

## Under Our Noses . . .

Until publicity releases concerning the open house to be held Saturday and Sunday at Love Memorial Library came into print, few students at the university realized just what an outstanding institution the Nebraska library system has become. Not only is Love Library a pleasing physical plant, but the method of cataloging books, of removing the gap between classroom and library by eliminating in great part the card and librarian method of obtaining books, has received high acclaim from library specialists throughout the country.

It has been a boast of many Nebraska students that they have never ventured into the university library except to find a shortcut to classrooms. But with the announcement that at least 50 other schools have sent investigating committees to the campus to inspect our library, Nebraska students should be aware of just what an efficient organization is housed within the gleaming walls of Love Library.

Most novel of the innovations in the university Library vestigating committees to the campus to inspect our li-efficient organization is housed within the gleaming walls is the increased contact between the student and books. Instead of seeing only the book that a librarian gives him after taking his order, the student is surrounded by books in four main reading rooms and is able to scan any book that takes his fancy, whether he is required to study the volume or not. This is the feature which attracts the attention of other schools. Easy access to books and the opportunity to examine any book are advantages for the student, the most important patron of the library.

To really appreciate the advance that has been made, students need only talk with former Cornhuskers who struggled along with the outmoded and inadequate library facilities which were used prior to the completion of Love Library. The old library building, now known as Navy Hall, was erected in 1894 and as early as 1910 plans for a new building were begun.

Our present library building was started in 1940 after the university received a gift of \$850,000 from the estate of Don Love, a prominent Lincoln lawyer. In addition to the original grant the university has added \$250,000 for improvements and equipment.

A few projects have yet to be completed, such as the seminar rooms and faculty study rooms on the fourth floor, but when students and friends of the university tour the building Saturday and Sunday they will be viewing one of the top library systems in the nation—a library which deserves the close inspection of every student.

## Seein' Double

By  
Don and Al Amsden

If you're looking for society news, look elsewhere in this paper. We plan to take up any subject that promises to interest more than one clique, or one house, or a single group. Obviously, this leaves candy passings, "steadies", and coke dates for someone else to cover; an arrangement sure to please everybody, including us, for these events are already more than adequately covered.

We intend to deal in opinions. We expect to consider everything, but we make no promises. If any question seems especially controversial, we may become inquiring reporter for a day and let you help write this column.

The main point is, we hope our double viewpoint will help put forth a more representative opinion. You may not agree, but pull up a cup of coffee and read on.

Tonight the Ag Formal will signal the beginning of the annual "Queen Derby." The Farmers will elect the Ag Queen, first and perhaps fairest of them all.

Now we have nothing but the deepest respect personally for the young lady (whoever she may be. (We groan audibly only because this is just the first in a long line of queens, princesses, sweethearts, and Typical Nebraska Coeds. The others will be inflicted on us throughout the rest of the school year—a custom that seems to us the most monotonous and wearisome of many outmoded traditions.)

How a few hundred votes—many of them coerced and made with no familiarity with the candidates at all—out of 10,000 students can determine a typical coed, for instance, is obviously farcial.

But the thing that particularly attracts our rapt horror is the trend toward more and more elaborate titles. Last year these labels hit their zenith in our opinion when the Ag students elected a Goddess of Agriculture. What honor could they ever dream up to outshine that majestic term? Goddess of Agriculture. We hate to commit ourselves flatly—but the bestowers of laurels seem to have reached the end of their rope. In our eyes, there's only one course left to them—they can come down to earth and bestow more human and realistic honors.

How about electing a Typical Nebraska Bawd, for instance? Or the Baggage of Bus. Ad., the Strumpet of Sosh or the Jezebel of Journalism?

Under our plan, we can replace the Eight Eligible Bachelors, come next Valentine Day, with the Eight Rampant Rogues. Prince Kosmet would be junked as old-fashioned and we could vote to our

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heart's content for Lord Leacher, more interest among the electorate. Well, it's only an idea. But wethan the exalted Goddess of Ag—can't help thinking that suchriculture—or even her more mod-earthy competition would provokeest forerunner the Ag. Queen.

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