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Students, Wearing Uncomfortable Clothes, Pioneer Hear Talks on the Value of State Institution

UNIVERSITY HALL IS FIRST CAMPUS BUILDING

Allen Richard Benton, Initial Chancellor, Nurses the the east, far western state of Ne- MANY OPPOSE MEASURE School Which Started With Twenty

Students

By Gene Robb

Wearing tight and shiny trousers, black cotton socks very apparent above high squeaky shoes, collars designed to be as year has been almost exactly 20 perhigh and as uncomfortable as possible and neckties resembling cent over that of the previous year. shoe laces, an even score of young men sat in awed silence in large room on the first floor of the then stately University hall on the morning of September 7, 1871, listening to a vigorous speaker tell them of the importance of a university.

The occasion was the initial opening of the University of Ne which had obtained its braska. charter February 15, 1869, two years before, after the legislature had considered and found good in Senator E. E. Cunningham's bill to establish an institution of higher sarning in the infant praire state. The beginnings of the University, however, hark back even farther than the day its charter was granted. In 1862, before Nebraska was a state, 90,000 acres were set aside for revenue to support a university. When the Nebraska territory was admitted to the union in

1867. 46,000 acres more were added. University Hall Planned After the lawmakers for those 19,000 pioneers, huddled chiefly in the eastern section of Nebraska granted the charter, the erection a university building first occupied their attention. Designed in "Franco-Italian style," University hall was started late in the sum-mer of 1869 and completed in the winter of 1870 at a cost of \$128,000. The first chancellor, Allen Richard Benton, was elected in January, 1871, and at first set about to organize his faculty which was to consist of five professors besides himself. And it was this chancellor, who nursed the new university through its infancy, that collected the twenty students whom he influenced to enter the one existing elloge of "ancient and modern literature, mathematics and na-tural sciences" in the fall of 1871. Only this one college was started at first, chiefly because there was

colleges of lengthy names and di-

Growth of University In an issue of the Chicago Times-Herald, published in 1896, an inter esting article concerning the University of Nebraska appeared under the heading, "It's A Great School." Following are a few paragraphs gleaned from the columns: "It is hard to appreciate the conditions which have made it possible for the fourth largest of these state institutions to have grown up within only a year more than a quarter century, in the new, and

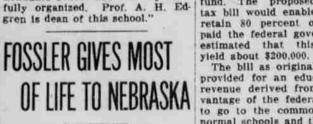
Chicago Times-Herald

Comments on Early

braska. "During the school year now closing there have been registered in the University of Nebraska 1,500 students. The rate of growth makes

a more interesting study. Taking the number in attendance in 1885 as a basis, the annual increase each "The university is made up of the academic college, the Industrial college, the College of Law, and the Graduate school, Prof. L A. Sher-man and C. E. Bessey, both educators of national prominence, are

deans of the Academic and Induscolleges respectively. trial Graduate school has recently been



The

Head of German Department Carries Honor of Many Year's Service

BEGAN TEACHING IN 1889

A man who has been with Ne braska when it was contemptuously termed "Lincoln High school" till it developed into one of the largest institutions of higher learning in the country is Prof. Laurence Fossler, chairman of the German department, who has been almost con-

tinuously in its service since 1889. Professor Fossler is also a gradu-Nebraska, graduating in ate of 1881 with ten other seniors. He Campus Sights faculty for some years. It was in the fall of 1889, Profes-



Earl Cline, president of the committee to have the revenue Board of Regents, who will give an from the proposed inheritance tax address on the Charter Day proused for the building of dormitorgram.

entered upon.

hood's state."

