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## Let's Hope.

**A REQUEST for \$2,455,000 out of Nebraska's share of the president's public works and relief bill, if and when approved by congress, was sent to the state planning board Monday by Chancellor E. A. Burnett.** Included in the request were only items for which there is an urgent need at the university. Others, for which the demand is not quite so great, were allowed to go by the boards.

Heading the needs of the university and heading the list of items for which the requested sum is to be expended is a new library. According to the chancellor's statement the present library was erected in 1891-95 and for a long time has been entirely inadequate to take care of the demands of the university. Of 290,000 volumes owned by the university only 100,000 can be kept in the building while the rest are scattered all over the campus in various "reserve" libraries.

In addition the building has been declared an extremely high fire hazard. It can seat only a small percentage of the number it should accommodate, and those taken care of are none too impressed by their surroundings. A contrast of the enrollment of 1,500 when the library was built with the 11,000 now enrolled should dispel all doubts as to the absolute necessity for a new building.

Next on the list of items comes a new University hall to replace the now decrepit building that was the first and only building on the campus. During its long span of life it has lost its top two stories and has had to be helped along with props. Its age for pension was passed long ago.

Along with University hall in its unfit for use is Nebraska hall. Both are unsafe in addition to being inadequate for the demands placed upon them. Many of the activities now housed in Nebraska hall would be moved to the new building, and two of the worst eyesores on the campus would be eliminated.

Other buildings provided for are an extension to the University hospital located on the Medical college campus in Omaha, and an Engineering building. There have been increasing demands on the clinic conducted for the indigent sick by medical students. In the new Engineering building would be housed together all the administrative units of the Engineering college, now scattered at various points on the campus, in addition to classrooms and laboratories.

The North Platte experimental station as well as the local campus would come in for many improvements, including repairs, extensions, sidewalks and landscaping, if the request is approved by the planning board. Upon completion of these projects the university would be one step nearer the ideal campus which has been a dream for many years.

According to the chancellor's figures 35 percent of the building cost would be expended in labor on the building site, while 12-1-2 percent would be spent on material and transportation within the state. Included also is the architect's fees and supervision of construction which is estimated not to exceed 5 percent of the total building cost. For repair and extension work, labor is estimated to equal or exceed 60 percent of the total cost.

Surely there can be no objection to the university having a small share in the state's division of the public works program. It is not only a state supported school, but it is a state serving school. Its benefits to the citizens of Nebraska are immeasurable. The amount of the request is entirely within reason, when consideration is given to the great part the university plays within the state.

Nor is the request at cross purposes with the main idea of the public works program—to provide labor for the now unemployed. Not only will the greater share of the money expended go to labor, but it will also be kept within the state for the stimulation of state industries. It is entirely right and

just that the university should be granted this request.

### The President Offers Some Advice.

**EDUCATION** was charged with "lighting the way to social change" by no less a personage than the president of the United States in a letter to the National Education association convention this week. This statement by the president is only another sign of the times, another indication on the part of the nation's leaders that in the schools and universities can be found men and methods to pull the country out of the morass in which it has found itself.

"The social and economic problems confronting us are growing in complexity," declared Mr. Roosevelt. "The more difficult and complex these problems become, the more essential it is to provide broad and complete education; that kind of education that will equip us as a nation to decide these problems for the best interests of all concerned."

The burden of providing this sort of education was laid on the shoulders of the teachers, but all their efforts will be of no avail if they do not receive the co-operation of the students. The latter must also become imbued with the spirit of that education which "provides understanding, strength and security for those interests we have treasured since we first established ourselves as a nation and shall continue everlastingly to cherish."

## 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. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired. Contributions should be limited to a maximum of five hundred words in length.

### Nebraska Is Acquiring A Black Eye.

**IT** perhaps will be of interest to those who noticed the disrespectful and unsportsmanlike conduct of the crowd at the recent Kansas basketball game here to know that apologies to the Kansas team, both on the part of the Student council, acting for the student body, and on the part of the presidents of the two senior honoraries and pep organizations, were dispatched to Kansas prior to the editorial comments contained in the Daily Nebraskan. On the surface, the matter might be said to have been taken care of properly. As a matter of fact, the action of Nebraska student leaders will be nothing but an empty gesture if the root of this evil is not found and something done to correct the condition.

