

Union Director Visits Students' Centers in Tour

Kenneth Van Sant Returns From Inspection Trip Of Five Campuses.

Kenneth F. Van Sant, director of the almost completed Student Union building, returned to work yesterday after a trip which carried him to the campuses of Purdue, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Iowa universities, and Iowa State college.

The purpose of Van Sant's trip was to inspect the Student Union buildings and the activities of the Student Union units at those various institutions, and to incorporate the best functions carried on at other colleges into the program which will control the Student Union activities here at Nebraska.

Van Sant stated that at the other universities the Student union building was an integral part of all campus activities. "We,



University's 69th Birthday Finds Union Near Completion



Lincoln Journal. Kenneth Van Sant.

at Nebraska, are fortunate in being able to take advantage of others' experiences before we launch our program," he explained. "The complaints and faults of other buildings and programs will be used as a warning as to what we should beware, and the Student Union board will take advantage of others' mistakes to make our Student Union activities program free from their faults."

Concerning reservations for next year's parties and dinners, Van Sant said that many tentative reservations have been made, but no definite dates for any of them have been set. He stated that no matter who held parties, there they would be pleased with the efficient service, and excellent food that will be features of the services the new unit will afford.

Biggest Ballroom in Lincoln.

"Our main ballroom will be bigger than any Lincoln hotel ballroom, and there will also be six smaller rooms where dinners and other parties will be held. These smaller rooms all lead out to the main ballroom, three of them on the same floor with the ballroom, and the other three overlooking it."

The new building will be the scene of many parties for which Director Van Sant said. "We will have some of the best dance bands available. We shall have a diversified program in our endeavor to please everyone concerned."

Plans Gala Opening.

No date has been set for the opening of the building, but Van Sant made it clear that those dates will be the dates of gala affairs. Construction on the building is nearly finished, and only the woodwork, finishing, and painting on the inside remain to be completed.

The Student Union building, as stated in other articles in the issue, is the central theme of the 1938 Charter Day observance. According to Mr. Ray Ramsay, alumni secretary, the building will probably be finished during March and various organizations which are slated to move into it may do so immediately upon its completion.

Campaigns for Alumni Aid.

Mr. Ramsay said that a campaign is under way which is enlisting the services of University alumnae to help pay for new fur-

Nebraska's Activities Center

Officials Name April 1 as Union Completion Date

Finishing Touches Applied To Lagging Rooms Of Structure.

The first of April will see students thronging a completed Student Union, according to the prophecies voiced yesterday by Architect W. E. Wilson, Building Superintendent L. E. Seaton and Alumni Secretary Ray Ramsay. However, by the middle of March parts of the building may be open for student use while the finishing touches on the lagging rooms of the building are being done.

At present all of the furnishings for the union have been ordered and most of them are ready for their delivery which is being held up until all construction work, such as plastering, which might cause damage, is completed.

Ballroom Plastering Slow.

The ballroom is the least ready for use at present, its plastering not yet finished. In other parts of the building the mill work is underway. The fountain room will probably be the first room to be completely finished and the first room to be put to use.

As soon as the whole building is completed an open house will be scheduled for a day. Formal dedication services have been set for June 4, the Saturday preceding commencement.

Visitor Loses Self in Maze Of Light Switches, Stray Plaster.

By Jane Walcott.

With the same feeling that a small boy has in walking the rafters in a barn, we climbed over discarded scaffolding, strewn with plaster, into the foyer of the university's new Student Union building. A gaping hole on the right graphically showed that the students' dream was not yet fully realized.

Peeking between plasterers into what is to be the manager's office we saw an intricate array of light switches, which, it was explained, will regulate the lights off and on program, a sort of a chaperonage of electricity.

Paint Walls Blue.

Across the wide building length hall we picked our way carefully into the partly plastered main lounge and learned from a passing and very official looking man with a blow torch, that the walls, now pure white, will be blue soon. Visualizing leather furniture and adequate ash trays and a wall mural was a difficult task, but we waxed eloquent over the completed fireplace, which someone had evidently been testing—a carpenter's picnic no doubt.

The left wing was swarming with activity. Never had we realized the intricacies of equipping a cafeteria and kitchen. Smooth

nishings which will go into the building.