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and upon the numbers and promise

of those who are instructed, we

may indeed congratulate the Uni-

versity on having come to man-

GEOLOGIST SAYS COWS

TROD CAMPUS IN 1891

Dr. E. H. Barbour Declares

University Looked Drab

In Earlier Days

CONSTRUCT IRON FENCE

When Dr. E. H. Barbour came to

was the desolation, dustiness,

ica at the University failed yesterday as the house considered the UNIVERSITY PLAYERS bill in the committee of the whole The bill was advanced to third reading with the provision that the revenue shall go into the general PRODUCE MANY STARS fund. The proposed inheritance tax bill would enable the state to retain 80 percent of such taxes paid the federal government. It is estimated that this tax would Several Well Known Actors The bill as originally introduced And Playrights Belong provided for an educational fund, To Organization revenue derived from taking advantage of the federal act of 1926 to go to the common school, the

GROUP FOUNDED IN 1916 normal schools and the University. When the bill was reported out of committee it was amended to de-Drama has its history, and the word, concerning the noteworthy

dramatic productions of that organwhen Miss H. Alice Howell, di-July, 1891, the one prominent feaization

rector of the present University ture and bareness of the place, accord ing to the story related by him to University as the head of the de- The Nebraskan yesterday. There partment of dramatics, there was were no trees, shrubs, vines, or no such organization on the Ne decorative plants, and the greens government. The legislature failed braska campus. University plays word was tramped out by

town herd. Regularly each and criticism could be not be hung was waged over the disposition of on any one organization because funds obtained from the tax. Rep- the plays were merely plays,

out the amendment made by the of the present dramatic enthusicellor Canfield's coming to the Uni organization and became affiliated versity of Nebraska was based upon gents that they would erect an iron ferre around the campus.

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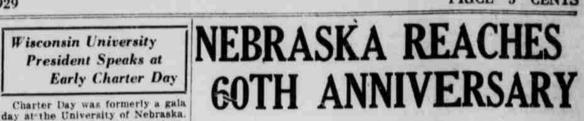
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Many Stars Learn

versity Players organization.

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very



Alumni and Friends of University Celebrate Its Birthday in All Parts of United States **On Charter Day**

RADIO PROGRAM WILL FEATURE OCCASION

Members of Faculty Journey Throughout Country To Address Gatherings of Loyal **Cornhusker Followers**

Today, on the sixtieth anniversary of the granting of a charter to the University of Nebraska by an act of the state egislature, the University, and alumni clubs throughout Nebraska and the United States are observing Charter day with programs and meetings. A feature of the university exercises "As we look upon these varied appointments, upon the breadth and height to which the University will be the radio program which will be broadcast from the university broadcasting station over KFAB this evening at has grown, upon the numbers and 10 o'clock

The radio program will feature

short talks by Chancellor E. A.

Burnett; Earl Cline, president of

the board of regents; and Arthur

Dobson, president of the Alumni

association. The university R. O.

T. C. band, under the direction of

W. T. Quick, will present songs

and marches, and the university men's give club and girls' octette, directed by H. T. Decker, will give

Members of the faculty will talk

to alumni clubs throughout the state in meetings of these groups,

J. E. LeRossignol, dean of the

College of Business Administration

and Harold Holtz, secretary of the

Alumpi association, spoke before

short program.

Alumni Head



Albert Dobson, president of the the University Alumni association who

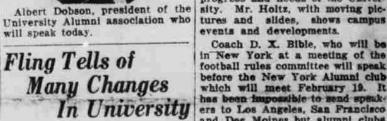


Few men have had the chance to observe the growth of the Uni-

Continued on Page 6. versity of Nebraska in the manner which has been afforded Dr. F. M.

At that time the campus walks which has been afforded Dr. F. M. were of twelve inch planks and one Fling, professor of European his-had to walk a straight course and tory. His period of service to the

the Chicago Alumni association at a banquet held in celebration of Charter day and also at similar programs at Detroit and Cleveland during the past week. Lecture at Meetings This evening they will speak at St. Louis and tomorrow at Kansas City. At these meetings Dean Le-Rossignol's talks have been on the progress and needs of the University. Mr. Holtz, with moving pletures and slides, shows campus events and developments.

