

University of Nebraska Week Proclaimed by Top Officials

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Student Council President Steve Gage and Chancellor Clifford Hardin look over University proclamations.



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It is my distinct privilege, as President of the Student Council of the University of Nebraska, to acknowledge the significant proclamation made by the Honorable Frank B. Morrison, Governor of Nebraska, on behalf of the students of the University. By proclaiming this next. week as "University of Nebraska Week", Governor Morrison has paid a gracious compliment to Nebraska's distinguished University and has again reiterated the high level of trust and esteem in which the people of Nebraska hold this institution. It is encouraging to the student to know that his college is respected and praised for its meritorious contributions to the welfare of the state and not rebuked by the state's leaders for its well-intentioned efforts.

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A Note to Nebraskans ...

Ninety-three years ago this February 15, Nebraska's brand-new legislature rushed into law Senate File 86 which began:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of, 'The University of Nebraska'.

"Section 2. The object of such institution shall be to afford to the inhabitants of this State, the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts."

Since that, the beginning, the University of Nebraska has, among many other things, offered educational opportunity to some 100,000 resident students, conferred 65,000 degrees, and progressed from a lonely building on raw prairie to one of the ranking institutions of higher education in mid-America.

Even at its founding, the University of Nebraska was committed to an expanding philosophy of education which had been given form in 1862 when President Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, a federal law giving substantial grants of public land for the support of public universities and colleges whose programs included instruction in agriculture, the "mechanic arts," and military training.

This year of 1962 happens to be the Centennial of the founding of the Morrill Act--or Land-Grant--educational program. There are now 68 Land-Grant institutions. Together they compose only 5 percent of the total number of American institutions of higher learning, but they serve almost 20 percent of the collegiate enrollment. They grant nearly 40 percent of the doctoral degrees, train almost half of the regular and reserve officers for the armed forces, and through their research and service programs continue to contribute most significantly to America's scholastic, scientific, and technological advance. They also provide a valuable educational pattern for the new nations of the world.

Perhaps there is no adequate way to congratulate a University on the occasion of its 93rd birthday, but at least we can pause to take pride in its accomplishment and to appreciate the richness of its heritage. We can also consider our own responsibility for insuring the continued success of this University through personal support and loyalty. The excellence of the 93year record merits no less.

Sincerely,

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Chifford M. Hardin Chancellor



This should be a time of celebration at the University; it should also be a time of introspection, of mental note-taking for the future. The student should be proud of his University's honorable past and should be jealous of its promising future. For these ends the student should become aware of and cultivate an interest in the progress and the problems of his University. Then as the student emerges as a leader in, hopefully, a Nebraska community, he should raise his voice for those programs and policies most desirable for the University and, over the years, most desirable for Nebraska.

The future of the state rests with its educated youth. Let this coming week be a tribute to these young people who must forge a modern society in Nebraska, a task tantamount to the one faced by their ancestors but a century ago. Let the "University of Nebraska Week" be accepted in all quarters as a recognition of the University"s achievements and as incentive for the furtherment of its programs.

Sincerely, Stephen

Stephen J. Gage, President

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska is celebrating its 93rd birthday on Thursday, February 15, 1962, and
- WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska has long been recognized as an asset of extensive value to the City of Lincoln in every phase of its development and activity, and
- WHEREAS, there is a continued need for higher education not only in the City of Lincoln but throughout the world around us, and
- WHFREAS, the University of Nebraska has contributed outstanding leadership to the administration of our cities, states and nation,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, D. L. Tyrrell, Acting Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of February 15 through February 21, 1962 as

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in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and I urge the continued support of not only the citizens of Lincoln but the people throughout the states

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Lincoln, Nebraska to be affired this 13th day of February, 1962.