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For An 'L' Shaped Building.

Two campus sites have been unofficially designated as logically the ideal location for the Student Union building. One is the corner of 14th and R sts., which would necessitate the razing of Ellen Smith hall to make way for the new structure; the other is the present location of the tennis courts.

Plans call now for an "E" shaped building, but the Student Council and student body generally have expressed disapproval with this form in favor of an architectural "L". The reason for the popularity of the "L" structure is its adaptability to expansion and change, for which the "E" does not provide. The present plans call for a completely finished building. Student sentiment is to the effect that a \$400,000 building will fail to meet the needs of the future, and care should be taken now to see that room for expansion is provided.

It would be difficult to add a theater, lecture hall, or an office ell to the building as now planned. The "E" structure is a unit within itself, and would be added to only at the expense of its architectural beauty and symmetry. An "L", on the other hand, can be added to indefinitely without loss of beauty.

A set of architectural plans have been drawn up for the "L" as well as "E" building. The chief objection to them is that the former would cost a bit more per cubic foot in construction than the latter. This cost notwithstanding, the Student Union building must be built for the future. It cannot be completed now—soon it would become obsolete and incapable of housing all the student activities. An expanding university, as this is, must prepare now with an eye to the future. For this reason, the Daily Nebraskan believes the "L" shaped building better suited to the student need and student demand, and should be adopted by the board of regents as final architectural design.

The Ellen Smith corner is not adapted to an "L" shaped building. Teachers college and the proposed new library conflict with it. Expansion would be retarded, no matter the shape, for sufficient room is lacking. The tennis court site, with a wide expanse facing the mall, can accommodate any expansion which might be proposed. Also, it is in the center of the campus, the hub of student activity, and especially accessible from every corner of the campus.

The Student Union building is practically a certainty. Only acceptance of the official papers and providing for the university's share of the funds by the board of regents remains before it will become a reality. Then it will be dedicated—to the students of the University of Nebraska. In the interests of their activities, and their achievements; thru their efforts, it will be erected. Their sentiment will be considered first when a permanent site for the building is chosen. Their sentiment is in favor of an "L" shaped located where the tennis courts now are. There are arguments for Ellen Smith corner, of course. Very valid argu-

ments. But as a central hub for student activities, the Daily Nebraskan believes that the site of the tennis courts is the proper site.

We Want a Bookstore Commission of Control!

Objection to the present setup of the Student Bookstore was crystallized in the general fall election when all but 70 of over 1,700 students voted in favor of a bookstore commission of control, on which the student body would be represented.

The campus evidently finds disfavor with the current practices, and despite the findings of the Student Council bookstore committee, which reported no flagrant breaches of interest, would like to remove control from the administration to a popular commission.

Complaints of misoperation have been current on the campus all fall. Nothing open and tangible, just an undercurrent of popular disfavor. Students felt, and are still feeling, that their interests are not being served to best advantage, and that little of value has been gained from the bookstore. To determine popular sentiment, the Student Council conducted its questionnaire. Over 1,650 students voted in favor of student representation on a bookstore board of control.

Now that the Student Council has sounded the campus, and gotten its reading, it must take action. Obviously, the bookstore must be separated from administration centralized control, as have been athletics and student publications. A governing board, composed of university administrators and students, must be selected. The students may be elected popularly, or, better yet, elected by or appointed by the Student Council. Administration and faculty members can be chosen by the university senate or appointed, as the case may be.

This commission must have complete charge over all the activities of the bookstore. It must determine policy, and see to it that student interests are safeguarded and not shunted to the background.

The Student Council must draw up a plan of operation and submit it to the board of regents, for the regents chartered the bookstore. If their approval is given, and the Nebraskan believes that it must be given in the face of such overwhelming campus opinion, the commission must be appointed immediately and begin its work before the second semester gets under way.

The Student Council fought for the bookstore in the hope of realizing a student need that was long apparent. From all evidences, that need is not being satisfactorily met by the present setup. The bookstore has become not a student enterprise, but another agency of the university administration. It is not fulfilling its purpose, nor is it representative of the ideals of its founders.

Enough talk has been wafted about the campus. Action is necessary now. With almost unanimous campus opinion back of it, the Student Council need not hesitate to draw up its plans, and demand a bookstore board of control with student representation.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired, department, under the usual restrictions of sound

Decency Impells Criticism.

TO THE EDITOR:

Captioned in a two column political ad in the last two Nebraskans has been the democratic exhortation to the students to "recall the NYA." Decency impells the criticism. I applaud any system which will finance needy students in their educational battle, but to pervert such help to the status of a lever by which an undeserving administration attempts to pry a few votes from indigenous students based on the implication of a debt stinks of vote buying. The same system is used for the relief rolls.

DuPont may have given several hundred thousand to the republican campaign fund, but he did it honestly and openly, even though he knew the democratic howl would be heard across the nation. At least he could never be accused of descending to the vulturous level of preying on the human needs of stark poverty as a means to a political end. The evidence of threats against those who are on relief rolls by political shysters are clear and uncontroverted. Vote democratic or walk the streets hungry. Such a system serves to give the party a 4 billion dollar campaign fund thru the relief moneys. Decency revolts at such a machination.—Frank E. Landis,

SIX DENOMINATIONS TO SPONSOR STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Churches to Hold Assembly Sessions in Lincoln, Oct. 29, 30, 31.

Built upon the theme, "Christian Youth Making a New World," the Nebraska Youth conference, will call young members from churches of six denominations of the state to gather for lecture and discussion in the First Christian church, Oct. 29, 30, and 31.

Following registration at 10:30 o'clock on Friday, the conclave will open at 11:00 with a forum on the general theme, "Achieving a Christ-Like Personality." The following sessions will include addresses by the leaders, motion pictures to introduce discussion groups, and four hour periods of conferences on subjects relating to the theme of the conference. For those who have attended summer conferences a banquet Friday evening and a sunrise service Sunday morning have been planned.

Leaders and speakers at the convention will be Dr. Harold C. Case, of Topeka, Kansas, who will discuss the same topic that he led in the Y. W.—Y. M. Estes Park conference this summer. The constructive use of Leisure Time in Building Personality; Mrs. Mildred I. Morgan, a worker among the college Young Women's Christian Association at Iowa City; Rev. O. G. Herbrecht, Director of Young People's Work, the Iowa Council of Christian Education; Dr. Charles H. Patterson, Professor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska; and Rev. Ray E. Rice, Executive Boy's Work Secretary of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A.

Elmer Palmatier, graduate assistant in botany, accompanied by Allen Freadrich, undergraduate student, returned from a weeks' trip to the Cherry county lake region where they were collecting specimens and data.

QUILL MAGAZINE OFFERS \$50 FOR SHORT STORIES

Short story writers may apply at the English department for the rules governing the awarding of Edwin M. Hopkins Quill prize of \$50. This is to be awarded for the best short story submitted by an undergraduate of any American college or university. The Quill magazine, "Parchment," a quarterly containing only the best undergraduate work, will carry the prize winning story.

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