

Happy Birthday To U. (Of N.)

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Today is the 96th birthday of the University. On this date in 1869, the Nebraska Legislature, in one of its first actions, passed a bill chartering and providing funds for the University, a college of agriculture and a state mental hospital.

The bill which was introduced by State Sen. E. E. Cunningham and passed on Feb. 15, 1869 read:

"There shall be established in this state an institution under the name and style of the University of Nebraska. The object of such institution shall be to afford the inhabitants of the states the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of

the various branches of literature, sciences and the arts."

When the University first opened its doors two years later, enrollment was listed at 130, but only 20 of these were college students. At that time, the University also operated a "Latin school," which prepared students to enter the college.

Salaries for the first staff were set at \$5,000 for the chancellor and \$2,000 for the professors.

The 110 students enrolled at the University on Oct. 2, 1871 paid an entrance fee of \$5. Board and room were

available reasonably and books were for sale at "first" cost, according to a report in the Beatrice Express.

Early equipment according to the chancellor Benton's report, included \$1,400 worth of physics apparatus, chemistry equipment, a \$1,900 investment in a library, reading room and books plus a thousand mineral specimens valued at \$200.

The Palladian Literary Society and a monthly newspaper the Hesperian (which later became the Daily Nebraskan) had been founded. In addition a course of popular lectures was being offered.

Questioned by the local newspapers was the durability of the physical plant of the University, today such an important asset to the campus.

"The Lincoln Leader," reported "the University is about to fall, the foundation of the building having been discovered to be crumbling."

"The Journal comes vigorously to the defense of the building, saying that although the foundation of the north wall and the north wing has settled some, there is not the least danger of anything falling."

"The Board of Regents considers that the foundation should be repaired however, and will take steps to that end immediately."

From those uncertain days — when the University was housed in a single condemned building — the school has grown to accommodate some 13,000 students from all over the world, and is nationally known for its extension division, law school and many other features.

Financial problems have plagued the University from the first days of its existence. The legislature had appropriated \$100,000 for

construction of the University on a plain north of Lincoln.

Condemned upon completion, University Hall required additional appropriations to keep the foundation from cracking and the walls from buckling right up until it was finally razed in the 1940's.

Student life in the early days was colorful, but class schedules were narrow and restricted. Emphasis on the classics was strong, and electives were unknown until close to the turn of the century.

Most students lived off-campus, in boarding houses which surrounded the campus. Early writers, describing the University, report that the citizens of Lincoln often allowed their cattle to graze on the "lawn" around the University building.

University Hall was joined in the 1880's by several other buildings, including Grant Memorial Hall, which is the oldest building remaining on campus to this day.

Grant was erected at a total cost of \$20,000 for use as an armory and drill hall.

Today, standing in the shadow of the ultra-modern Sheldon Art Gallery, the an-

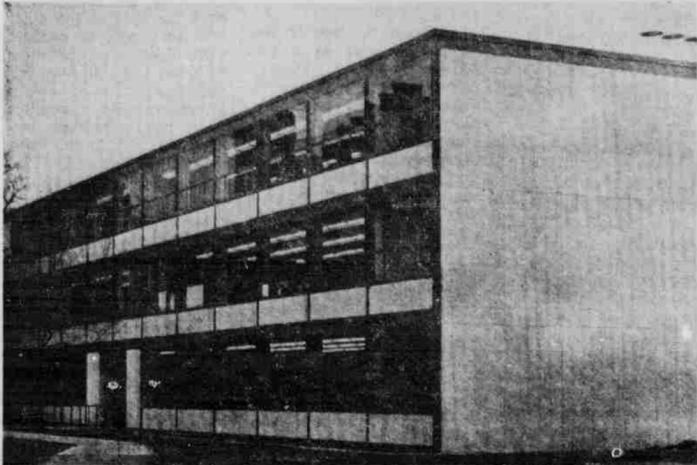


FORMER LIBRARY . . . Remaining as a relic from the 19th century is the Architectural Hall, originally built as the University Library.

cient structure is used as the women's physical education building.

Other relics from the 19th Century University which remain today are Architectural Hall, originally built as a library; the Geography

building; and the gates at the columns, which were originally part of a fence surrounding the entire University. The fence from which the gates were taken now bounds Wyuka Cemetery.



MODERNIZATION . . . Contrasting with Architectural Hall is the modern recently constructed Woods Art Building.

Front Page Editorial:

Many Happy 'Returns'

Ninety-six years ago today the University—a dream of many of Nebraska's pioneers—became a reality. The Nebraska Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the construction of a single building, in which the first University classes were to be held.

University historians have noted with interest the manner in which early events concerning the University have paralleled today's problems. This \$100,000, for instance, was not enough to build the building, and an additional appropriation was soon required.

A closer study of our school's history would reveal similar money problems in the 1870's, the 1880's, the 1910's—right up to the present day. Sometimes the problem has been found in faculty salaries, sometimes in construction, sometimes in both. But this \$100,000 appropriated by a young legislature in the village of Lincoln in 1869 serves as a sort of ghost of the past—a spook that should have died in the past but didn't.

Today's Nebraska Legislature will also appropriate money for the University, and it probably will not be as much as the University could use. The lawmakers are also faced with something new—a long-range construction program requiring the sale of state bonds; a program meaning millions of dollars for classrooms and laboratories. We would ask the Legislature to consider this plan with one eye on the history book.

We need additions; we need replacements. We have become reconciled to going to class in Andrews Hall where the sun is always in our eyes; in Brace Lab, where the steps creak more noticeably every time we climb them; in Morrill Hall, amid the shouts of little children seeing the Hall of Nebraska Wildlife for the first time.

