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The University's Weak Heart.

The library is the heart of an educational institution, and the University of Nebraska is suffering from a weak heart.

In a pamphlet distributed to all faculty members of the university Tuesday the library committee of the Faculty Senate present the library situation on this campus and stressed the need for a new building large enough to provide accommodations for more books than the present building offers.

Student opinion at present is apathetic in regard to the library problem, largely because members of the student body do not realize what it means to the institution and individual to have a good reference and browsing building on the campus.

It was pointed out in the library committee's pamphlet that books are now stored in all sorts of nooks and crannies on the campus, and that many of the more valuable volumes are in danger of being damaged by water and fire.

On Nov. 8 the board of regents in its biannual petition to the governor stressed the need of a new library on the campus, a structure that would very likely cost well over \$1,000,000, but would repay the people of this state in service, cultural improvement, and educational facilities.

As a matter of fact the library on every campus should logically be the central unit of the educational plant. All scholastic activities should center around that building and its facilities, and professors should feel free at all times to assign references to be read in the building.

Students on the Nebraska campus seem to be quite unaware of the fact that there is a library. They do not use the library up to its full capacity. Legislators will cite this fact as an argument against the erection of a new building.

We must all open our eyes to the fact that there is a definite need of a new library at Nebraska. Few of us realize what we are missing. One thing we don't have is a browsing room, a part of the library where we may read at leisure, meanwhile resting our feet on the window sill.

This university is chugging along in a half-hearted sort of way. As a football institution it is a top-notch, but as a center of intellectual activity it is fast becoming a "flop."

A new library must be erected. It is imperative that such a structure, and a good one, be erected soon, so that this school can serve the state and student body as it should.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks.

Babes in Toyland.

On Friday, Nov. 30, a parade was held in downtown Lincoln. It was a parade whose aim was to present the prospective Christmas wares of the Lincoln merchant to the innocent bystander in such wise that they would be beguiled into parting with the

Dr. Harry Kurz, Romance Languages Chairman, Addresses Phi Beta Kappa Meeting; Discusses Modern Theater.

ing music. There have been many attempts at simultaneity or the combination of personalities in the modern theater.

"But these trends all depend on the expression of subconscious thought, and the spoken word is not enough to carry out this purpose," commented Dr. Kurz.

In answering the questions asked him at the conclusion of his talk, Dr. Kurz stated that the French theater is non-commercial and that their plays do not reach the perfection of those produced over here.

ROBBERS TAKE \$19 FROM PHI MU HOUSE

Members Believe Theft Occurred at Time of Chapter Meeting.

Four members of Phi Mu sorority were the victims of thieves who entered the sorority house at 1520 R street between 8 and 9 o'clock Monday evening and obtained \$19 from their purses.

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well known shekels to buy a present for little Cousin Oscar, bless his heart! The city recreation board, under whose unerring direction this vicarious raffle was conducted, literally outdid themselves.

A certain university organization whose avowed aim is the promotion of activities looking toward peace, requested permission to enter a float in the parade. This request was quietly but firmly denied by the benevolent board, who evidently had inside information that Santa was an advocate of preparedness, which only goes to prove that ferocious game may lie hidden behind innocent appearing bushes.

It seems to me that I dimly recollect my mother saying something about a Christmas which meant "Peace on earth, good will to men," but then my mother was somewhat old-fashioned, and besides I may have Christmas mixed up with the Fourth of July.

I appear to have been somewhat confused on these matters. I had thought that the essential thing about Christmas was the Christmas spirit, and had identified that spirit with sympathy, tolerance, understanding, and breadth of social vision. I had—would you believe it!—actually been so downright foolish as to suppose that the giving of presents was a symbol of that spirit only, in remembrance of the Magi, who came with gifts of myrrh and frankincense in their hands.

But I am a firm believer in progress and civilization, so I perceive that I shall have to box up the above concept (not without some lingering sighs of regret) and label it "For Sunday Use Only." I shall put the old gilt star away along with other relics of the past, and decorate the top of this year's Christmas tree with a cut of Napoleon, and send my friends cards with snappy drawings of Pershing, Caesar, and Alexander, with a few long shots of the battle of the Marne or the sinking of the Maine.

I am so glad to have learned these things, so that I can keep up with the times. Away with musty and shoptown traditions, down with the hollow sentiments of yesterday! Let our motto be henceforth "In God We Trust; All Others Cash."

G. H. A.

Methodist Stand On War and Peace.

(This is the first of a series of national and regional church resolutions and declarations in regard to questions pertaining to war and peace. Starting with the Methodist stand, because a large percentage of the student population on this campus is Methodist, the Nebraskan will publish in the Student Pulse column statements from campus church groups.)