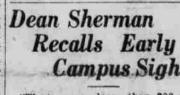


and Des Moines but alumni clubs at those places will observe Char-



Nebraska's Leader

Dr. E. Burnett, chancellor of the University, who is scheduled on the Charter Day radio program.



"There were less than 200 stunone who wanted to study any. dents, I believe, when I came to Lincoln high school. Before accept-

thing else. The charter grant of 1869 pro-vided for the establishment of six colleges of lengthy names and di-University of Nebraska, who came department, such as it was, who for dormitories. to the University in 1882. cept an instructorship in Germanic "The only building on the camlanguages. These two men were pus at that time," he continued, the only foreign language instrucleaning back in his chair and tors in the University at the time. looking out of the window, "was old Professor Edgren taught French University hall. Most of the stu- and Professor Fossier had charge of all German classes. The language dents were taking preparatory department staff was further augwork. mented with the appointment of The school at that time, Dr. Sherman stated, offered two yours Miss Clara Conklin, now chairman of preparatory work. In 1892, he of the romance language depart-said, the preparatory work was ment. completely dropped, one year of it Departments Housed Together having been done away with a few The German department was years previous to that date. then housed on the third floor of "In '25 the chemistry laboratory was built," continued Dean Sher-University hall, which was shared alike with the French department. Professor Fossler recalled several amusing and interesting incidents connected with this historical old edifice in which once the entire Univercity was sheltered. The jan-The students in the University itorial staff usually consisted of one man, and never more than two. The heating plant consisted of hard coal burners," declared Professor Fossler, "and the custodian kept classrooms warm by ple, most of them in their twenties feeding these continually with buckets of coal carried up from the working before coming to the Unibasement. The janitor was also official timekeeper, and rang the versity.

vided that inheritance tax paid to the state will be deducted from the amount to be paid to the federal to take advantage of this law in 1927. Brassa camper dividually with the result that the glory, responsibility.

Conflict in the house yesterday also studied in Paris and Liepzig. after having been on the Nebraska faculty for some years. sor Fossler related, that he was committee and to give the funds as asts, formed the University Players

offered the position of principal of the bill originally provided. Lincoln high school. Before accept-Opposition to the plan of giving with the National Collegiate play-

vote the entire revenue to the building of dormitories for girls at University Players, has thirteen the University. They justified their years of colorful history and remiaction by explaining that the niscences, compiled by pen and by amount if spread all over the state will accomplish little or nothing for any one institution. Act Makes Use Possible. Congress passed an act in 1926 which made it possible to make use of this revenue. The act pro- Players productions came to the

purposes covering



Whereabouts of Snell. Who Graduated With Him, is Unknown

One of the first of two men to ever receive a degree from the Uni- man, "and in '87 Nebraska hall and versity of Nebraska and the first Grant Memorial hall were added. person to take advance work for a Since then I have seen all the presmaster's degree, is the distinction ent buildings erected on the held by Dean James Stuart Dales, campus."

seventy-seven, executive secretary of the board of regents and mem- at the present time are not as old, ber of the first graduating class of on an average, as they were years June, 1873. William H. Snell, ago, said the dean. The parents whereabouts is unknown, did not send so many of the stuwas the other member of the class. dents then. They were older peo-Both graduated with a bachelor of philosophy degree from what is at least, who had spent some years now the college of arts and sci-

Dean Dales came to Nebraska in Campus activities were very few 1871, with Dr. Allen Richardson when he came to Nebraska, said Benton, chancellor of the Univer- Dr. Sherman, and they have grown sity 1871-1876, from Mt. Union col-lege, located in Alliance, Ohio, and asked about the observance of now known as Scio college. He Charter Day in past years, he said had attended university there for that it had always been a holiday three years and would have grad- in the school until about ten years uated the following year had not ago.

