



This photograph, circa 1920s, shows NU students enjoying the Fount Davisson area at East Campus.

Fountain is alive, 'well'

Near the southwest corner of the new East Campus Home Economics Bldg. stands a time-worn memorial which has been serving warm and weary NU students for over 60 years.

Fount Davisson was dedicated to Albert Eugene Davisson (class of 1898), founder and first principal of the Nebraska School of Agriculture. Davisson was an educator who was also active in the area of prison reform and many other matters of public interest and welfare.

The fountain was presented to the School of Agriculture by the class of 1911, beginning the tradition of presentation of gifts to the school by each graduating class.

The School of Agriculture was a secondary school in which young men could learn the fundamentals of agriculture while taking traditional high school courses. It was opened in 1898 and closed in 1929, and was

sponsored by the University. The school was supported with state funds appropriated through the University, as well as by student tuition.

The fountain was a well surrounded by a stone frame, simulating the wells found on many farm homes during that period. It was originally fitted with a pulley and oaken bucket, but this material was vandalized several years ago and has not been replaced.

The shady area in which the fountain is situated has long been a pleasant gathering place for students. It is still used for a drinking fountain, though it is now been turned off for the winter.

Junior animal science major Glenn Gates said, "Nobody really knows anything about the fountain. It still works, but nobody uses it unless they're desperately dry."

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December 6, 1914— "Professor Fogg's statement the other day that he intends to buy a goat to feed on freshman themes in Rhetoric 13 has resulted in a discussion rivaling that of the "Peerless Leader's famous grape juice proposition." Since the publishing of his statement a few days ago, Professor Fogg has been besieged on all sides about his goat-feeding theory. Packers and stockraisers all over the country have offered him goats guaranteed to be in perfect condition with the traditional cast-iron goat stomach in working order."

"The Bohemians of Nebraska are forming a relief fund for the Bohemians in Austria, and are making good headway in the work. There is a committee in charge of the work here at the University composed of the students who are selling statuettes of Komensky, the famous Bohemian Educator."

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