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The center for student activities before the Union was built was the Temple Bldg., said Carl Donaldson, NU business manager from 1967-70 and a NU student in the 1920s. He said Temple had a cafeteria, bookstore, and meeting rooms for clubs and groups, but it was not big enough for all activities, so another building was needed.

Donaldson, who was a buyer in the NU purchasing dept. in 1937, also said the construction of student unions was a "fad" in the 1920s and the 1930s.

Simmons said that as a member of the Union Board, he visited unions on other campuses to get ideas for the NU Union. Some unions had recreation and game areas, he said, but there was not enough money then to construct a building at NU large enough for a recreation area.

South Crib was living room

In the original Union, the area that is now the South Crib was all a big "living room," Simmons said. The room had a radio, a fireplace at each end, chairs, sofas and was where students gathered to talk, he said.

The present Colonial Room was the "Corn Crib," a snack bar, Simmons said. The cafeteria was at the other end of that hall, where the Union Program Council office is now.

The Union also provided a quiet reading lounge and a music room with a phonograph and records, he said. Students could bring their own records.

Sunday flickers popular in 30s.

A popular feature of the Union in the late 30s and early 40s were the "Sunday Flickers," said W. Joyce Ayres, the second director of the Union. He said "Sunday Flickers" were silent movies shown in the Ballroom on Sunday afternoons.

Another popular Union feature were "Emily Posters," which were bulletin board posters that outlined etiquette rules, he said.

The "Three S's" were popular in the faculty sitting room, Ayres said. The "Three S's" was a meal of soup, salad and a sandwich, he said, but it was one of the most expensive items on the menu. It cost 35 cents.

Donaldson said that during World War II, the university had contracts with the government to house, feed and educate soldiers. Soldiers living in Love Library ate at the Student Union, he said.

Bennett became assistant director of the Union in 1955 and director in 1959. He says today that in 1955 the area on the north side of the original Union bldg., where the additions now are, was a dirt parking lot with four trees. From 1955-58 on "Spring Day," the Union rented the Thomas Brothers Carnival, including elephant rides, and put it in that lot, he said.

Union provided 25-cent movies

Bennett recalls that in the 1950s, dances were a

popular weekend Union activity. Local groups played the top 20 songs, he said. Weekend movies, which cost 25 cents, also were popular because there were only four of five movie theaters in town then, he said.

The Union was used as a recital hall for the Music Dept.'s programs before Kimball Recital Hall was built in the 1960s, Bennett said.

In 1959, the basement and the main floor of the north end of the Union were added, Bennett said. At that time, the name of the Union was changed from the "Student Union" to the "Nebraska Union," he said.

It was changed because "Student Union" was inaccurate, he said. The Union is a campus center for students, faculty and staff, he said, and the designation "student" set up a barrier that could keep some people away.

Another addition in 1969 created the second floor of the north part of the building and expanded the main floor 32 feet on the building's north, west and east sides, Bennett said.

The UPC had found that there were enough Lincoln residents between the ages of 16 and 25 to make about six or eight concerts a year popular. So when radio stations and private entrepreneurs began sponsoring concerts in 1968 and 1969, the market was "glutted," Bennett said.

Since the demand for that type of entertainment was

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In addition to determining the student needs, the survey should consider the students' willingness to pay for the services, he said.

The food service, recreation areas and bookstore occupy the remaining space, he said. Gateway Bank and the Union barbershop have the only leased Union space.

There were plans to build a Campus Assistance Center last December in the main lounge area. But ASUN, objecting to the center because "proper student input" had not been sought, presented a student petition to the NU Board of Regents. The board then halted the center's construction.

Bennett said any criticism about a lack of communication results from a misunderstanding of the management's role, he said.

The cost of providing a continuing level of service has increased in the last five years by about 60 per cent, he estimated.

Calling the use of student fees a "hot topic," Bennett said there is constant debate on whether student fees should finance operations that only part of the student body uses.

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being met through another source, he said, the UPC stopped sponsoring concerts. UPC's purpose is to determine campus and community needs outside of the classroom in social, educational, cultural and recreational areas, Bennett said. If those needs are met by another source at reasonable costs, the UPC funds are used elsewhere, he said.

There are no plans to renovate the Union or to change services until the Union Advisory Board decides the best way to survey the needs of the campus community regarding the union. He said it probably will take the rest of this spring to devise the form of the survey and it could take all of next year to complete the survey and initiate any necessary changes, Bennett said.

Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant director, said the work on the south side of the Union building is part of a plan to beautify the campus.

The Union south entrance steps had cracks and were moving toward R Street, he said. The granite steps have been there since 1938 and moisture had gotten into the stone, frozen and thawed continually, cracked the steps, and pushed them toward the street, he added.

Schrader also said the sidewalk in front of the south Union entrance was redone. The area is also being set with an earthy colored concrete and "feature strips" of bricks.

Student fees for a full-time student are \$61.50 per semester. About 33 per cent of those fees are consumed by the Union budget.


State tax support, which will amount to about \$200,000 for 1975-76 fiscal year, pays costs incurred from indoor and outdoor maintenance and utilities. The balance of the Union budget, about \$1.2 million this year, is paid through earned income, Bennett said.

When Oklahoma State University's (OSU) student union was built in 1950, the plans included extensive use of leased areas in the building. The Union contains a shopping mall and a motel wing.

The shopping mall contains about 10 stores, including men's and women's clothing stores, a travel agency, a flower shop, barbershop, craft shop, drugstore, beauty shop and a candy store, said Union director Winston Shindell.

Food outlets are operated by OSU's food service and the Union operates a bookstore, he said.

The OSU Union receives \$8.50 per student each semester in student fees, Shindell said, adding that the fees are used only to retire bond debts. The OSU Union receives no state or university funds.




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