Dr. Benton approached him, asking for help in making his decision in his forty-seventh year as chairman whether or not to accept the new of the department of English in the post offered him at the University University at the completion of the present term. He recently an-

Asks James' Advice

What would you do, James, if sabbatical leave until September 1, You were me," asked Doctor Ben- 1930, and to retire from the position he holds in the University. On February 9, the Board of Regents on of young Dales, then a youth of nineteen.

"I am in no position to advise a man of your age," replied Dales, "but I know what I would do. It is of English.

a young and growing country and I believe there are great opportun-itles for a young man out htere." NEBRASKA BAND Doctor Benton accepted his elec-PLANS CONC ion to the Chancellorship by the Board of Regents and along with Pales made the trip to Lincoln.

That is the story of how Dean Dales, now known as "dean of imerican State Universities Secre director. The concert, second of taries" by virtue of his unbroken three appearances whih are to be made during the winter, will begin with the University of ebraska since his appointment in at 3 o'clock. The third and last of December, 1875, first came to Ne braska. The opportunities were not as of ninety pieces, and its previous

The opportunities were not as numerous as Dales had anticipated appearances have been received and his first years here were filled with general approval and consid-

with hardships of all sorts. His first jobs consisted of waiting tables, taking care of furnaces and other odd jobs around town but ne Final's musical comedy, "Rose Maoon became acquainted with some Frimi's musical comedy, "Rose Ma-the younger attorneys and a rie." In addition a varied program eady knowledge of the art of of standard band numbers and of the teady knowledge of the art of of standard band numbers anged. shorthand enabled him to work in popular music has been arranged. As a court reporter, as well as do Lyle Klotz, cornetist, will be feafices and courts. Afternoon.

old bell, now in the University radio studio, at each hour. A fav orite student trick was the stealing of the clapper of the bell, which discommoded the functioning of the school more or less seriously.

Subject Was Popular

The study of German was not entirely a routine class affair in the earlier days of the department as Block and Bridle Club Gives usually thought of now, according to Professor Fossler. A very popupresent term. He recently an-nounced his intention to obtain lar society, the German club, or "Der Deutsche Gesellige Verein motivated the study of the Teutonic language and provided companion ship for students of Germanic extraction.

passed a resolution making him During the world war public sentiment toward things of Germanic Emeritus dean of the department

origin reduced the German department almost completely but Profes-sor Fossier remained in his position

throughout the period, as the only member of hte staff.

PLANS CONCERT After the wrecking of the upper stories of University hall, the de-partment was moved to the base University R. O. T. C. band will free. least one identification card in order to be admitted. It is hoped continue its series of winter conment of Administration hall for a certs Sunday afternoon at the Collyear, and occupied a dormitory at seum, according to Wm. T. Quick. 1228 R street for three years. It is now situated in Andrews hall where the mixer following the game.

there are adequate facilities for all classes. MINNESOTA WILL

Filings Remain Open Until 5 O'Clock Today

An error was made in Thursday's Nebraskan in regard to the limit set on filings for class offices. Filings will be received 126. until 5 o'clock Friday, instead of Thursday as was previously announced. Party affiliations must be registered in filing and the candidate must present his identification card.

Money Needed Elsewhere.

Another member in voicing oppo-Ballard and Maurice Clark. sition to devoting the money to the building of dormitories said that the legislature would need to ful actors in New York at the prespick up all the odds and ends in helping out the guaranty fund. ent time, and Mr. Clark is noted for his recent dramatic productions Friends of the University were which he has written. The Univer sity Players took on the aspect of vociferous in expressing hope that an extra training school, giving its the legislature would provide member added practical experience

amply for the University. Following is the statement of O'Malley of Greeley: "It is a disgrace to the state if spoken drama.

we fail to appropriate sufficient funds for our university. It is a star who took the leads in a num-crime if, through lack of financing, ber of productions about 1917, bewe permit big men of the instruc- fore she entered her present occutional staff to go elsewhere because they can make more money. I sus- Several of her recent plays have pect, however, that it may be dangerous to finance a dormitory in this uncertain way."

