

Union Traces Growth, Tells Plans for Future

By Lee Best.

Ten years ago May 8 an experimental lab was opened on the UN campus to discover the solution of the social and recreational problems of University students. This lab, the Student Union, has in its first decade designed one of the most efficient and complete programs in the country for student entertainment.

Six directors and ten student-faculty boards have built from a comparatively narrow program for five thousand students a new eight point expansion plan which will house the activities of more than ten thousand.

If a replica birthday cake is on display in 1955, it will no doubt include space for bowling alleys, billiards rooms, tennis courts, an expanded auditorium, a faculty club and dining room, additional student lounges, study space, cloak rooms and office.

To meet the increased interest in manual arts and in fine arts, a completely equipped craft shop will be available, and a Fine Arts studio is planned. The Fine Arts studio will be separate from the present music and library facilities, which will also be increased. It will be used for actual creative work, while the other two departments will devote their programs to art appreciation.

Plans for increased food facilities, to accommodate more than 75,000 students who eat in the Union each month, are underway immediately, with provisions for a garbage disposal plant. The present plant has become obsolete with the increased service carried on since the war's end. Other additions in food service will parallel the complete expansion program.

Union officials are also advocating moving the offices of the Dean of Women and Dean of Men to the Union, in order that they may be nearer the center of student activities. A greater number of student organizations should also be able to hold their meetings in the building.

Science Convo Will Present Demonstrations

This year's annual session of the Junior Academy of Sciences will offer discussions, demonstrations and exhibits by 66 Nebraska high school students and is expected to bring 150 science teachers and young scholars to the University campus Saturday.

The program, covering a variety of 32 scientific subjects, will be given Saturday at Avery laboratory auditorium, where Julius D. Young of Lincoln Central high school will preside.

High schools to be represented with demonstration teams include: Lincoln Central, Lincoln Northeast, Omaha Benson, Auburn, Lexington, Tecumseh, Omaha Central, Holdrege and Bellevue.

The meeting will include a joint luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce with members of the Nebraska Science Teachers association.

This 8-point plan is scheduled for 1952 when the present union bond matures, and when materials are available to add high-quality improvements. The Union is supported by student and faculty fees, and its bond is being paid at the rate of \$17,000 per year.

Duane Lake, sixth director of the Union, estimates according to his April travel check that approximately 6,500 students use the Union daily. The attendance figures for the month of January are presented here as an example of the use of the building's assets.

Dances	1,112
Lectures	500
Concerts	400
Movies	1,400
Stent movies	700
Coffee hours	450
Bridge	111
Special parties	75
Meetings	9,002
Luncheons	1,600
Dinners	1,833
Crib	35,118
Campusline	18,512
Employees' meals	6,637
Training table	13
Main dining room	4,748
Breakfast	698
TOTAL	87,108

With the completion of the new sports, food, social, and arts facilities, the Union board will be able to attain its goal of providing every student with the activity which will best meet his needs, tastes, and obligations to the University.

YM Sponsored French Movie Opens Tonight

Another week-end of interest will be the YMCA-sponsored showing of the French prize-winning film, "Life Dances On." The movie will be shown twice, at 8 p. m. on April 31 and May 1, in the Temple theater and Love Library auditorium, respectively.

For the 50c admission charge, university students, faculty members, and friends can see the winner of the 1938 Venice Biennial Film Exposition award.

Great French Actors. A dramatic extravaganza, "Life Dances On" stars seven of France's greatest actors. They include Raimu, Henry Bauer, Louis Jovet, and Pierre Blanchar. The movie is directed by Julien Duvivier.

Known to French audiences as "Un Carnet De Bal," the movie tells the story of a widow and her first ball. The woman, whose husband has died recently, discovers the program from her first ball with the names of seven past lovers on it. She decides to search for each one of the seven who pledged undying love at that ball, and see the effect of the years.

Seven Lovers. In her travels, she meets the seven lovers, played by the famous

Union Facilities Praised Birthday Party Saturday

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Where would the campus be without the Union? No Crib for the bold 'n brave who are cutting their classes to drop in for a coke. No free coffee and brownies on Sunday night when "pop" hasn't come through with steak money.

There would be no bridge tournaments or ping-pong games for the campus intellectuals. And no busy looking guys and gals running around with pencils stuck behind their ears and a mad look in their eyes, getting copy for the Rag, Cornhusker, or Cornshucks.

Ten Year Birthday Ten years ago this week the campus passed cigars at the birth of its favorite offspring, the Union. It has been growing up through a crowded program of

French actors. Each scene is an almost separate episode containing varying moods characterized by the men.

New Republic has called the film "Real film work... brilliant." Time said it "richly deserves the prizes it has won." In the review by the critic of The Nation, the film was estimated as "worth going to any theater and seeing."

movies, dances, lectures and conventions ever since. For five years it saw a mecca of khaki and multi-clad students invade its three dining halls, establish a canteen, and set up a student defense program. Its patronage has more than doubled since its opening.

Now after a colorful decade of campus-wide services, its tenth anniversary will be celebrated by a colossal birthday ball, Saturday, May 1. Fun at the ball will include all the pet activities built up through the directorship of student and faculty committees.

Professor L. B. Smith and Nancy Garey, president and vice-president of the Union board, and all board and committee members will be on hand to witness the cutting of the cake, which is being baked in replica form of the actual building.

Easter Committee The general entertainment committee, head by Bob Easter is coordinating the program of dancing, visual and active entertainment, with prizes and refreshments for all those attending.

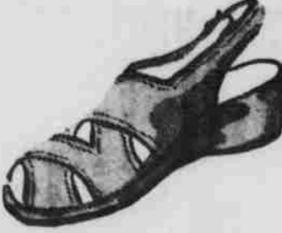
There is no charge for the evening, and ID cards will be checked at the door. The party begins at 8:00 p. m., and a schedule of various entertainments will be on display in the lobby.



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