly dismantled, the parts carefully greased and put into crates. Since that time it has been lying in the basement of that building.

According to Prof. G. D. Swezey, head of the department of astronomy, it will be several years at least until the department can hope to get funds from the legislature for the new building. The plans have been drawn up for about twenty years now. According to Prof. Swezey the amount asked for the new building is about \$50,000. The request was presented to the legislature at the present session but was cut out by Governor Bryan.

Disheartens Swezey. Prof. Swezey is very disheartened with the prospects of getting any improvements in the present situation. The department at this time is housed in a small two room building on the west side of the campus. The telescope occupies one of these small rooms. All the

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the staff. Although the present building is able to take care of all the astronomy classes the equipment is very bad and the new building is needed to house the better equipment which the department already possesses.

SKATING PARTY PLANNED

Ruth Kier Arranges Affair As One of Ten Novelty Hikes of W. A. A.

A roller skating party will be held at the variety skating rink Friday evening from 7 until 10 o'clock under the supervision of the hiking chairman of W. A. A., Ruth Kier. This is one of the series of ten novelty hikes which she has planned.

All women interested must sign up for the affair on the Intramural bulletin board in the gymnasium. The space and equipment is limited so that only sixty women can be accommodated during one hour. There will be a charge of twenty cents for each skater.

Cornhusker Athletes Never Rest; Much Stir Seen in Sport Circles

BY JOE MILLER.

Now that the Husker basketball team has completed its final bit of competition for this season along with Johnny Kellogg's wrestling squad, and with the wrestling season practically over, students are beginning to wonder what sports they can find to indulge in on a slushy and rather forlorn March day.

If such students will betake themselves to the coliseum or to Memorial stadium on such a day as has been described, they will be able to get a glimpse of the many athletic endeavors which students are able to find time to cram in during the day's activities.

Tennis Players Cavort. The south end of the coliseum floor including the basketball court upon which the varsity cagesters were wont to cavort a few weeks back is at the present moment covered with tennis nets, three of them. Almost any time of the day, but especially about 4 or 5 o'clock of afternoons, there may be seen tennis balls whizzing through the air from the rackets of tennis enthusiasts, who, unable to get outside are able to take advantage of the fast indoor courts.

A curtain which stretches clear across the floor partitions the tennis players from the strenuous activity taking place at the north end. Here may be found occurring intramural volleyball matches, and plenty of excitement, also. The players as well as the spectators appear to derive a great deal of pleasure from the sport, as evidenced by the spirit displayed during the progress of the tilts. The teams waiting their turn to play usually practice shooting baskets in order to while away the minutes.

Boxers do Battle. Downstairs in the basement gym of the coliseum, boxers are working out in readiness for the all-University boxing finals which are scheduled to be held next Thursday night. Off in a corner, Coach Kellogg, the wrestling mentor is instructing some of his boys, al-

FORTY Y. W. WORKERS DISCUSS ACTIVITIES

Students Arrange Details For Nebraska in China Work.

About forty workers of the Nebraska in China week met at Ellen Smith hall on Sunday afternoon to receive definite instructions for the week.

Miss Marjorie Peterson, chairman of this drive, led the devotionals and then introduced Miss Maude Gwinn, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., who will be the Y. W. C. A. guest for the week. Miss Gwinn related the needs of China and stated that she felt it should be the willing duty of every university woman to give.

Miss Eugenia Hsia of Cedar Falls, who is studying in America on a Chinese government scholarship, explained some of the meanings of Chinese characters and other interesting Chinese customs.

though the grapplers terminated their competitive activities last Saturday night.

On the locker room floor 25 or 30 the varsity baseball candidates may be seen working the kinks out of sore muscles, anxious to get outside for some real workouts. Coach Harold Browne has announced to them that he hopes to commence practice sessions on terra firma sometime next week, and it is easy to see that they are not at all averse to the idea.

Handball is the sport upon which a great amount of attention is concentrated by an increasing number of students, and they play on six new handball courts, all enclosed, constructed by the athletic department. According to those who are familiar with the game, it develops speed, quickens the eye, and is an ideal body conditioner.

Golfers May Drive. Those who are golf fiends, and the number is legion, will find the new driving net recently erected of very practical value as something which will help develop that ideal golfing form and technique.

At Memorial stadium, Coach Henry "Indian" Schulte along with Assistant Coaches Jimmy Lewis and Ed Weir may be found developing the team which brought the Big Six indoor championship to Nebraska for the second consecutive year, and which is now preparing for the Illinois Relays at Champaign, Ill., next Saturday.

And last but certainly not least, may be discovered Coach D. K. Bible giving his gridsters a chaff talk and winning his 1931 football games.

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