We are beginning to get used to going to the pharmacy building for our English classes and the electrical engineering building to take beginning math. We can weigh our chemicals on rusty balances, after first standing in line for 20 minutes (which shoots a three-hour lab pretty well.)

Yes, we are nearly reconciled to the idiosyncracies of old and crowded buildings. But we are only 13,000, Mr. Senator. In ten years we could be 20,000, and we don't have room. Even if we would move the physics department to Love Library and rent Pershing Auditorium for freshman English (instead of just giving the final exams there.)

We see the University at a crossroads. And it is not in OUR power to turn the wheel.

FRANK PARTSCH

Hartung Selected Department Head Of Poultry Science

Dr. T. E. Hartung, poultry scientist at Colorado State University, has been named chairman of the poultry science department.

The announcement was made Saturday by Chancellor Clifford Hardin and Dean E. F. Frolik of the College of Agricultural and Home Economics.

As poultry department chairman, Dr. Hartung succeeds Dr. John Adams who has been associate director of the University's Agricultural Extension Service since last September. Dr. Hartung will assume his new position at Nebraska in April.

At Colorado State University, Dr. Hartung has been a teacher, extension poultryman and research scientist. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in poultry science at Colorado State, and a doctor's degree in food technology at Purdue University.

Much of Dr. Hartung's research has concerned the bacteriology of poultry products as it affects their keeping qualities. He has also done research in poultry nutrition.

As extension poultryman, he has worked closely with Colorado's poultry industry. Dean Frolik said Dr. Hartung's leadership and scientific capability was recently recognized when he was elected a director of the Poultry Science Association.

Dr. Hartung is the author of a number of Extension bulletins, circulars, and popular articles on a wide range of poultry management subjects.

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Convention Proposes Eligibility Demands

By Rich Meier
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Requirements were modified for the office of President and members of the senate of the Association of Students of the University at the constitutional convention yesterday.

The constitutional convention will approve or disapprove the entire constitution by a vote on the complete draft.

Essentially, requirements to hold either office have been lowered from a 5.0 to a 4.0 average in the draft of the new constitution.

Among the various requirements for senate membership were to "meet University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities."

Representative Dick Stuckey felt the only necessary requirement in this area is the student be in "good standing."

He felt student government should not be subject to the same regulations as extra-curricular activities, because an extra-curricular activity has to do with private affairs.

Rebecca Marshall pointed out that this type of requirement attempts to establish some basis for competency, and this is not a function of a constitution. The right to decide competency belongs to the electorate.

The decision to let the electorate decide the competency of its senate, by placing less restriction upon his eligibility passed by a vote of 10 to 5.

The question came up again in the consideration of the requirements for the eligibility of the president. In the submitted draft the requirements were:

- a. To be eligible for election to the Presidency of the Association a candidate must:
 1. Meet all University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.
 2. Have completed twenty seven (27) University approved credit hours and the previous semester in residence.

Stuckey presented the amendment to delete a. and b. and add after 'must', "be

a regularly enrolled student in good standing."

Stuckey objected to the restrictions as "precluding democratic activity." He said it was not democratic to eliminate the possibility that a freshman or a transfer student may hold the office of president.

He did not see, personally, where either could gather the popular support necessary but that was no reason to exclude the possibility. He asked, "Why restrict future democratic activity?"

Joe Carroll wanted to include part b. He felt the president must have some knowledge of the workings of the campus before he could do a competent job. He offered an amendment to this effect.

His amendment was defeated 6 to 9.

Cuz Guenzel objected to Stuckey's proposal first from the standpoint of "image." "The highest officer of the student body should at least have a 5.0 average."

Secondly she felt that any-

one having the duties and responsibilities that this office would entail, with an average below 5.0, would not have the time necessary to study and remain in school.

George Vrba expressed the fear that if all these requirements are deleted administration would not approve the constitutions.

Miss Marshall said "fear of restriction from administration is no reason to not adopt the amendment (proposed by Stuckey)." She stressed "The restrictions must come from the electorate, not from the constitution."

Stuckey alluded to a statement reported to have come from the Student Activities Co-ordinator, that he was not in favor of all the restrictions placed on the student.

Stuckey cited this as evidence the administration would go along with his proposal.

Stuckey stated that equally important is the participation. Cont. on P. 3, Col. 4

Committee Wants 'Card' Information

Anyone with information about the Student Discount Card profits was asked yesterday to submit a written statement today to JoAnn Stratemann, Student Council first vice president.

The information will be studied and used as a basis for conducting a judiciary committee hearing Wednesday to determine the fate of \$380 listed as profit from the program, and of Bob Kerrey, who, as former chairman of the Student Welfare committee, started the Discount Card program.

Miss Stratemann, who is chairman of the judiciary committee, said the hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in 234 Student Union. Anyone may attend.

The issue came to light in last week's regular Council meeting when Kerrey, who is now second vice president of the Council, told the Council that he had made the money as clear profit during the two school years that the program has been in operation.

Kerrey said he charged an average amount of \$40 from the Lincoln merchants whose names appeared on the card. He said it was understood within his committee that anyone who sold the services to a merchant would keep a two thirds commission on the sale.

He said the profits amounted to \$80 for last year's program and \$300 this year.

After hearing statements from Kerrey and John Lydick, Student Council president, the Council passed a motion providing for an investigation of the profits this week by the judiciary committee.

Several Council members objected to the idea of a Council member making a personal profit because of his elected position; Kerrey said he was acting in the assumption that the cards were endorsed by the Council rather than a part per se of the Council, and that he was

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'Yes, Edna, You Received A Valentine!'



EDITORS NOTE: This cartoon appeared two years ago in the Daily Nebraskan and was created by Dan Rosenthal. We present it here for the benefit of our new readers.