Nebraska has long had a reputation of having first class athletic teams. Perhaps this has been less true in the case of basketball than in other sports, but the Cornhuskers have always played a prominent part in conference athletics. Unfortunately their prominence has not been confined to the prowess of the various teams. Whether true or not, Nebraska is fast earning the reputation of being one of the roughest and toughest opponents in the Big Six.

Perusal of student papers from other Big Six schools reveals the attitude of students there toward Nebraska and their opinion was not of the nature of being complimentary. Particularly was this true of Kansas students following the game here when the Kansas paper carried an article asking the explanation of the Nebraska crowd's conduct. Their complaint is certainly legitimate, for the crowd which hissed Kansas players while they tried for free throws and booed them for things they were in no way responsible for, certainly was one of the most disrespectful, inhospitable, and unsportsmanlike audiences mustered for a Nebraska game.

Furthermore, replies from Kansas, which were in answer to the letters of apology, while expressing appreciation for the action of student leaders, subtly hint that "explanations" are doing very little to better the situation—that other schools are experiencing the same reception, perhaps to slighter degree, than Kansas did, and it is becoming the rule rather than the exception.

Perhaps Nebraska students do not realize the reputation which evidently is assuming close connection with the name Cornhusker. Certainly and definitely Nebraska earned a black eye through the crowd's behavior at the Kansas game. And most certainly it is in contrast to the sportsmanlike way in which other schools have received and entertained Cornhusker teams away from home. There is no doubt that this condition must not be allowed to reassert itself.

Here is a field of endeavor which would merit much of the two pep clubs' time and work in improving. It is an undertaking which would require the co-operation of every undergraduate attending the various athletic contests. There can be no sudden giving away to emotions during a game when the tide of fortune either rightly or through accident turns against the home team. College students are, after all, supposed to have achieved some degree of maturity and are supposed to not only know how, but to practice being isadies and gentlemen. It should prove interesting to watch the future conduct of Nebraska students and see to just what extent they value their reputation for clean and sportsmanlike competition.

K. L.

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

**Cornhusker Sale.**  
The Cornhusker is now on sale in the basement of U hall. Purchases can be made there within the next two weeks.

**Scholarship Lecture.**  
Scholarship lecture Tuesday at 6:15 at the University club. Prof. R. W. Frantz will speak on the making of Boswell's Life of Johnson.

**Gamma Alpha Chi.**  
Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Thursday at 7:30 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

**Sponsors Club.**  
Sponsors club will meet Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. All members please be present.

**Vespers.**  
The usual Tuesday vesper service will give way to the convocation in Social Science auditorium Tuesday at 5, when Mrs. Morgan will speak.

**Poster Staff.**  
Poster staff of the Y. W. C. A. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. The meeting will be in charge of Doris Weaver.

**World Forum.**  
A session of the World Forum staff of the Y. W. C. A. will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall with Theodora Lohman in charge.

**Legislative and Current Events.**  
Legislative and Current Events group of the Y. W. C. A., led by Ann Fickett, will meet Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

**Life of Jesus.**  
The group discussing Life of Jesus will meet Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. Miss Bernice Miller will be in charge.

**Interclub Council.**  
Interclub council will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in University hall, Room 8. It is imperative that all members be present.

**Pershing Rifles.**  
Pershing Rifles will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 5 o'clock in Nebraska hall. All members and new pledges are expected to be present.

**Corn Cobs.**  
There will be a meeting of all Corn Cobs Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, in Room 8 of University hall at 7 o'clock. All members are requested and expected to be present.

Harvard boys are better students than they were ten years ago and a smaller percentage are being dropped each year for scholastic deficiencies, it was told this week by Dean A. Chester Hanford.

## GIRLS' COMMERCIAL CLUB INITIATES FOUR

**Bullock Addresses Group About 'Employment for Women.'**

Four girls will be initiated into the Girls' Commercial club at a meeting to be held from 7:30 until 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the city Y. W. C. A. building. Prof. T. T. Bullock of the department of economics, will address the group on "Employment for Women."

Pearl Kymor, Helen Roster, Doris Johnson, and Doris Eastman will be initiated. Mildred Kirkbride and Catherine Stoddard are in charge of decorations and Virginia Schmidt of general arrangements. Mrs. T. T. Bullock will be a special guest at the affair.

