

Historian Svoboda . . .

Archives will collect visitors instead of dust

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It is said that people should learn from the mistakes of the past, but historian Joseph Svoboda can only wish those mistakes had never happened.

Svoboda is in the process of establishing a Nebraska University Archives, a gargantuan task started much too late.

At present he is concerned with sorting and indexing unofficial archive documents stored in the basement of Love Library over the years.

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Although he is starting from scratch this fall, the Czechoslovakian native praises the library staff for at least keeping the materials in the absence of any official archives.

“I think they did a good job just keeping this stuff all in one place,” he said, “but there's really no order to it. I now hope to make this office the collecting center for these things.”

Svoboda has been given an office on the fourth floor of Love Library plus an adjoining room in which to start sorting the documents. He says, however, he hopes for more spacious quarters when a planned library expansion takes place.

“There's a lot of history here for anyone who wants to start digging,” said Svoboda, pointing to the stacks of old annuals, newspapers, letters and records.

“Robert Manley (former NU history teacher) is coming out with a history of the University next year. I think. But there's a lot of specialized history in these letters.”

ONE LEARNS interesting

things about the growth of the University with just a cursory examination:

—That the NU yearbook was called the Sombbrero until 1907, when the first Cornhusker appeared.

—That student unrest is not new. In the 1930's many “rebel” newspapers were printed and distributed on campus, such as the anti-everything “With Fire And Sword,” put out by the “Gadflies,” denouncing the Daily Nebraskan, the Cornhusker, Innocents, Mortar Boards, the administration, professors, the Greek system and independents.

What Svoboda wants now is to get enough publicity that people know where he is and start bringing him anything which is directly or indirectly associated with the university.

He is urging any student organization to bring him their records, publications and pictures, which they might duplicate for his records.

Red Cross starts program to fill kits for overseas

Russ Briggs of the Lincoln Red Cross Office announced today that Operation Shoppe early 1968 is now underway.

The program, begun two years ago in the Lancaster County chapter, distributes bags for organizations to fill with personal items for American servicemen overseas.

One-half million bags are collected each year across the country. The quota for the Lincoln chapter is 1200 bags. “Students are very enthusiastic about the program because so many of them have friends and relatives in Viet Nam,” Mr. Briggs commented.

Any group wishing to participate in Operation Shoppe early is to contact the Red Cross Office immediately.

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

INTERVARSITY—8 a.m.

PSYCHOLOGY 70 — 8:30 a.m.

ARCH. 5—9:30 a.m.

A. PH. A—1:30 p.m.

BAHAI CLUB—7:30 p.m.

INTERVARSITY—7:30 p.m.

TURKISH STUDENT ASSN. — 8 p.m.

EAST UNION

GO BIG RED DANCE — 9 p.m., Smoke Rings Combo.

No sprecha de English . . .

Credits for European “visit”

This summer 16 Nebraska students of French, Spanish and German lived at 464 N. 16th Street in an atmosphere closely simulating that of a foreign country.

For five and one-half weeks these students spoke, read, and wrote using only their second language.

According to Genevieve Meininger, instructor of French and director of “French House,” participants ranged from high school students with two or more years of language study to graduate students just improving their conversational

skills. The program offered six hours of credit, equaling the entire second year of a language.

STUDENTS were in a class from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., but not all this time was spent in a traditional classroom situation.

Mornings were spent in classrooms and afternoons held three hours of laboratory work, listening to recordings of conversation, literature and music of the particular country.

Meals were opportunities for conversation with only French, Spanish or German

spoken. In the evenings there were “cultural appreciation” sessions where films, slides, records and speakers were all used to present the most complete picture of a country's culture.

“Culture,” said director Ransom T. Taylor, “is the core of language studies — not the result.”

The whole purpose of learning another language is not to acquire a new skill, but to broaden and enrich the student with the benefits of

a new culture.” The language house program is based on this idea.

Taylor hopes that the University will continue conducting the language house, that new experiments may be tried. He said, “In my personal experience, it has been the finest, most rewarding experience in years of teaching.”

Future for wildcatting uncertain

The Interfraternity Council is expected to vote within two weeks to drop its current wildcat rush policy, according to Sid Logemann, IFC president.

