

Local support helps out

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dations for funds, primarily because these institutions hesitate to give money to financially unsound bodies.

"Many persons hold onto their money and wait to see if we make it. If they would only give their money now, wet would," said JFK's Newcomb.

Community support has carried these colleges until now. Whether it will or can in the future is debatable.

JFK College was chartered in May, 1965. The school has received more publicity than any school in the state regarding its money crisis. But its basic problems are shared by Pershing, Bellevue and Hiram Scott.

JFK was started by a group of Saunders County citizens and Wahoo businessmen. One person said the businessmen thought the school would be able to support itself and that local business "would have a goldmine in the rich college students from the East. Also, it looks prestigious for a town to say that it has a college."

Opened anyway

However, the school could not support itself. Money shortages came to a crisis point last summer when the school was forced to put on a \$200,000 last-minute fund drive to stay open. The drive netted only \$135,000, but the school opened anyway.

The drive was not quite as successful as it appeared. Most of the \$135,000 reportedly raised took the form of debt removals, whereby persons simply forgot debts which the school owes them. The actual income for the college was much less than \$135,000.

Also, much of the debt owed by JFK College was salaries earned by summer school teachers. The teachers worked without pay. Dean Newcomb said, "That's what made us last summer. The faculty didn't panic. Whether they can do it again isn't known."

Several sources say they believe JFK College will not open in September. They contend the school will not be able to raise enough money this summer to overcome its debts. As one person said, "People are not going to continually wipe out the school's debts."

"There is always the chance that we will close, but we don't expect that to be the case. We're in better shape now than we were at this time last year," Newcomb said.

"However, if some things don't materialize this summer, it will be a matter of just scraping through by the skin of our teeth," he said.

While many persons paint a totally bleak picture of JFK's future, Newcomb says the school has several things in its favor.

"The first, of course, is our name. Also our goals are important. We have tried to perpetuate the ideas and ideals of President John F. Kennedy," he said.

'Take our share'

"One of our most important concerns is with the underprivileged and disadvantaged. We take in our share of these students, although we know we are going to lose many because they don't have the background or study habits to be successful in college."

JFK College has been criticized as being a Parsons-type college. Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, received nationwide publicity for its practice of accepting "almost any student who could afford to go there," as one person put it.

Newcomb said that while JFK "probably has some students who might not be accepted by the University (of Nebraska), I don't see anything really wrong. It seems the big state universities are leaving the small colleges the responsibility of educating the average student."

He said there will continue to be Parsons-type colleges as long as people in the United States believe every student should have the opportunity to get a college education. "Someone has to supply it and I don't think it will be one of the big state schools," he added.

What are private colleges doing to overcome their money shortages?

"If I knew what to do, I wouldn't have the problem," Heckman said.

In an attempt to get more money, Heckman also said, he is going to have to ask each of Doane's alumni for annual \$100 donations starting next year. The average donation is about \$50 now.

Many private colleges have started parents' funds into which parents of present students donate money to the school. JFK is in the process of writing letters to the parents. Doane's parents fund, initiated last year, netted \$3,449.

Most private colleges also hold local fund-raising drives. For example, this year Doane College obtained \$22,000 from Crete businessmen.

Money-getting techniques

Other techniques used to get more money include:

—going to a full 12-month school year instead of the normal nine months to spread income more evenly throughout the year and to maintain an income during the summer months.

—placing financially influential men on the

board of trustees to bring outside contributions to the college.

—starting cooperating programs with other colleges to share facilities and staff.

Whether these methods will be enough to overcome the rising costs of education is unknown. No one believes they are enough. Some are unsure, while others believe nothing will save the colleges.

If the private colleges fail, Nebraskans will feel an even greater tax pinch. They will be forced to pay the cost of educating the more than 15,000 students enrolled in these schools, the majority of whom are Nebraska residents.

But for now, the money problem is constantly staring private college presidents in the face.

Dr. Philip Heckman's Doane College office overlooks three buildings under construction and a barren patch of ground where a building burned to the ground several weeks ago.

