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Editorially Speaking

Library Facts.

Scattered purposely thru all of the pages of today's Daily Nebraskan—Christmas edition, New Year's edition, last issue of eventful 1933—are enough facts about the need for a new university library to convince the most skeptical taxpayer of Nebraska that the need exists. Every member of the university faculty concedes that a library must soon replace the antiquated and totally inadequate Library Hall that now feebly stands as the cultural center of the university.

Sure, the facts speak for themselves. The university's need for a library has passed the emergency stage. What can be done? This. The time has come for laying the groundwork to a student sponsored campaign or movement for the new library. There must be an active beginning to everything. Nothing would be more appropriate than to have the present student body realize this and give united impetus to a library campaign. With Christmas vacation looming up as the best opportunity to plant the seeds of a library campaign, there are many angles to be studied carefully before school officially closes.

The best concrete illustration of what students can do, once sufficiently interested and aroused from the lethargy of collegiana, is the Student Union. Alumni of the university nearly ten years ago first talked up a Student Union, but the interest was not keen enough to make progress. Students about eight years ago took over the Union project, and by an incremental process of whipping up student interest, faculty interest and alumni interest, put the project across. We of the present undergraduate class can be grateful to those students who preceded us. We fell heir to their endowment. They are not getting any practical use out of the Union, but they can bask in the reflected glory of the Union for which they schemed, planned, plotted, charted, guided and dreamed.

Now it is our turn. We should not be satisfied with the Union, merely because it is at our disposal. The Union should be a strong incentive for us—and by us, it is meant every student in the University of Nebraska—to do our benefactors one better—a new library.

It would be foolish to repeat in the editorial columns all of the facts pertaining to the library. The facts speak for themselves. We sincerely urge all students to become acquainted with these facts. A student body, citing facts and figures instead of fiction and fol-de-rol, can achieve the basic steps in obtaining a statewide approval of a new university library.

What's to Do?

The Daily Nebraskan, working in co-operation with the Student Council committee on building program, is attempting to publicize the library need to every part of the state. The

most logical carrier of the library information is the University of Nebraska student who, tomorrow, returns to his and her home and parents and friends.

First of all, these students must be equipped to speak for the university. Much depends upon the students when they speak to their parents, their friends and their legislators. They must make the impression that they are young citizens-to-be, thoughtful, reasonable and appreciative in their requests. Our generation—which our elders say is the up and coming one—must make themselves felt when an interest in and enthusiasm for the welfare of the state supported university is expressed.

The Budget.

We students of the University of Nebraska are not unmindful of conditions in Nebraska. We realize that a drought of five years has undermined Nebraska's farmers, and when the farmers are hard hit, we all feel the pinch. We students feel it in pared monthly allowances from home and jobs that are hard to find. But we are grateful for what we have, especially the opportunity to attend university where we might learn. The sacrifices that are made in our behalf are not laughed off. We do appreciate.

But we would be cheating our parents and ourselves if we failed to speak the truth about the university. There are too many of us for the facilities at hand. Buildings are in sad need of repair. Equipment is hopelessly inadequate. Instructors are overburdened because of increasing enrollments. The better professors are leaving for colleges with higher salaries and more facilities. It all boils down to this: Neglect of the university is the failure to educate its students.

In the time we have attended the university we have grown to love and to be loyal to it. When we ask for more money for the university's operating budget, it is not with the thought that we want to impose more sacrifices upon our parents. We cherish the traditions of the university, but we do not want to see poverty become an University of Nebraska tradition.

Season's Greetings.

The Daily Nebraskan, in extending its very best wishes for Christmas merriment and New Year happiness to the students, the faculty, the administration and the people of Nebraska who make our university education possible, believe firmly that it lies within the power of Nebraska's populace to give the University of Nebraska—alma mater to thousands—the best of Christmas presents in the requested budget and the library.

Education is the soundest investment of all. Nebraska, by trusting its state university with the educational process of its future citizens, can be repaid a thousandfold for its monetary investment.

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Col. Frankforter Talks to Military Engineers on Modern Warfare

Col. C. J. Frankforter of the chemical engineering department addressed the members of Ne-

braska chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers at a meeting held last night in the Lincoln hotel.

Discussing "Personnel and Materials Necessary for War," Col. Frankforter told of the problems which confront a nation mobiliz-

ing for armed conflict, and also explained facts about chemical warfare.

Captain Riddle, Adjutant of the guest at the meeting. The group, locally known as the Detonators, will hold their next meeting on Jan. 12.

New Uni Head Tops News Events in '38

Daily Nebraskan Staff Selects 10 Outstanding Stories of Current Year

1. Dr. C. S. Boucher, the new chancellor.
2. Decisions of the educational planning board.
3. Opening of the Student Union.
4. Daily Nebraskan-Student Council drive for a new library.
5. Resignation of Track Coach "Pa" Schulte.
6. Love Memorial donation.
7. Cathedral choir annexation proposal.
8. Religion-Life week.
9. Bookstore investigations.
10. Men's point system.