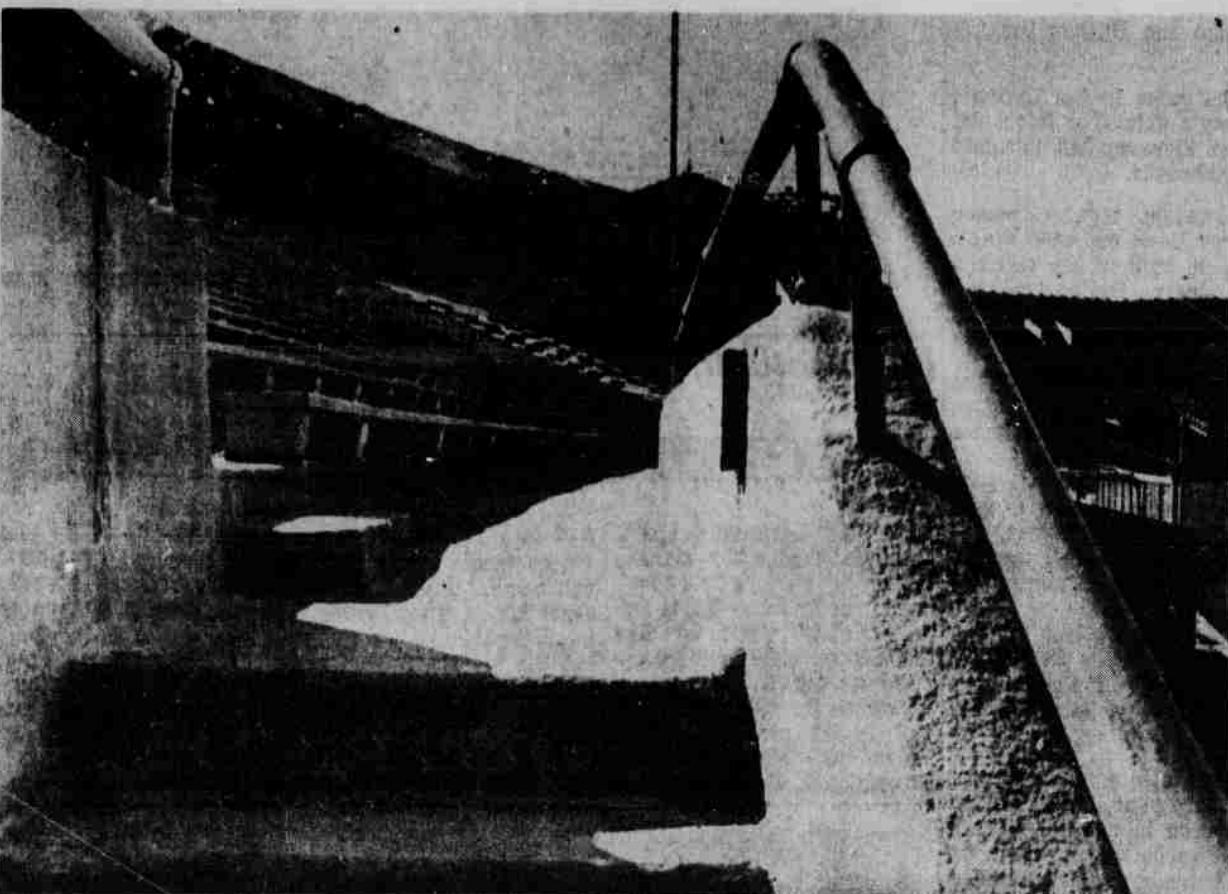
Logemann said the majority of rush chairman polled on the subject were in favor of discontinuing wildcat rush which permits each house to pledge up to ten men during the summer.

HE CITED THREE reasons for discontinuation of the policy which has been in effect for two years: it is not achieving its original purpose; it is expensive to the houses; and it places unfair pressure on the rushee.

The wildcat rush system was adopted, Logemann explained, with the assumption that it would be tested for one year, and then either retained or a total program of summer pledging would be adopted.

He added that the wildcat system is designed to help smaller houses build up their membership in the summer which would in turn aid them during rush week in the fall. Logemann said it was not working out this way.

He dismissed the defense that it is an indication as to how well a house's rush program is going.



Stadium awaits the conflict

Seats, seats everywhere and not a fan to fill them. Check back about 2 p.m. tomorrow and the situation will probably be quite different. About 65,000 fans are expected to pack Memorial Stadium for the Cornhuskers' opening game with the Cowboys of Wyoming Saturday.

The Nebraska Union Music Committee Presents The 1968-69 Performing Artist Series

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Thursday, May 1, 1969



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