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IS GAINING IN RANK

UNIVERSITY Y. M. C. A. STANDS WELL IN COMPARISON.

SIXTH IN STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BUDGET AMOUNTS TO NEARLY \$2,000.

Work At Nebraska Only Part of a Movement Attaining Great Impetus in Universities All Over the Country.

The Young Men's Christian Association at the University of Nebraska is coming to its own. It has nearly, if not quite, reached a position among similar organizations in other large universities of the country that corresponds to the rank of Nebraska among sister institutions.

Within a few years, at the present rate of growth, our organization bids fair to rank among the leaders in this line of work. Last year in point of membership the Nebraska Y. M. C. A. was sixth among 763 student organizations.

The university association is an interdenominational organization, organized for the purpose of meeting needs of students not provided for in any other manner. Its membership is open to any student of good moral character upon the payment of the annual fee of one dollar. The question of a man's morals is not decided by the association. A man to be a member of the university must possess a good moral character. Therefore if the university authorities permit a man to attend the school he is eligible to membership in the Y. M. C. A.

The following figures indicate the recent growth of the association:

	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10
Bible classes	186	400	525	576
Membership	312	375	576	757
Student subscriptions	215	500	600	800
Faculty subscriptions	140	136	235	300

The last two items under 1909-10 are approximately correct. Exact figures can not be obtained until the end of the semester.

Space forbids the enumeration of the varied activities of the organization which have already been brought before the student body through the columns of the Daily Nebraskan. Yet in keeping with the custom of publishing statements of the financial standing of student organizations the budget for the current year is given below.

Budget for 1908-09.	
Expenditures.	
Handbook and directory	\$ 250
Incidentals	100
International Com. Pledge	30
State Com. Pledge	45
Committee Appropriations	310
Religious Meetings	\$75
Social	75
Missionary	20
Bible Study	25
Membership	15
Finance	50
Rooms	50
Salary	900
Piano	120
Telephone	35
Missionary (Contribution to Lockwood)	50
Conferences	60
Total	\$1,900
INCOME.	
Advertising and sale of directories	\$ 250
Faculty subscriptions	300
Membership dues	400
Locker rent	15
Student subscriptions	660
Alumni and Friends subscription	200
State Farm Assn. Pledge	25
Missionary Contributions	50
Total	\$1,900

General Figures
The following statistics apply to the

student department of North America. Figures of the Bible study department are given elsewhere.

Seven hundred and sixty-three student associations are in existence, 666 having a membership of 57,104.

Five hundred and sixty-five have 13,103 men on committees.

Three hundred and twenty-six paid out \$119,847 last year for current expenses.

Five hundred and ten report 23,055 young men's meetings with an average weekly attendance of 30,365 and a total attendance of 985,954.

Two hundred and ninety report 2,039 missionary meetings.

Two hundred and ninety report 8,757 men in mission study.

Three hundred and nineteen report 1,566 lectures.

Five hundred and twenty-one report 1,550 socials.

Three hundred and forty-seven report association rooms.

One hundred and eighty-nine report 19,914 volumes in libraries.

The summary of North American association work is taken from the January number of "Association Men," the publication of the movement.

Summary of Work.

It has increased its "Manhood Factories," to use the term of President Roosevelt in referring to the Studebaker Memorial Association building, by 84 in the year, at a cost of \$10,000. Its property, now totaling \$60,000,000, with 80 buildings to cost \$9,000,000 more, under construction or projected.

The associations also secured and used in their undertakings \$6,993,000 within the year, fully half of which was paid by their members.

There are 48,000 employed men and boys increasing their efficiency for business by night study in 160 branches of supplementary education and training. For this they pay \$323,000 in fees.

More than 190,000 men and boys are increasing their physical efficiency in the 613 gymnasiums taught, by 413 trained physical directors, assisted by 6,400 volunteer leaders, while right habits of wholesome living, exercising and working are taught fully 200,000 more in communities and factories.