"You know, I have to raise \$150,000 in two weeks and I don't know where I'm going to get it," he said softly as he turned to look out the window.

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teaching and research labs, no classrooms.

The Phase II building of the complex will be devoted to classroom and office space. This part of the project has not been funded and it will be several years before this building is constructed, according to Davis.

In the meantime, classes will be held in Nebraska Hall, he said, adding that this will be convenient since most of the collection of engineering books will be moved to the undergraduate library which is now under construction there.

WHEN BOTH PHASES of the complex are completed, the four departments will have two to three times the space occupied at present.

Financing the construction of the complex had depended on federal as well as state funds, Davis said.

"Even though the federal grants have dried up, we are going ahead with the first phase which is being financed primarily by a \$4.8 million state appropriation," he said.

There is also \$300,000 of federal money in the project.

NOT ALL of the departments in the college will be moving to the new complex.

The department of agricultural engineering will remain on East Campus. The school of architecture will eventually have a building of its own constructed at the site of the present architecture building.

The chemical engineering department located in Avery Hall will occupy the third floor of the Hamilton Hall of Chemistry as soon as it is completed. The computer science department will not be moving to the engineering complex either.

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closing time, according to Miss Philips.

Some students, to call attention to the inadequate hours, have been talking about remaining to study in the library this Friday instead of leaving when the buzzer sounds.

Eugene M. Johnson, associate director of libraries for public service, is out of town and not available for comment.

However, Mary Dak, a public service librarian, explained that the library did not have the funds to remain open on Friday nights or on Sunday.

Remaining open would require personnel on duty at the circulation and information desks, in the central reserve room and at the control desks on both the first and second floors, besides the janitor's services, she said.

She added that she would be happy to talk with any student about problems with checking out materials from the library.

Prairie Schooner issue features 'western university'

The practice of shingling the hair is becoming quite prevalent among the young ladies of the University. We will say nothing concerning such a barbarous custom — simply hoping that the boys will not also lose their senses so far as to adopt the custom of wearing long hair and using all the appurtenances necessary thereto.

Hesperian, Oct. 10, 1885.

The above quotation from an 1885 student newspaper is just one of the stereotypical views of campus life found in the University of Nebraska Centennial issue of the Prairie Schooner.

Stereopticon, which refers to a projector for transparent slides often made double so as to produce dissolving views, seems to be an appropriate word in referring to campus life.

THE SPRING issue of the Prairie Schooner, a literary magazine sponsored by the department of English and the University of Nebraska Press, is one of many publications that have devoted an issue to the University's centennial, which was officially celebrated Feb. 15, 1969.

According to Bernice Slotte, professor of English and editor of the magazine, the special centennial issue recreates the University's "time of childhood and adolescence."

The issue contains reprints of newspaper accounts and magazine articles as well as notes on campus life gathered from the early student newspapers.

"The quotes from the student papers give you the feeling that you are there," Miss Slotte said.

For example, students complained about the library because books could not be taken from the building and they grumbled about the "difficult task" of registering for classes each semester.

IN AN 1882 issue of the Hesperian Student, a writer urged that "old gold" be adopted as the college color. If this suggestion had been taken seriously, NU football fans probably would be hollering "Go Old Gold" instead of the more familiar "Go Big Red."

Roscoe Pound, who later became Dean of the Harvard Law School and an internationally known jurist, liked to write sports stories during his undergraduate days at NU.

He covered Nebraska's first game with an out-of-state team, "the strong young men from Iowa." He noted that the spectators "were present in every sense of the word. They formed a dense mass around the players at a distance of about 15 yards and limited the work of the backs very effectively."

The issue also contains more serious articles by students, faculty members and deans as well as a picture section showing early photographs of the University and reprints of cartoons from the student papers.

One student cartoonist attending NU at about the turn of the century, Herbert R. Johnson, became famous as a political cartoonist for the Saturday Evening Post.

