

# Nebraska Cuts University Expenditures Down to Barest Essentials; No Luxuries

(Editor's note: This is the fifth in the series of articles in the university bulletin of postwar plans for UN which was prepared by the chancellor's faculty advisory committee, the administrative council of deans, and the board of regents. It is hoped by The Nebraskan that these articles may acquaint the public with the university's need for more adequate appropriations.)

Let us consider what steps have been taken to insure economical administration and then what further steps may be necessary if increased financial support should not be available.

First of all, there are the large items of general overhead and general administrative expense. Our buildings and grounds operations for several years have been limited to barest necessities with avoidance of luxuries; they have been cut to the point that only essentials are left and we are currently facing rising costs of labor and materials for these essentials. The best possible major reduction in this category of expense was accomplished a year ago when the number of telephones on the campus was drastically reduced. The buildings must be heated, lighted and kept in repair, and that is about all that is left among the activities now performed under the heading of buildings and grounds. This is testified to by the current laudable efforts of a committee of the Lincoln Alumni association to raise money for the beautification of the campus.

All deans and directors are familiar with the fact that long before priorities were inaugurated our expenditures had dropped below the level of actual need for our teaching and research activities. Nearly two years ago our standardization on varieties and grades of various supplies squeezed the last penny of possible economy out of these necessary expenditures.

### Luxuries Not Necessary.

Luxurious buildings and furnishings are not necessary for a university to become known as an institution high in standing; however, adequate housing and adequate equipment for teaching and research are necessary for even passable performance. Some parts

of our program are housed entirely adequately, but other parts are housed in quarters that are wholly inadequate.

For many years our most pressing need for adequate housing was a new library building. Thanks to the great beneficence of the late Don L. Love we now have a handsome library building that will serve effectively several generations. Our current most pressing housing needs are a building for a Teachers College Training School and one large or preferably two smaller buildings with adequate equipment for our division of chemical engineering, the department of electrical engineering, the department of civil engineering, and the department of architecture. Our division of chemical engineering, not now accredited and yet with a relatively large enrollment, needs not only adequate housing and equipment but also additional staff members.

As far as administrative expense is concerned we might reduce the variety of general administrative services now being performed. Since each of these was begun and has been continued because it served a useful purpose in connection with our programs of instruction and research, the effects of discontinuance in each instance should be studied. Whenever it may be found that any function has been continued over a period of years merely because once started, even though need for it no longer exists, quo warranto proceedings will be served. The deans, directors, and the chancellor's faculty advisory committee have been asked to put the finger of accusation on any such administrative function at any time.

### Reorganize to Cut Expense.

One general administrative office was recently reorganized with a saving of manpower and expense. In two general administrative departments there has re-

cently been effected a systematic reclassification of personnel with regard to duties and salaries within each classification so that these departments are now on a thoroughly defensible basis, with maximum service at minimum expense. These studies have been broadened into an institutional survey of all employees not engaged in teaching or research.

When this survey is completed in the near future, we may then institute a central employment office, not to assign any employee to any employing officer, but to furnish employing officers with a list of possible employees with full data on training, experience, and potentialities for development; we shall be able to classify the large number of positions of wide variety and set appropriate lower and upper salary limits or wage rates for each classification. Experience at several other universities shows that such a system furnishes better applicants to employing officers, gives insurance against an unreasonable number of misfits, promotes better feeling among employees and prevents the development of unreasonable service costs by preventing any single office and the total payroll from becoming top-heavy.

Other factors of importance in the analysis of costs are the size and the distribution of the instructional staff. These have been watched carefully in recent years. Each semester a study has been made of course offerings and class enrollments to make sure that superfluous course offerings are eliminated and that no department is over-staffed.

## Hell and High Water

By Les Gloffelty

Wishful thinking is great stuff. It's natural for us to want to be someone we aren't. Many times we hear people say, "If I had anything to do with it, I would . . ." The trouble is that we rarely do get a chance to have anything to do with it. It is fun to dream though, and we like to have fun, so . . .

If we were the people who are anonymously sabotaging hell and high water, we would sign our names.

If we were the Mortar Boards we would choose the Mortar Boards.

If we were Dr. Wimberly, we would give higher grades.