On the Panama canal zone four buildings provided by the government for the safeguarding of its employees are put into the association's hands to conduct.

The war department opens the way at posts, forts and navy yards, and invites and facilitates the association's work among soldiers and sailors.

In summer institutes of ten to thirty days each, over 3,000 men are trained in Christian leadership, 2,200 of whom are college students.

School and employed boys in their teens by thousands are "guarded in the unguarded years" and engaged for influence among their companions, and 10,000 were with Christian leaders in summer camps.

Cotton, mining, lumber, steel and other great manufacturing industries have engaged and equipped associations to serve their men.

The government has invited the county department to work with it in its country uplift movement.

In the association dormitories 19,000 young men made their homes and fully 40,000 more were directed to good boarding places.

Employment was found for men and boys with yearly salaries aggregating \$16,000,000.

The 4,989 country and town correspondents introduced thousands of young men when leaving home for city or college, the world over.

The daily attendance at the reading rooms exceeds 155,000.

The international and state committees engaged in the promotion of this business used \$650,000 in their work last year. Railroad companies gave \$385,000 last year for maintenance and often as much or more for equipment of the 242 associations on their lines, and no appropriation was cut off during the panic.

OPINION OF THE WORK

CHANCELLOR AVERY COMMENTS THE ASSOCIATION.

DEANS EXPRESS APPROVAL

Aims and Accomplishments of the Y. M. C. A. Discussed By Representatives of Faculty and Student Body.

That the work of the Y. M. C. A. was being appreciated throughout the university and its various departments has been a matter of common belief, but no widespread representative opinion has heretofore been published.

Consequently Chancellor Avery and the deans of many of the colleges have been requested to express their opinion in writing.

Chancellor Avery writes as follows: "It gives me great pleasure to have an opportunity to express my appreciation of the good work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing in this university. I

make them cleaner and more aspiring. Our associations stand today for these things more than ever, and deserve the support of the student and the larger public."

Essential to Students.
The opinion of Dr. Geo. P. Costigan, Jr., dean of the college of law is expressed as follows:

"I regard the Y. M. C. A. work as essential to the welfare of the student body, and am glad that the university Y. M. C. A. has the opportunity to call attention to the good that it is doing. May the Nebraska University branch live long and prosper."

Dean H. B. Ward of the school of medicine, expresses his opinion thus: "In my opinion the Y. M. C. A. has a very important place and function in modern university life. College training tends to lay undue emphasis on the intellectual side. This development of self unbalances the individual; responsibilities and opportunities in work for others are largely ignored. The Association affords the men a chance to see what can be done for the other fellow and to develop the moral and spiritual sides of their natures. The whole tendency of university activity is towards specialization and towards the disintegration of the institution into a mass of separate units, of atomic value. There is need of a strong central organization to bring men together and to impress on them the importance of the whole and their true relations to it."

Student Opinions.
The opinions of several members of the student body were also received.



Y. M. C. A. Rooms in the Temple

I enjoyed especially the meeting that you had at St. Paul's church during the winter and believe a finer or more many set of young fellows could not be found anywhere. It is indeed worth a great deal to the young man coming to the University to have the privilege of such associations as the Y. M. C. A. affords and the opportunities offered are of the greatest importance in the formation of a student's character."

Has High Opinion.

Dr. Charles E. Bessey, head dean of the university says: "I know of no volunteer organization in or about the university that is doing more for the uplifting of the young men students than the Young Men's Christian Association. I have been greatly interested in watching its growth year by year."

In writing of the Christian Associations of the university, Dr. L. A. Sherman, dean of the graduate school says: "It is generally recognized that the Christian Associations are almost the chief means of administering the gospel of righteousness and happiness. Their privileges and responsibilities are correspondingly great. They should stand, in university life, for manly and womanly integrity in all relations of members with the university authorities. They should clarify student ideals and intensify student sentiment against cribbing and dishonesty of every sort. They should neither ask nor accept concessions because of professions or pretensions. They should be free withal from cant and parietism, and accepting student life and character as they are optimistically and voicelessly strive to

In his opinion of the Y. M. C. A. Ross W. Bates says: "I am convinced that our university has an interest in Christian work. The Association does things well worth while. Both spiritually and socially it fills a need supplied by no other university organization."