## CAST SCORES HIT IN OPENING NIGHT NEW PRODUCTION

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The role of the maid, "Florence," Harold Sumption, who directed the production, is cast as the English lover, who makes a pest of himself. As "Peter Walmsley," the fellow who calls Miss Carpenter for dates continually, Sumption gave a realistic portrayal of a character part. One of the unusual effects used was a microphone, over which could be heard the conversations of the friends, lovers and relatives who called Miss Carpenter. Seven or eight different people made calls and the inflection of the voices made the conversations most realistic.

**Variety of Costumes.**  
An added attraction toward the beauty of the production is the number of lovely gowns worn by Miss Carpenter. One outstanding suit was a swagger of deep green, with which she donned a severely tailored, mannish hat. With a walking suit of checked gray, she wore a knobby little back-of-the-head affair. Two gorgeous evening gowns were in pure white, and a powdered blue creation. She also appeared in one scene in a pale pink powdered negligee.

Portia Boynton, who is the only other feminine member in the cast, wore a maid's uniform to accentuate her role of "Florence," the housekeeper. Perkins appeared in an English tweed sports outfit, a dark business suit and a tuxedo. Pete Sumption wore a dark business suit.

**Packed Broadway Houses.**  
The two principal roles were exceptionally long to work up in a week, and the cast is to be commended for presenting such a finished performance. Dixie Betzer and Elsa Swift were property girls and Don Buel handled props. Blanche Carr prompted the show and stage hands were Roy Squires, Bill Witt and Delford Brummer. Tickets are on sale at Magee's and may be obtained at the box office at the Temple the evening of the desired performance.

## CHANTS

BY CHANCE.

An exchange conductor was the feature of the Lincoln Symphony program Monday evening at the Liberty theater, when the local musicians gave their regular concert. Leo Kucinski, well known conductor of the Sioux City orchestra, appeared as guest conductor and directed the music. In exchange, Rudolph Seidl, directed the Sioux City ensemble. The guest conductor, who had rehearsed regularly with the Lincoln musicians since January 27, is director of the Monahan Post band, besides being a well known artist himself. He opened the program with Bach's "Prelude, Choral and Fugue." The celebrated "Suite" from the "Water Music" of Handel's, written for King George of England in the 1700s, was the most outstanding orchestration played. Tschalkowsky's "Fantasia Overture" and Lidoff's "Scherzo" were two different selections. Strauss' melodious "Emperor Waltzes" and one of the favorites and Massenet's "Clair de Lune" proved in excellent contrast to Lalo's majestic "Overture" from "Le Roi d'Ys."

Students from the studios of Maude Fender Gutzmer are participating in the following musical events: Helen Ledford and Lila Mae Jackson sang a number of old fashioned songs in costume at the Colonial party given by the second division of Vine Congregational church Friday. Sally Green was guest soloist at the studio tea-ritual given by students of Kate E. Miller Sunday afternoon at the home of Miss Alta Cecil. Mrs. Ruyle Danielson, Betty Regan and Mrs. George Zellers will appear in Japanese costumes and sing at songs, traditional themes and poems of Japan for the Delta Omicron alumnae meeting Tuesday evening. Mrs. Gutzmer will read the translations of the poems. Fleda Graham Ziegenbein will be the accompanist.

Last evening the University Players opened for another week. It's really miraculous the way they work plays up in a week's time. Molly Carpenter, the drab "Hannah" of "Shining Hour" fame earlier in the season, is quite a contrast as the radiant beauty of "There's Always Juliet." The attractive Theta not only wears gorgeous clothes, but knows her lines, and not only one hundred lines, but one hundred "sides" and better at that. Dwight Perkins is once more the hero, and next to Molly has the most "sides" to his part. This Delta Upsilon has been seen in several plays already this season, so is no newcomer to local audiences. Portia Boynton does a good piece of acting as the house keeper, and Pete Sumption suc-

ceeds in making a thrope pest of himself, as the disgruntled English lover. The play will run for a week at the Temple; and costumes, sets and props are good to look at; so, the production should draw capacity houses.

