

Attendance record proves success of two year old activities building

Celebrating its birthday today, the Student Union boasts two years service as the most popular and widely used building on the campus. It began as an untried venture when it opened its doors May 1, 1938 and is recognized today as the center of all student and faculty activities.

Celebrating the opening of the building centered around Orrin Tucker, his orchestra, and wee Bonnie Baker who provided the evening's entertainment. In 1939 the birthday was celebrated with Rubinoff and his violin as guests as well as the famous piano team of Fray and Braggiotti.

In the two years of existence, the Union has become the center of campus life in general. It is the adopted headquarters for practically the entire student body and all of the campus organizations. During the school year 1939-40 the management's records reveal that some 564,000 people will have made some official use of the building. Although this figure counts the same individuals more than once, it does not include the many thousands who use the lounge, game and other rooms in the building.

Air conditioning makes the Union a Mecca during the summer months. Last year some 86,000 persons were accommodated at official functions. July alone brought more than 41,000 people to the Union.

Establishment of the largest monthly attendance was made in October, 1939 when 77,186 were recorded at specifically sponsored events. The average school month will find approximately 62,000 individuals attending various functions in the building.

Dances draw the largest crowds of any of the Union's activities. In February, an average month, the matinee and weekend parties drew 5,857 persons. Miscellaneous programs of meetings and conferences draw a close second in attendance since an average of 40 a month are held. Van Sant, director, and Patricia Lehr, social director, of the Union, estimate more than 2,500 students came to the Union during the regular school year for these activities. In their place are convocations and concerts.

The Dr. E. A. Hooton, Harvard anthropologist convocation, the Rubinoff concert and the Christmas Rhapsodie have topped the attendance records in their respective sections. Dr. Tarbell, famous



Students who bring their lunch, ginning of the second semester, can eat in a cheery lunchroom. Students may buy a hot drink or since the Union opened the room soup to augment their lunch. Food shown in the top picture at the be-in this lunchroom is sold at cost.

magician, scored high on attendance among the Sunday variety shows sponsored by the Union.

Furnishing a new music room with a phonograph and more than 600 records is another project of the Union. Classes have been sponsored in sketching, modeling, and photography. Materials and instruction were free. Informal coffee hours for graduate students have lately been started.

Although the Union is used to serving large crowds at dinners and luncheons, the all time high was established the fall of 1938 when the faculty gathered to hear Chancellor C. S. Boucher's first official greeting. When the count was completed 581 persons had been served.

Secret of the Union's increasing popularity is the wide program it sponsors and services it provides. Educational and entertainment includes lectures, concerts, shows of all kinds, movies, forums, art exhibitions, dances and informal social hours. The food department, checkroom and other features are also popular.

Since the Union has so successfully supervised the play of the university, Prof. R. D. Moritz, director of the summer session, has turned the entire responsibility of entertaining summer school students and faculty over to the Union officials. According to Van Sant, this means more work and many added responsibilities.

Whitney--

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where 43 new members were formally initiated.

"I chose the topic I did and especially the 'and Other Things,'" Whitney stated, "so that I would not be accused of getting off the subject."

Curiosity is the reason for travel according to Whitney who described the first time he ran away from home and his continual lust for travel. He was always curious to find out what was on the other side of the mountain. When he visited Estes park a few summers ago, he decided to go on the other side of the mountain. "Do you know what I found?" he asked. "Two college professors from Nebraska. That is what is on the other side of the mountain."

Trip to Europe.

Getting many laughs from his interested audience, Whitney continued in his humorous way to describe his trip to Europe. "I became especially interested in eating because the people in Europe eat so slowly. They eat with both

hands at the same time and never drink water."

Describing the many points of interest, he told of castles, monuments, homes, parks and cities that he visited. The only cemetery he saw in all Europe was in Sweden and he concluded from this that Sweden is the only country in Europe where people die a natural death.

Preceding the talk the formal initiation was held and the history and qualifications of the organization were explained. Dr. R. J. Pool, botany department head, presented the keys. Gertrude E. Moore, president of the Nebraska chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, presided.

Names of the initiates were announced at the honors Convention.

Feud--

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ate engineers climbed inside, meeting the lawyers at the top of the stairs.

A skirmish ensued from which black eyes, skinned knuckles and other forms of battle scars resulted.

Finally locating the slide rule in the Law association club rooms, which were locked, the engineers climbed through the transom and lowered the rule through a window. About 40 engineers were ready to escort their trophy back to its resting place.

"They ain't so tough."

"The lawyers aren't so tough," was heard from one of the victorious engineers. Another said, "I smacked one guy in the puss." "I think they should come out and get it again. They're just a bunch of sissies," was still another remark from the engineer camp.

Over at the lawyers headquarters it was learned that the whole campaign was executed after care-

DeBaufre's... Experiments with fluids help explain physical properties

Making rapid progress in research concerning thermal properties of certain fluids is W. S. DeBaufre, chairman of the department of engineering mechanics. Although the experiments are not completed, they already have led toward a better understanding of

the physical properties or peculiarities of certain fluids.

Beginning six years ago, Professor DeBaufre's experimentation first concerned the extraction of helium from natural gas. In writing this report, he found it desirable to include certain data about natural gas. He did considerable research upon nitrogen, methane, ethane, and helium and found certain information which led him to his present discoveries.

Encouragement brings extension.

DeBaufre began an investigation after being encouraged by Dean Ferguson of the college of engineering, on certain phases of his helium separation work and extended his experimentation to a greater range of conditions than he did before.

Modification of an old equation has reduced the discrepancy of certain experiments and has made it possible for DeBaufre to determine the thermal properties of oxygen, nitrogen and atmospheric air of different pressures and temperatures. He is going to test his new equation and the theory to other fields particularly steam and water.

ful planning. Authorities of the lawyer attack said that a meeting was held at 2:50 at which time plans were formulated. Four screw drivers were located and the battle was on. Damage to property, the laws attest, consisted of a broken door knob and window sash.

Feuding for many years, the battle centers around a green derby by which the laws presented to the engineers many years ago as a result of an early battle. The hat now rests in Dean Ferguson's office.

At one time years ago the feud became so rough that some of the fighters were jailed. At another time a fraternity house was badly wrecked when the lawyers were cornered by the engineers. A fire hose turned on, full force, was required to dispell the mob at that time.

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