Bishop Expresses Views

Representative Bishop of Lancaster expressed his views in this way:

Dance at Activities

Building

ple theater, acting under the Uni-versity Players banner, many noted "When you don't provide enough stage stars of today received their for the university's existence, it is early training. Some of the more recent Players who are earning their livelihood elsewhere are: necessary for the authorities of the institution to increase fees. I livelihood elsewhere are: should like to see an open gate Harold Sumption, playing stock in oklahoma City: Harold Felton,

practicing law and doing summer dramatic work; Marguerite Mun-ger, on road with a musical com-AG MIXER SCHEDULED Hart Jenks, on road with edy: Fritz Leiber in Shakesperian pro-ductions; Edward Taylor, playing FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

in "My Maryland"; Jack Rank, playing stock in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dwight Merriam, playing stock in Hammond, Indiana; and Gertrude Moran, playing in "These Days" on Broadway.

Herbert Yenne, present active member of the Players, joined the organization soon after his bgein-

ning in the University in 1916, Ray A College of Agriculture mixer Ramsay, recent business manager will be held Saturday night, of the company, and star of numer-Ramsay, recent business manager February 16, in the Student Activ- ous dramatic productions, began ities building on the Agriculture his active part with the future campus. The dance, to which all dramatists in 1926.

University students are invited, is There, in the old drab auditor sponsored by the Block and Bridle club. Music will be furnished by successes in spoken drama have the Nebraska Bulck orchestra. been produced, the kind of actors

The admission charge will be fifty cents, with ladies admitted like to call their own. Each couple must have at

AYLESWORTH IS that students at the Nebraska-LIONS' SPEAKER Drake basketball game will attend

Prof. L. E. Aylsworth of the department of political science of the University, presented an outline of DEBATE NEBRASKA

the working of the proposed citymanager plan of city administra-The University of Nebraska debaters will meet the Gustavus Adol- tion in an address before the Lions phus team from Minnesota in an in- club at their luncheon Thursday

formal practice debate this after noon. noon at 4 o'clock, in Andrews hall Pro Professor Aylsworth was sched No admission will be charged, uled to speak at the club's lunch Nebraska will take the affirma- eon two weeks ago but that meettive of the question, which suggests ing was postponed in favor of an a substitute for our present jury address delivered at the chamber system. Jacob Finkelstein, Walter of commerce by Charles P. Taft Huber, and Cari J. Marold make up the Nebraska affirmative team, state Y. M. C. A. conference. the Nebraska affirmative team.

state began in 1891, and is However, about that time, Fred keep himself well balanced on this narrow, tight road. The dog kennel type of architecture which pre-ulty member. were members of the newly formed Uni-Four buildings made up the uni versity Players. Both are successvalled in all north Lincoln was a

the agreement with the re-

pronounced feature of the im- versity campus at that time: Unimediate surroundings of the cam- versity hall, Nebraska hall, a part of Memorial hall, and the chemis-Continued on Page 4.

NEBRASKA SWIMMERS tory and physics. History, language, and all similar work was taught LOSE TO DRAKE TEAM Susle Scott was another Players in the old main building.

Opponents Break Two Valley Records in Meet Ending On 38-31 Score

the faculty members sitting on the braska swimming team lost a hotly platform. "We had some great old From the stage of the old Temtimes until that disappeared," Doccontested dual meet with Drake tor Fling said. Memorial hall was later used as university last night in the Lincoln

records when they completed the services.

160 yard free style relay in one minute, twenty-one and one-tenth seconds, almost two seconds bet-Squires of Drake, swimming in the 200 yard breast stroke made a four blocks making up the campus. 200 yard breast stroke, made a The gates were locked each night, mark present Valley record of 2:46.9. Mc-Guire of Drake also equaled a Val-Continued on Page 4.