Tickets are going rapidly for the evening grand opera, to be given here March 12 by the Chicago Grand Opera company. This performance, which will be given in the university coliseum, will feature all the scenery, costumes and great artists which go to help make an enjoyable evening at opera. Excerpts from four different operas will be sung, with such artists as Maria Jeritza, formerly of the Metropolitan, in the leading roles. "Tannhauser," "Tosca," and "Faust" are three of the operas scheduled. An added attraction will be the "Gold Standard" ballet danced by members of Ruth Page's Chicago Grand Opera company. The premiere performance of this ballet was given last November. Such vivid presentations of opera and ballet all on one evening are seldom offered. Watch for this attraction; it will be one of the outstanding events to be given in Lincoln this winter.

## CHANCELLOR SEEKS PWA BUILDING FUND

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rooms for military instruction. **New Hospital Wing.**  
In order to form an additional wing of the medical hospital located at Omaha, the new medical college dispensary would house the large dispensary which is now conducted here for the sick and used as a clinic for all students in the third and fourth years of the medical course.

The proposed Engineering hall and laboratories would include administrative offices and classrooms for the engineering college together with laboratories for electrical engineering, applied mechanics, highway testing, architecture, and civil engineering.

Under the campus improvements it is planned to include three campuses. These are the central and agricultural college campus here and the medical college campus at Omaha for which there are urgent repairs and extensions needed.

In concluding his letter, the chancellor showed that almost half of the building cost would be used in labor on the building site, and that all of the expenditures for building material will stimulate heavy industries which are in special need of revival at this time.

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## Contemporary Comment

### Reading and 'Riting.

In a letter addressed to the "editor of the Literary Digest," a member of the department of Romance Languages at Catawba college in North Carolina advocates the adoption of a system of simplified spelling to facilitate the task of "turning too rite." The letter is spelled just as the words sound and closely resembles the first efforts of a 6 year old at writing. It does not intend to be amusing, however, even though at first glance it suggests sheer nonsense. Viewed from a serious angle, the idea is not such an insane one. Foreigners have long complained of the difficulty in learning to write the English language. It is so complex and inconsistent. There are no definite rules to determine its spelling.

More important than this group are the large numbers of our own children who are each year introduced to the perplexities of written English with the aid of obscure jingles like, "I before 'e' except after 'c,' or when sounded as 'a' in neighbor or weigh," which run through small heads and help very little. Like martyrs, they secretly grumble and blunder through spelling class after spelling class, inertly and rebelliously against the baffling language they have

been forced to absorb. In spite of the assets which the plan seems to offer, could it ever be taken seriously by our leading educators? They attach a sentimental aura to "the beauty of words" or are fascinated by their various etymologies. They would most likely claim that our language would be forever ruined by adopting any plan whereby words would be "speld as they sound." But certainly it is obvious that the advantages are multiple. Shortly after arrival in this country, foreigners would be able to spell English words perfectly. School children could in a few terms master their language and devote their time to more valuable endeavors. More important still would be a dramatic reduction in the number of illiterates. The intelligence of our citizens would be raised to a high level because "all Americans would now how to read and rite."

—The Minnesota Daily.

### Do They Really Matter?

Discouraged about your grades? Bad breaks? Dirty trick? Unfair competition? In ten years, in a year, will it matter? Maybe you didn't make your grades for initiation. Tough on society, but you'll come through all right. Maybe you just missed your B average which—well, it's nice to have. Perhaps it means you miss an honorary—and save a few dollars.

But again, it may mean a real hardship—the loss of a scholarship, or a recommendation, or a job.

Even to the last, we repeat—what will it matter in a year, in ten years? As soon as we say it, we repent. It may matter of course. It can be made to. It may mean stinging you to work, to making your opportunities and then taking them; it may mean letting you sink into the morass of mediocrity. It all depends, of course, on how you take it. Not that grades themselves are important. They're the vestiges of an outgrown educational philosophy. But what they do to you—what you let them do to you—is important. Until education is able to advance past the confinement of ABC, and 50, 75, 100, it does matter what effect the system of grading has upon the students.

With some it results in their working just for the grade and losing the essence and flavor of the course. It makes apple-polishing and cribbing inevitable in the college scene. It sometimes gives the teacher a distorted view of his own course.

But the grading system is here. And the students have to take it. Discouraged about your grades? Forget it. Remember those books you discovered and liked last semester? Remember all you learned that no one quizzed you on, or ever will? Remember the ideas you've only touched as yet and not explored? That's right. Remember fun, and friends, and real learning. Forget the grades. —Syracuse Daily Orange.

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