"The building is, of course, our newest," stated Ramsay, who also gave a list of other fairly recently built structures on campus. According to the alumni secretary, the other new buildings, in order of their newness, are Andrews hall, Morrill hall, the Coliseum, Teachers college, and Social Science hall.

University hall, Nebraska hall, the library, Grant Memorial hall and former Museum were among the first old buildings.

OLD "SOMBRERO" PICTURES EARLY DAYS AT UNIVERSITY

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graduating class, '73, consisted of two members, J. Stuart Dales and William H. Snell.

University Grows Rapidly.

The university grew rapidly, acquiring new structures. The Pharmacy building, Grant Memorial hall, Mechanic Arts hall, and the observatory still stand, and are still used. A few of the societies on the campus in 1883, according to the first "Sombrero," were the Palladian Literary society, still functioning; the old Union Literary society, long dead, and the Hesperian Student association. During the year 1883, 349 students were registered in the university.

Only three fraternities and sororities are listed in this first annual. Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma were the only organized chapters of national fraternities or sororities on the campus. They are listed un-

der the head "Secret Fraternities."

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Plastering Ballroom.

The stairway presented a real problem. Sprawled across them was a man wearing something resembling a gas mask, working with an impressive looking mechanical tool and raising something which closely resembled a prairie dust storm. Leaping as gracefully as possible over him and holding our noses, we appeared on the second floor and nearly fell into what resembled a civilized jungle, or a carpenter's version of a crossword puzzle. The explanation, however, was quite simple: "The ballroom is being plastered." Up and down and back and forth for immeasurable distances were fragile looking wooden bars, upon which ghostlike figures (workers covered with lime dust) scampered to and fro with complete nonchalance. Fearful of ending our academic careers, we ventured not into the maze but watched and marveled. By this time our shoes and clothing were well dusted with flying bits of plaster and we ventured into the alumni offices to be and the various activity offices on the floor.

Ballroom, Cafeteria, Library Will Offer Conveniences To Students.

The third floor presented just such an array as the second, and we skirted paint pots on half finished floors with difficulty, as we inspected the wingful of private dining rooms and a projection booth for movies of the future.

In the basement we found a businesslike gentleman standing in the middle of the kitchen with that measuring look in his eye, gazing at the doorways. His problem at hand was the installation of giant refrigerators, and he was squeezing them thru the doors in his mind's eye. A great hole in the wall of the publication offices to be was interesting, and we wondered if it was to be left unsealed to allow the Nebraskan staff to go in and out at night.

Many Rooms Finished.

Library, lunch room, fountain room and office space were all plastered and floored and we had no trouble at all imagining them filled with students placed in accordance with their collegiate leanings.

It was only a bird's eye view but it gave us great confidence in the April 1 opening date, and it was well worth ruining the \$5.75-day best shoes to see for ourselves that the building which Nebraska students have wanted and worked for so long will be finished and ready for occupancy in less than two months.

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB TO CHOOSE OFFICERS AT MEETING TONIGHT

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committee of "The Focal Plane" is planning a project by which the Lincoln Camera club might further the interest of the neophyte in the fundamentals of photography. It has proposed that the Camera club have class meetings under the leadership of a club member and taking up the phases of photography in logical sequence, without regard to any particular type of camera or equipment. The proposed sequence of topics involves the following order: 1. The camera—from the pin hole to the finest miniature; 2. Negative materials; 3. Exposure and development of negative material; 4. Printing and enlargement, papers in general; 5. Composition and preparation of prints for exhibition.

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This edition is dedicated to Miss Ellen Smith, "our esteemed registrar." Willa Cather was an associate editor. She and Miss Dorothy Canfield, present day critic and authoress, were the writers of "The Fear That Walks by Noonday," one of the featured articles in the "Sombrero" of '95. University hall and Nebraska hall had not yet been reduced to their present sizes, and the ground back of University hall was the parade ground. The military unit was bedecked in heavy uniforms, and wore the little "squash down" caps, similar to those worn by the Union forces during the Civil war.

Modern engineering offers a career to women as well as men, according to Dean E. A. Holbrook of the University of Pittsburgh school of engineering.

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