TO THE EDITOR:

The following statements are quotations from the 1932 Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church pertaining to the subject of war and peace:

"The Methodist Episcopal church stands for equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life. . . . We believe in making the social and spiritual ideals of Jesus our test for community as well as for individual life; in strengthening and deepening the inner personal relationship of the individual with God, and recognizing his obligation and duty to society. This is crystallized in the two commandments of Jesus: 'Love thy God' and 'Love thy neighbor.' Translating this ideal. . . into international relations (it) means: Discouragement of all propaganda tending to mislead peoples in their international relations or to create prejudice; the replacement of selfish imperialism by such disinterested treatment of backward nations as to contribute the maximum to the welfare of each nation and of all the world; the abolition of military armaments by all nations except for an international police force; that the Church of Christ as an institution shall be used for the prevention and abolition of war; a permanent association of the nations for world peace and good will, the outlawry of war, and the settlement of all differences between nations by conference, arbitration or by international court."

" . . . We believe it to be the duty of the churches to give moral support to those individuals who hold conscientious scruples against participation in military training or military service."

"We petition the government of the United States to grant to members of the Methodist Episcopal church who may be conscientious objectors to war the same exemption from military service as has long been granted to members of the Society of Friends and other similar religious organizations. Similarly, we petition all educational institutions which require military training to excuse from such training any student belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church who has conscientious scruples against it."

" . . . and further to plead for the abolition of compulsory military service in countries where it is now required." (Paragraph 562.)

Lyle A. Rolofson, Pres., Methodist Student Council, University of Nebraska.

CHANTS

BY CHANCE.

A vocal quartette consisting of Vera Upton, soprano; Parvin Witte, tenor; Charlotte Huihorst Hummel, contralto, and Hermann Decker, baritone; assisted by Edith Burlingame, pianist, will present the eighth musical convocation this afternoon at four o'clock in the Temple theater.

Paul Althouse, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company, assisted by Phillip Gordon, pianist, presented the second concert of the current season before members of the Lincoln Civic Music association Monday evening at 7:30 at Ellen Smith hall.

Carl Frederick Steckelberg and Mrs. Steckelberg gave a violin and piano recital over KFAB yesterday. Former students of Mr. Steckelberg, Mr. and Mrs. F. Vallette Hill, have been most successful in the leadership of the music department at the Nebraska School of Agriculture at Curtis. They have organized a chorus of 120 voices, a 30 piece band and orchestra in addition to quartettes and octets.

Over the recent holidays, students from the school of music have been unusually occupied with public appearances. Helen Luhrs, student with Emanuel Wishnow, accompanied by Marion Munn, student with Ernest Harrison, appeared on the program given by the Railway Mail club Friday afternoon. Paul Schilfe, student with Clemens Novius, sang several songs for the Carrie Jacobs Bond program of the Bethany Woman's club recently. Helen Hewitt sang Thursday afternoon on the student recital given in the Temple theater, and Marjorie Thomas entertained for the 81 club Monday evening.

They are students with Mary Hall Thomas. Irene Remmers and Margaret Kimmel were initiated Tuesday into Mu Phi Epsilon and Miss Kimmel accompanied by Miss Remmers sang for the music which followed the initiation. Lu Ganzel was soloist recently at the Warren M. E. church and Sylvia Cole Diers, soprano, appeared on the program of the Elks memorial exercises last Sunday morning.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Hobby Group. Dramatic hobby group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p. m.

Home Ec Association. Home Economics association will have the group picture for the Cornhusker taken Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Campus studio.

Nu-Med Banquet. All pre-meds who desire to attend the Nu-Med banquet Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1934, must have purchased their Nu-Med membership from Dr. Wade, Bessey hall, before that time.

Peace Club. Peace club will meet in the Temple Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be a debate on a pertinent subject. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Lutheran Students. Lutheran students will meet for Bible class with Rev. Mr. Erck Wednesday night at 7 p. m. in room 205 Temple building.

Barb Council. There will be a meeting of the Barb council Wednesday afternoon

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at 5 o'clock in U hall room 8.

Gamma Alpha Chi. Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 at Ellen Smith hall. All members must be present.

Art Club. The art club will meet Wednesday evening at 8:30 in Morrill Hall.

Sophomore Commission. Sophomore commission will meet at 4 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the southwest room of Ellen Smith hall.

ROBERT AYTON, '31, LEAVES FOR TULSA Chemistry Grad to Work For Mid Continent Oil Company.

News reports of university graduates reveal that Robert Ayton, chemistry grad in '31, left Saturday for Tulsa, Okla., where he will be a chemist for the Mid Continent Oil company.

Herman Kich, who graduated in 1933 with a masters degree in chemistry, and who was also a captain in the university R. O. T. C., is company commander of a CCC camp at Ely, Minn. In a letter to Prof. C. J. Frankforter of

the chemistry department, he relates he is enjoying the deer hunting season, but as yet has no deer.

Abashkin, Brown Return From Soil Survey Work

B. J. Abashkin and Dr. L. A. Brown have each completed a soil survey of Loup and Hayes counties and have now returned to the conservation and survey department of the university to write up

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