

# Lower Living Costs in Co-ops Save Members \$38,000 Yearly

Co-op houses on the University campus save their members the equivalent of \$38,000 in scholarships each year, according to an estimate by Ed Sabatka, president of Pioneer Co-op house and vice-president of the North American Student Co-operative league.

Sabatka's estimate is based on monthly savings accruing to co-op members because their average cost of living is below that of other students.

"As nearly as we can determine," says Sabatka, "living in a co-op house saves each member about \$30 per month. There are now 139 co-op members in three houses on this campus, and if this saving is taken over a nine-month period, the students save nearly \$38,000 each year."

### Have Officers.

Each house has a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and either an executive committee or a board of directors. All decisions made by the officers are subject to full house approval.

Other officers in the house organization include a steward and house manager. The steward purchases all foodstuffs for the house, and the house manager assigns and supervises all work details.

Co-op house membership is open, and new members are taken from submitted applications, usually in chronological order, by the existing house membership.

### Meetings Held Weekly.

House meetings are held weekly, and the entire membership determines policies and activities. The monthly budget is approved by members with an eye to keeping the margin between expenses and income as narrow as possible. The budget may be changed any time the membership deems it necessary.

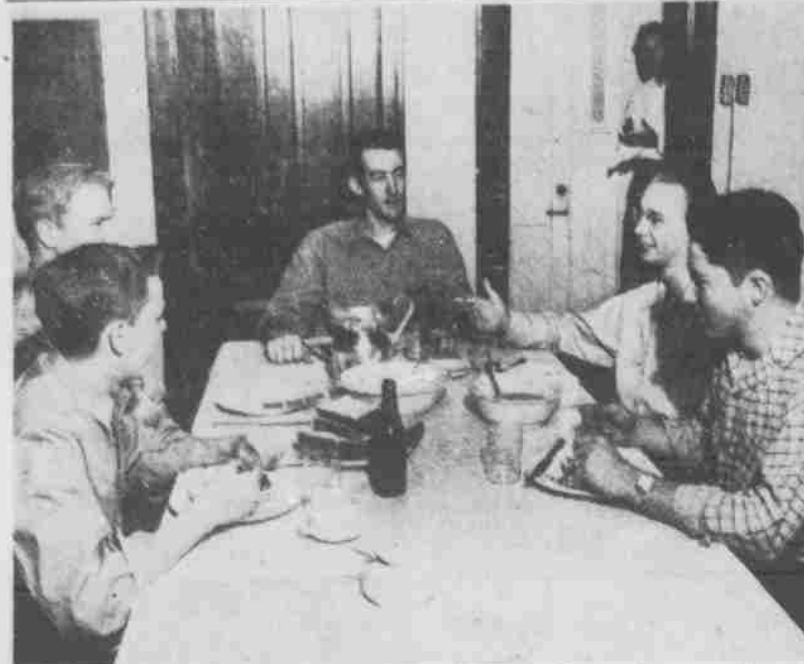
Co-ops were born on the Nebraska campus in the spring of 1940. A few students investigated the possibilities of cooperative living and eating. Their idea was to make modest incomes provide them with meals and quarters as well as books and tuition. In the fall of that year a condemned house at 511 North 16 Street was renovated for use as a co-op. The efforts of these students brought forth the Pioneer Co-op house, which began operating with 30 members.

In the fall of 1949, Pioneer Co-op moved to larger quarters at 1436 S Street. The 40 members painted, cleaned and remodeled this house, which they rented from the University.

### Live, Eat for \$5

Pioneer Co-op members were able to live and eat for five dollars a week. The money paid by the members was pooled and used to buy groceries, hire a cook and operate the house. At the end of the school year any surplus money was either returned to the members or voted as an appropriation to improve the house.

In the fall of 1942 the Brown Palace Co-op was similarly organized. Their first quarters were at 14th and "Q" in a large, brown house which gave the organization its name. When this house was torn down, the "Palace" boys moved into two houses. In 1948, they purchased a house at 12th



"CHOW DOWN!"—Members of the Pioneer Co-op house relax at dinner table to discuss the usual University man's topics. Left to right, clockwise, are Arnold Peters, Don Flesher, Don Pullen, house president, Fred Peterson and Arnold Vance.

## Rische to Head Editorial Staff Of ISA Page

Tom Rische will head the staff which will edit the Daily Nebraskan ISA page.

Other staff members include Ken Rhoades, Ken McCormick, Bernadette Laux and Louise Cook.