If we were a junior woman we would probably run errands for the Mortar Boards like junior women do.

If we were Kay Detweiler, WOW!

If we were John Anderson, we'd leave the stuff alone.

If we were F.D.R., we'd run Eleanor for a fourth term.

If we were the ASTP, we would read a good book on Africa.

If we were the faculty, we would let the coeds wear formals, or quit wearing them ourselves.

If we were a senior we would be happy.

If we were "Cae" Wells and "Butch" Hemphill we would get the deal on AWS and Coed Counselor elections slates settled.

If we were the student council we would pat ourselves on the back for finally scheduling spring elections.

If we were returning Phi Psi alums, we would breeze into the Theta-Phi Psi house with all the innocence that they do.

If we ran the Cornhusker, we would make it as good as the Nebraskan.

If we ran the Nebraska we would reserve a straight jacket.

If we were a columnist, we would dream up something better than this.

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## Society . . .

# Some Wait for Diamonds; Others, Mail; Others, Wait

With our little shovel, pick-axe, and clubs we dug up this dirt. Due to the war we could find no worms, but we did find Dorie Marshall and half the AOPi house awaiting the postman who brings her all those tricky antiques and what-nots from STAR Charles Cordeal.

In the Delta Gamma abode we found Helen Johnson watching for her diamond which LL Clinton Allen, former SAE, is sending. Ah! to think some of us get excited over just some mail.

Newly elected Theta president, Dorothy Thieson, is leaving today for the windy city of Chicago to visit pinmate, John McCarthy, former Beta who is now stationed at Camp Brant.

### Memories and Delts.

Jeanne Brown, Kappa, and Chick Thorne's, Phi Delt, candy passing had a new twist—the fellows arrived before the candy. To see that many old Delts brought back memories of the good old candy passings.

Living up to the Marine's standards of "having the situation well in hand" is Jack Miles, Kansas Tik, who is visiting Tri-Delt Edith Redman this week.

That blue haze in the crib is not smoke—the fleet just arrived from Crete and Peru for a week's liberty. All right, girls, you can stop drooling now.

Everyone certainly got pinned down last week end including Mary Newhouse, Alpha Chi, to Sigma Chi, Bert Nelson, A lot of bets were no doubt lost Sunday night when the would be speculators found out that Ward Quilter, Sigma Nu, had pinned Margie George, Kappa. The best part of that is he asked her a week ago.

Rumor has it that a few of the boys are giving Pvt. Harold Sals-

bury, Beta, who is marrying Shirley Wright, Theta next week, a stag party Saturday night. Oh, to a mouse in that corner!

## LAW STUDENTS

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is an important factor Dean Foster, pointed out that securing a faculty and working out a law program which would meet the association's standards would be very difficult at this time.

In his letter Dean Foster wrote, "We would appreciate the names of any student who desires to begin their law training next year at this law school."

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## Church Groups Observe Lent This Week-end

University churches will observe Lenten services and devotions this week end. Father George Schuster will say mass for trainees and university students at 11 a. m. Sunday in the Temple, room 201. Confessions will be heard before and after the mass.

The Newman club will sponsor a tea dance for students and trainees at the CYO club on 18th and J sts., from 3 o'clock till 6 p. m.

Episcopal services will be at 8:30 and 11 a. m. Sunday. Rev. L. W. McMillin announced that every Thursday during Lent holy communion will be served at 7 a. m. and 10 a. m.

### Elliott Speaks Sunday.

Dr. Curtis M. Elliott, professor of economics, will speak on "International Agreement in Economic and Finance" at the Wesley Foundation Student Fellowship which meets at 6:15 Sunday evening. As usual lunch will be served at 5:30. Rev. Robert E. Drew will conduct the annual Lenten worship, which will carry out the theme of "Facing Tomorrow's World," Wednesday at 7:15 to 7:45 a. m.

### Lutherans Have Social.

Songs, stunts, and refreshments will highlight the entertainment of the all-Lutheran Social being held in the YMCA clubrooms in the Temple Building Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 p. m. The social is under the leadership of Edna Huttermaier, Doris Ulrich, Sylvia Antholz, Minerva Schlierfert, Janet Kirkpatrick and Elaine Johnson.

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