

# EDITORIAL \* \* \* \* \* COMMENT

## Concerning Love Library

Last Thursday afternoon we visited Love Memorial Library to find the answer to two questions which have been thrown at us frequently during the past two weeks. The questions are: "Why can't the library be kept open past nine o'clock on week nights and for longer hours on weekends?" and "Why does it take so long to check out a book which is kept in the stacks?"

Here are the answers.

Lack of professionally trained librarians make it impossible for library hours to be extended at present. Student help is being employed and substitutions are being made where possible, but there are still necessary a minimum number of trained staff members who must be retained to keep the building in operation. Right now there are nine openings on the library staff for properly equipped individuals. These are in addition to the 31 professional and clerical employees now on the library payroll which includes ag and med school branches.

At present about 40 students are putting in an average of 15 working hours weekly at Love Library. In some cases graduate and upperclass students have taken over work usually done by a professionally trained worker. There still remain, however, nine positions which must be filled by librarians before the building can be adequately staffed. According to Director F. A. Lundy, "Our sole problem at the moment is to find people who have what we consider minimum equipment." Mr. Lundy further stated that the search for employees has been underway for some time.

If the library heads are successful in hiring four or five new people by next month, there is a chance that opening hours may be extended beginning about a month before finals. Otherwise the building will continue to close at 9 p. m. on week nights and noon on Saturdays.

A tour of the entire library clearly showed us why the service on call slip books is sometimes delayed. The answer here is lack of equipment.

The greater part of the south side of the building is taken up with eight floors of stacks. Of the eight floors, three are equipped with the needed shelves. Some of the remaining five floors are empty, some are filled with boxed books and the others have the books arranged in rows on

the cement floors. The books cannot be moved into these stacks until the steel shelves, of which production and delivery has been held up by the recent strikes, arrive to be hung between the built-in posts.

Th three floors of stacks which are already equipped are those nearest the second floor loan desk and the four reading rooms now open and hold the books most frequently used. The majority of the remainder of the books are temporarily placed in the basement room at the east end of the building on wooden shelving. When a student calls for one of these books, the librarian must go down five flights, thru a long corridor and into the two miles of temporary basement stacks, traveling approximately a quarter of a mile. For this reason these books are paged only about every 20 minutes and students sometimes have to wait a short time for the required volume.

It is not surprising that Love Library employees do not always find it possible to give the two or three minute service usually found in American libraries. We can be thankful that we do not have to suffer under the European pattern of 24-hour service, in which a call slip is presented one day and the book received the following day.

The blame for the entire library service problem, like that of several other existing problems, is the result of wartime conditions. The library heads are aware of, and sympathetic to, the dissatisfaction with the existing conditions. This is further shown by plans which are underway for a student questionnaire to be issued soon, for future use, to discover which hours the students desire the library facilities.

The money for proper equipment and operation of the building is available. The administration has stood back of Mr. Lundy and the library officials in all of their plans and undertakings.

Wartime conditions have placed the staff under continual handicaps. The move from the old library building was made last summer during the summer session and open library facilities were maintained all during the move. The architects have been unable to complete their work on fourth floor and for the auditorium. Special equipment and furniture for the two remaining reading rooms, the student social room, the browsing and rare book room and coat rooms, as well as the remainder of the air conditioning mechanism and shelving, have been unobtainable.

Until these conditions can be relieved the students will have to bear with the library staff.

## Inquiring Reporter Finds Student Majority Favors Sending Food to Staving Europe

BY LEE HARMS.

Your inquiring reporter took it upon himself to interview several university students concerning the European food shortage. Students interviewed seem to be only mildly aware that Europe was facing a great food crisis, and few had any conception of how serious it really is.

Bishop Dibelius of Berlin recently stated that he believed the majority of children under two years of age in Berlin would not survive the winter. Naturally, Europe looks to the United States for aid, and this inquiring reporter sought to find out the student's attitude toward this problem.

### No Food to England.

It was interesting to note that England was usually listed with Germany as the countries which should receive no food. This anti-British feeling was particularly evident among the veterans. Practically all thought that payment of some form should be made but few had any practical suggestions as how they could pay for it. Students seemed to feel that the United States had played the role of the "great benefactor" too long.

Many of the students who first stated that Germany should receive no aid would usually change their minds when small starving children were pictured to them. However, some would reply with an argument which they considered infallible: Look how much suffering they have wrought on this world, and that if you had a member of your family who has died or suffered at their hands as I have, you would feel differently too. However, the majority felt that we should try to forget our prejudices in order to insure peaceful world for ourselves and future generations.

Jo Strain: I don't think we should send them any food unless they pay for it. I feel we should

send food to Germany. It wasn't all the German people's fault. Don't carry on prejudices and cause another war.

"Hal" Halbukken, Navy: It is all right to send them food, but we should first supply our own needs and feed the population of the United States which is in need. Send food to all countries, but see that distribution is strictly supervised.

Walter Wilkins: I feel everybody should be sent food except the Germans, unless they pay cash for it. They started this war, let them suffer the consequences.

Ralph Wells: I think we should help them out. Send food to all the countries that need it, including Germany. If we want to send food to some, we should send it to all.

Marge Doyle: We should send food only to the neediest nations. England should receive none. She has taken advantage of American lend-lease and our generosity in general. It's all right with me just as long as we are not taken advantage of. Let economists figure out a way for them to pay for it.

### Send Food to All.

John Basarich: Send it to all European countries. From the standpoint of simple humanitarianism and also from historical experience. The folly after the last war was due to a large extent to the depressing state the people of Europe found themselves, that is, lacking food and other necessities of life. We have witnessed the result of this and must act accordingly. Security of peace is ample payment.

Frank Rall: It is a good idea for a short length of time. All that need aid should receive it. I lieve the main aim in defeating the aggressor nations is to break their type of government, not necessarily making them

democratic. Give them a type of government that is suitable to their people. They should pay us some time, but you cannot make them pay it if they don't have it.

## Foundation . . .

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chemistry \$4,050; department of bacteriology \$1,500; museum \$432; department of dairy husbandry \$500; chemurgy \$1,500; student union \$110, school of music \$101.

## Kosmet . . .

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considered by the returned Klub members on a basis of leadership, scholarship and general ability.

Sophomore and junior men are especially urged to apply, according to Dick Folda, Kosmet Klub president. Workers will also be needed soon to complete plans for a spring show which the Klub will present some time in April.

## Carnival . . .

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the right man, was the feature of the Towne Club display. The line waiting to arouse the sleeping one was long, but when a Nebraskan reporter asked for a few words of comment, the princess only snored. Even the news of their second place award did not seem to disturb Sleeping Beauty's repose.

Third place came to the Pi Phi booth on the strength of three pairs of unidentified legs. This alone brought this booth attention, but when the crowd found that they were allowed to try to toss rings over the legs, the booth had a top position cinched.

Veteran Penny Carnival goers were of the opinion that this year's affair produced a higher standard of excellence than any

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carnival of the last three years. Sue Pope, president of the Coed Counselors, informed me that she did not know how long the Penny Carnival had been an annual event, but later investigation proved that the event had its origin in the early years of university existence, when it was sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and was known as the "County Fair."

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