Elmer W. Hills also expressed his opinion that, "The Y. M. C. A. is a growing force for good among the university men. It is doing much to broaden and deepen the student conception of religious duty in life. It is a most potent factor in influencing the lives of a large number of men."

Y. M. C. A. AT STATE FARM.

Has Had a Steady Growth During the Past Year.

The branch organization of the University Y. M. C. A. at the School of Agriculture has enjoyed a steady growth during the current year. The ability of the association to meet the needs of men is well illustrated by the new student work that was done this fall. A letter was sent to each prospective new student containing information regarding the work of the organization. A form postal card was also enclosed. This card when returned with information as to the time and place of arrival in the city brought an old student to the depot to meet the new comer and assist him in any possible manner.

The stag reception and social affairs have been well attended. Three lectures have been given under the auspices of the association for the agricultural students, W. J. Bryan being one of the speakers.

Several additional articles of furniture have been placed in the Y. M. C. A. room. The enrollment for Bible study reached 140 men of which 120 continued in classes two months or more.

Last year, for the first time in its history, the association was represented by delegates to the summer conference at Cascade, Col.

STUDENT CONFERENCE

Y. M. C. A. MEN TO MEET IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

CASCADE TO BE THE PLACE

NEBRASKA DELEGATES FIRST AT THE LAST CONFERENCE.

Many Schools of Many States to Send Delegates to the Hills to Attend Meeting Held at the Close of the School Year.

As the end of the school year draws near, the attention of student Y. M. C. A. men all over the United States is drawn to the coming student conference held each year in the Rocky Mountains. This conference is attended by delegates from all the colleges in the western country.

At the conference held last June, athletics formed a large part of each afternoon's amusement, and before the session closed a track meet was held in which the Nebraska delegation came out victorious. Another first was handed to Nebraska in the baseball championship contest held at the same time. In these championship contests the men from the university took a prominent part.

But athletics of the track and diamond sort were by no means the only sport indulged in by the delegates. Situated as it is at Cascade, Colorado, the conference ground is surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery that America can boast of. Scenery not intended merely to look at but also to climb. Climbing proved a popular pastime at the last conference, Pike's Peak, the South Cheyenne Canon and Ute Pass being the scenes of trips made by the men from Nebraska.

This conference was started for the first time last June at Cascade. Formerly the territory embraced in the Rocky mountain conference was included in the Lake Geneva conference. Although the student gathering of last year was somewhat of an experiment, the results were so satisfactory that it becomes an established fact that this year's conference will be an equal if not a greater success.

To make it so the University Y. M. C. A. is beginning to make plans for sending a rousing delegation and active campaigning will soon commence in order to secure the best representative men to send. Last year's delegation from this university ranked second in size, only being overtopped by Colorado whose proximity to the conference swelled their delegation. This year's conference will open June 8 and close June 17. The district embraced by it includes all the colleges of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Wyoming.

The purpose of the conference is to gather together good strong men amid the grandeur and rugged beauty of the hill country, and there to put forth every effort to help them in preparation for association work in their respective colleges.

The mornings and evenings will be devoted to the business of the conference and the afternoons to recreation. Some of the best and clearest thinkers in Y. M. C. A. work in the United States will be present at the conference. Among these will be Thornton B. Penfield, Bishop W. F. McDowell, R. F. Coyle, Rev. F. T. Bagley, Rev. H. A. Johnston, William E. Sweet, A. J. Elliott, Rev. Frank K. Sanders and Mr. Bruce Kinney.

Your car fare would pay for a nice lunch at The Boston Lunch. Why go home?