The ISA page will appear in the "Rag" in the Friday edition from time to time. The page will include news about unaffiliated students and independent organizations.

Rische is a sophomore journalism major in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is also a member of Pershing Rifles.

Rhoades, Cook and Laux are all sophomores in the College of Arts and Sciences. McCormick is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Purpose of the ISA page is: "To promote the activities of independent students on the University campus, and to give publicity to the activities of the various independent groups." Included in the page will be a calendar of all independent students' activities.

Any news for the paper should be placed in the ISA box in the Union basement or be given to one of the staff members.

## ISA to Set Up Ward System

Organizing members into wards of twenty members each is the current project of the ISA Council. Each ISA member will be included in a ward group.

These groups will hold meetings with the ward leader, who is elected by them. If the members so desire, the ward may also serve as a social group. The primary function of the ward, however, will be the discussion of ISA policy.

The chairman elected by the group will serve as a representative to the ISA Council, which is the governing body of all organized Independent groups on the campus. An alternate will also be elected from each ward.

## 4 Barb Groups Announce Plans

Palladian banquet, Palladian hall, Friday, Dec. 9.

ISA Council meeting, Room 315, Union, 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12.

Towne Club Christmas party, Plymouth Congregational church 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12.

Kernels Christmas party, Room 315, Union, 7:15 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12.

## Snowman to Bachelor Tells MB Ball Story

In 1941 it was a "King of Hearts."

In '44 six "Snowflakes" and a "Snowman" were named.

In the following year, a "Christmas Carol" and six eligible bachelors were elected.

Then, in '46 the custom of

choosing eight bachelors began at the Mortar Board ball.

Thus, the years have made some changes in the annual "turnabout" affair of the campus formal season—but the idea remains the same: the girls foot the bills!

In '41 Russ Morgan played for the "vice versa" affair. In '44 it was Blue Barron and his orchestra. In 1946 Charlie Spivak and his band kept the feet of coeds and their dates tapping at the Coliseum.

This year, 1949, eight eligible bachelors will be presented at the MB Ball, known in past years as the Mortar Board party, the Black Masque Ball and the "Snowball."

Jimmy Dorsey, his saxophone and orchestra will set the '49 tempo for the Ball.

Tickets this year are \$3 per couple. But . . . in '40 they were \$1.25, in '41 they were \$1.45, in '45 they were \$1.50.

Ah, yes, times change, but the idea remains the same! Roller skates, ambulances, baby carriages, hearses, bicycles and wagons served for transportation, even back in the "dark ages" of the campus past.

and J, where its 54 members now live.

### Founds Norris House

A former member of the Brown Palace Co-op began Norris house on the same basis as the other two co-ops. It now occupies one of the former Brown Palace houses. Its membership is 45.

Due to the shortage of male students during the war the co-ops nearly died out. The rapid turnover of students made management problems difficult. A few members kept the houses going, and after the war more applications for membership were received than could be accepted.

Leaders in the Nebraska co-op movement express hope that more co-ops will be founded on the University campus. They believe strongly in their organization and point with pride to what they call their "\$270 yearly scholarship."

## Palladian Elects Gilpin President

Jean Gilpin was elected president of the Palladian Literary Society Monday night. She succeeds Bernie Barnes.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, Tom Stiehl; treasurer, Dennis Mitchem; recording secretary, Dean Morrison; corresponding secretary, Frances Rogers; critic, Bernie Barnes; slate-bearer, Wendell Johnson.

## Court . . .

Continued from Page 1. the University Administration—the present system—or to the President. Judges of the Court would be prohibited from making complaints.

Sessions of the Court would be held on Tuesday afternoons. A judge would be required to disqualify himself if he "has perjured the violation, was personally involved in it, or is a relative or close friend of the person charged."

Actual trials would be held in secret, allowing only the presence of necessary persons. A quorum of four judges would be necessary for a decision of the Court. Persons making complaints would appear in Court and testify only if they so desired, or, if not, could remain anonymous.

The member of the investigating committee who has previously investigated the charges would be allowed to make an impartial report of his findings. The person charges would then be allowed to present his side of the case.

Deliberation of the court would be made in private as to the decision of whether the person is guilty of the charges and as to punishment, if any, or any other action that should be taken. They would also decide whether the decision should be publicized.

Punishment would be based on a Code of the Student Court which would set up rules of accepted student discipline. The Code has not yet been prepared, but it would be based on past decisions by the University administration.

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