

# Contractors Raze Old Nebraska Hall, Uncover 1888 Cornerstone Treasures

It was the year Civil War General Sheridan was on his death-bed; the Republican National Convention in Chicago displayed 3,000 electric lights; the University of Nebraska held its 17th annual commencement exercises; and James W. Dawes was the governor of Nebraska.

The year was 1888 — the year the University of Nebraska laid the cornerstone of the third building constructed on the campus — Nebraska Hall.

Now, 73 years later, the building is being razed to permit future University construction.

Nebraska Hall housed the College of Industrial Arts which offered courses such as agriculture, horticulture, botany, geology, zoology, entomology and civil engineering.

In 1920, the building was also used for classes in geography and later became the campus headquarters for the Military Science Department and the student army training corps.

Most recently it housed the Conservation and Survey Division and a related field of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

University business manager Carl Donaldson said the building's great age and physical condition made it unfeasible and uneconomical for further repair and maintenance.

"The building is unsafe and has not been suitable as classroom space for 25 years," he said.

Nebraska Hall was the oldest remaining structure on the campus. University Hall and Pharmacy Hall, built earlier, have previously fallen to progress.

At the laying of the cor-

nerstone, former governor Robert W. Furnas said, "this sorely-needed building will be remembered long for the practical and scientific instruction of the industrial classes and for the teaching of agriculturally related subjects."

Many items taken from the cornerstone last week were still in excellent condition. They included:

- The 17th Annual Commencement program dated June 14, 1888.
- An invitation to the cornerstone laying dated June 14, 1888.
- By-laws of the Board of Regents.
- Chancellor Irving J. Manatt's reports to the Board for 1884 and 1886.
- The 8th biennial report of the Board.
- Commencement week schedule dated June 9-14, 1888.
- A University of Nebraska catalogue for 1887-88.
- A copy of legislative

bill 219, authorizing construction of the building.

—Four state newspapers: the Omaha Daily Herald, the Omaha Republican, the Daily Nebraska State Journal (Lincoln), and the Daily State Democrat (Lincoln.)

The 8-page Daily Herald had a circulation of 5,600 and a headline informed sports fans that "Omaha Ball Team Losing, It Suffers Disgraceful Defeat at the Hands of the (Chicago) Maroons," "12-4 the Ugly Score."

The Omaha Republican proclaimed that "The Republican is full of news, and it is the most widely distributed paper in Omaha. It is the best and cleanest family newspaper in Omaha. Try it."

A want-ad in the Daily State Democrat read, "I want a good, heavy spring wagon to trade for fresh milk cow; will give big trade for a good cow." Another advertiser wanted "a good carriage horse in exchange for real estate."



OFF WITH THE OLD—Nebraska Hall, the third building built on the University campus, is shown here shortly after its completion 73 years ago. The building, which once housed the College of Industrial Arts, is now being razed to permit future University construction. The ingredients of its cornerstone, laid in 1888, were uncovered last week.

# NU Enrollment Boom Creates Problem

By Sue Birkel

College enrollment is up at Nebraska and at colleges and universities throughout the nation, students are streaming in at an all-time high.

Dr. Floyd W. Hoover, Registrar, says that "we have every reason to believe that the freshman enrollment this fall will increase by more than 400 students over last year." Last September 2,502 freshmen entered the University.

Total University enrollment next fall is expected to exceed 9,000.

The flood of post-World War II and Korean GI's has just about subsided, and the onslaught of students as a result of the "baby boom" of

1945-1946 has not yet hit. What then is the reason for this increase in college enrollment?

According to Dr. Hoover, it is the "interest factor" which is at work sending more students on to a higher education than ever before. This factor, which is part of the so-called cultural explosion in this country, is merely the desire of today's Americans to be well-informed and better educated.

Parallel Situation

Hoover says that the situation of colleges today is almost exactly parallel to that of the high schools of 1910-1920.

Before that time, approximately 1/3 of all students who completed the eighth

grade went on to high school. At the present, 1/2 of the high school graduates in this country go on to college.

They day of the exclusive system which made a higher education possible for only the very wealthy is gone from America, said Hoover. "Education is now possible, especially in the Midwest and Nebraska, for any student who really wants it."

He said that the human resource is more important than any other in the United States today, and added that in order to make this resource continually more productive, in terms of ideas as well as goods, we must educate.

Problems

However, this educational boom provides its problems too, and not the least of them on the University campus is housing.

Reports of experts predicted a heavy flow of students onto the nation's campuses in

the years 1957-1959. However, the students arrived a little later than predicted, and thus all over the country, University housing departments have been caught off guard.

At the present, the University finds itself in the situation of having had the dorms filled since the first week in June, and with between one and two hundred students on the waiting list.

According to W. C. Harper, Director of University Services, the dorms last year were operating with an overload of students. Selleck Quadrangle housed approximately sixty above its normal capacity. The "Womens Residence Halls had twenty four more students than normal conditions provide for.

Parlors Converted

These students were accommodated with rooms in the basements and recreation rooms of the dorms. The parlors in Raymond and Love Halls have been converted into living areas.

Due to the overcrowded conditions and the long waiting lists for housing, there will have to be some allow-

ances made in the University's housing rules, said Harper. "We can't turn away students just because we have no housing for them."

For this reason, the coming school year will probably see many students living in private homes, boarding houses, and apartments. The Department of University Services will help to locate available housing, but the final decisions as to where a student may live off campus will be made by the Deans of Men and Women.

According to Harper, plans are being made now for a new 13-story dorm to be completed by 1963. "However," he added, "since none of the money for housing comes from state funds, we can't afford to overbuild right now."

# University to Negotiate Possible Land Purchase

The University of Nebraska is interested in acquiring three parcels of property now owned and occupied by the Northwestern Metal Company west and north of Memorial Stadium and has authorized negotiations for possible purchase.

University Business Manager Carl Donaldson said the property committee of the Board of Regents, headed by Board President C. E. Swanson of Lincoln, has directed him to confer with Leo Hill, vice president of the Northwestern company, about the possible purchase.

Donaldson said acquisition of the property, involving a half block and seven lots, is "desirable and necessary" for future development of the

Lincoln city campus. He added, however, that the transaction would be subject to approval by the governor since the purchase funds would come from the University's share of state institutional building fund money.

The Northwestern property includes a half block and four lots fronting on 9th street west of the stadium and three lots north of the stadium bordered by 10th street on the west and Avery avenue on the south.

Donaldson said the property is desired for use in the long-range development of the University campus and that no construction plans are now involved. The University would, however, use the existing warehouse structures for several years.

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