By Merrill Englund.

Ten major campus events made university news history during 1933, and about them, ten major stories or groups of articles were written. Here, the Daily Nebraskan staff has listed its choices. The events are not listed in the order of their importance.

Fortunate indeed, was the university to secure the services of so able a man as Dr. Boucher, who stepped into the vacancy in the office of the chancellor caused by the resignation late this past summer of Chancellor E. A. Burnett. Coming here from the University of West Virginia, the new chancellor brought with him a myriad of ideas whereby the university can be improved.

At Last, the Union.

Among these, one of the standouts is his effort to draw a distinction between vocational and professional education. Before a recent session of the state planning board, which shelved for a time at least the recommendations for a ten year building program, he advocated making this difference a basis for a plan to save the state a sizeable portion of its educational dollar.

Culminating the fight of a decade for its erection, the Student Union, long backed as the panacea for campus ills, opened

its doors late this last spring. Whether it has made or has yet to make the contributions to university life for which it was erected, is still a matter of personal opinion.

Current Library Drive.

Recognizing the hopeless inadequacy of the present structure to which the term 'library' is more or less facetiously applied, the Daily Nebraskan and the student council have long been engaged in a campaign to secure the proper backing for the construction of a new building.

Shortly before the resignation of Chancellor Burnett, the university lost one of its most beloved old timers, Track Coach "Pa" Schulte, for years the winner of conference cinder titles, felt the weight of advancing age and failing health and left his post.

Fifty thousand dollars to be used for the construction of a wing to Carrie Belle Raymond hall in memory of his wife, was the gift of philanthropic Don L. Love. With this donation a long step was taken toward betterment of campus housing conditions.

Instructional Research.

Efforts to add the Cathedral choir, pride of Director John H. Rosborough, to the university family fell thru last spring when the board of regents pigeon-holed the proposal by turning it over to a committee.

In November, prominent religious leaders from all over the country, came to the university to give lagging collegiate religions a shot in the arm.

Misunderstanding on the part of the student body as to the policies behind the running of the Regents' bookstore brought an investigation of the activities of that agency which is still being conducted.

In October, a standing committee on instructional research was appointed for the university with Dean C. H. Oldfather as head. This important group will make studies looking toward future alteration and improvement of present educational methods.

Weekly YWCA Vespers Not to Be Held on Jan. 3

Owing to the late return to school of many students, the weekly Y. W. C. A. vespers will not be held Tuesday, Jan. 3, following Christmas vacation.

Mills Represents 'N' Club on Athletic Control Board

Robert Mills, senior tackle on the 1933 football team, was elected by "N" club members at their meeting Tuesday to represent them on the university athletic board of control.

The University of Nebraska's Need for a New Library

1. The most serious disadvantage is in the storage. It takes from ten minutes to four hours to procure books located in distant basement storage rooms and in many cases the person desiring books has to be sent to these various places on the campus.

2. There is no working space for the research workers, faculty members and graduate students.

3. There is no general reading room containing a selection of about 30,000 books where students can read and study in comfort. The reading room accommodates only 400 students, 7.4 percent of the students enrolled in this university.

4. The building is unable to handle documents, a valuable part of any library, because of a lack of space.

5. The library staff is at a complete loss to know what to do with new books. They are pushing books that are in constant use off the shelves and into old holes in order to make room for the new books we must have. Dean Foster, assistant chancellor, suggested stacking books in the tunnels of the heating plant leading from the university heating plant to the capitol.

6. The structure of the building is defective; the most vulnerable point is indicated by the sagging cross beam in the main reading room of the first floor. The casing has fallen away from the beam revealing the bend in the supporting girder. There is utter lack of sufficient light, space, and ventilation.

7. The library was founded in 1895 and was designed for a student body of 1332. The registrar's office tells us that there are 7,525 enrolled at present.

8. The site for the new structure is unoccupied and on completion of a new structure in this location the present library can be immediately vacated and put to use.

The foregoing material was compiled by the building program committee of the student council of the University of Nebraska. By way of explanation, the student council is a student elected body, the purpose of which is to investigate and propose improvements of conditions affecting students in the university.

We feel that an expression of approval from the voters of the various districts will lend support to the granting of an appropriation for a new university library.

This measure will undoubtedly come up in the 1939 session of the unicameral legislature and we are seeking your support.

If, after reading these facts, you feel we have a distinct need for a new library we would appreciate your sending a short letter to your legislator expressing your opinion on the measure.

Suggestions for Letter

1. Expression of interest in, and enthusiasm for the welfare of the university; expression of hope that the senator feels likewise.

2. Importance of support for the operating budget for the university for the next biennium.

3. The imperative need for a university library building.

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