VALENTINE SPIRIT **IS PARTY THEME**

Valentine spirit was the keynote of the sophomore commission tea through," Doctor Fling said. "They held Thursday afternoon from 4 to were a rough looking lot, but were 6 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall. The color scheme was carried out in

the refreshments. The Y. W. C. A social committee took charge of the refreshments so the sophomore commission would be free to entertain the guests. The commission is a selected group of sophomore women who participate in various branches of university

activities Mrs. F. D. Coleman served the first hour, and Mrs. Parmelee Y. W. C. A. secretary, the second hour. The program consisted of music and a reading by Charlotte Wells.

Husker Football Men

Will Get Gold Awards Gold footballs will be awarded to Cornhusker football men b tween halves of the Drake-Nebraska game Saturday evening according to Herbert Gish, di rector of athletics. The awards are made because of Nebraska's success in carrying off first place honors in the Missouri Valley



Big Sister Group Requests try laboratory, now called Phar-Members to Call for macy hall. The chemistry laborawas then new and the best Little Sisters building on the campus, Nebraska hall was used for botany, zoology

All Big Sisters are requested to call their little sisters and make arrangements to attend the George Washington party, sponsored by the Big Sister board, to be held Saturday afternoon, February 16, from 3 to 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith

the center of the building. Chapel hall, The purpose of the party is to cultivate friendship and cooperation among the women of the university. Favors and refreshments will carry out the holiday motif. was 38-31. The Drake swimmers bettered two Missouri Valley conference Pauline Bilon is general chairman ments and Louise Bize, entertainment.

Gates Are Locked.

Chapel Is Conducted

which still stands, had a large

chapel in it. This auditorium was

services were held every morning.

two stories high,

University hall, a part of

located

in

Entertainment will consist of After a while the officials wanted dancing and gumes. Solo dances, to keep people off the campus, and piano numbers and singing will be the special features. Approximately one hundred girls attended the party last year and it is the hope of the Big Sister Board that the of 2:44, compared to the and opened in the morning. When new buildings were built outside of attendance this year will be inthis area, the fence was torn down creased.

and sold. It may now be seen at Wyuka cemetery. As Desior Fling expresses it, "Originally used to surround the living, it is now used **BISHOP LEETE SPEAKS** to surround the dead." "A greater portion of the stu-

dents were then working their way were a rough looking lot, but were 6 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall. The decorations were red roses and nothing of carrying twenty hours, white tapers, and a red and white while students now are not able to All-Methodist Students and

carry twelve. "Speaking of building \$40,000 fraternity houses would have astounded people at that time. There was then a red hot fight on between the fraternities and the literary societies. The editor of the Journal, a literary society member, was a bitter opponent of the fraternities. People would have collapsed if a

dance on the campus had been mentioned. Now the students can do

a faculty reception during the first year of his work here, he was surprised to find himself the only one wearing a dress suit. One other man man admitted owning one, but did ers.

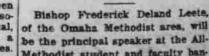
not have the nerve to wear it. A rather heated argument went on for some years regarding the wearing of formal clothes. Some faculty members thought it undem. Tickets for the hanguet may be wearing of formal clothes. Some faculty members thought it undem-ocratic to wear a dress sult, yet did Continued on Page 4.

joint observerance of the Univer-Night. Bishop Leete is the autor book "Christianity and Science," which, according to Rev. W. C. which, according to Rev. W. C. Fawell, Methodist student pastor. Fawell, Methodist student pastor. has been favorably review many scientific and religious

bought at the W 1417 R street, for fifty ce

anything and no one seems to 6 o'clock. The dinner is given in when Doctor Fling came from his home in the east, there was no such thing as a dress suit among the students. When he attended a faculty recention during the students of the students and "Bishop Leete is the author of the book "Christianity and Flinks"

be the principal speaker at the All-Methodist student and faculty banquet to be held at Trinity Methodint church Friday, February 15, at



AT METHODIST DINNER

Faculty Banquet Will

Be Held Friday