BUT THIS is only one of the Prairie Schooner's special issues. The summer issue which will be available

sometime in July features a Stephen Crane portfolio, including newspaper articles and unpublished manuscripts from Crane's collection.

On occasion, these special issues have become valuable.

The winter 1963-64 issue featured articles, unpublished letters and poetry of Malcolm Lowry, best known for his novel, "Under the Volcano."

His widow had wanted to get his unpublished things into print. Miss Slotte explained. Lowry died in 1957.

Since then, interest in the novelist has increased in the literary world. Though the issue is completely sold out, Miss Slotte recently received requests for copies from two persons doing doctoral dissertations on Lowry.

Besides the value of special issues such as those already mentioned, the Prairie Schooner gives writers a chance to get their work in print.

"We really want to find good writers and give them a chance," says Miss Slotte.

LOWRY WIMBERLY, the magazine's first editor, must have felt the same way. The first story in the Schooner's first issue dated April 1, 1927, was "The Vine" by Marie Macumber. The story writer became better known by the name Marie Sandoz.

The Schooner also printed one of Truman Capote's short stories when he was a young, unknown writer.

Through the 1930's and 1940's, the Schooner published a "good deal of very good fiction," Miss Slotte said. "The early issues are full of fascinating stories."

Wimberly continued as editor until 1956. At that time, Karl Shapiro, the poet, became editor. Shapiro emphasized poetry, she said, and the magazine printed "some tremendously good poetry."

When Shapiro left the University in 1963, Miss Slotte became editor. She has tried to go back to emphasizing fiction.

"BUT THE POETRY that is contributed is really very good. It's a shame that we have to reject so much of it," she said. "I think that more people write poetry than the rest of the world realizes."

She estimated that the 10 to 15 envelopes received in the mail each day yield an average of 20 poems.

What criteria does the editor use in judging the fiction and poetry submitted for publication?

"What you hope for is that the work will take hold of you in some way and that it will not let you down. A story may start well and you hope that it lasts. Often this does not happen and you are let down."

"In poetry, I want to get pulled into the poem. Often a poem does not hold up during a second reading. There is a difference between immediate appeal and lasting appeal," she said.

BESIDES MISS SLOTE, four associate editors help with editorial decisions. The associates are:

Frederick L. Christensen, an assistant professor in English; Virginia Faulkner, and editor with the University of Nebraska Press; Lee T. Lemon, professor of English and chairman of the graduate committee; and Hugh Luke, associate professor of English.

There are also six readers who help with the weeding out of contributions.

The Prairie Schooner is published four times each year. Besides the contributions of original fiction or poetry, the magazine prints book reviews, essays, special features and other articles.

There are no monetary rewards for the writers and poets whose work is selected for publication. The contributors receive two copies of the magazine and 10 tear sheets.

But Miss Slotte feels that it is a boost for any writer to have his work appear in the Schooner, which is read by publishers and agents.

"Many poems and short stories appearing in the Schooner have been reprinted in anthologies. 'The Boy and the Green Hat,' a story by Norman Klein, will be appearing in the next volume of 'Best American Short Stories,' an anthology edited by Martha Foley," she said.

MISS SLOTE has "quite a range of acquaintances" among the persons submitting work for publication.

There is everything from the letter stating, "I am a housewife and attend church regularly," to the clever letters, perhaps written in the form of a poem, designed to catch the editor's attention.

Miss Slotte, who soon becomes "Dear Bernice" to those with whom she regularly corresponds, says that, although these letters do not make any difference in either accepting or rejecting the contribution, she would "miss them, if they never came."

Summer enrollment put at 7,530 students

There are a total of 7,530 students attending first session classes at the University this summer, according to Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, director of the summer sessions. The figure was compiled Wednesday, June 18.

This makes an increase of 546 students over last summer's enrollment of 6,984 students in the first session.

Teachers College has the most students with an enrollment of 1,517 students, while the Law School has the least, 23 students.

According to Sorenson, this is the first time that the Law School has offered courses during the summer.

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