

# Library Gift Follows 96-Year-Old Tradition

Following a tradition started 96 years ago, the graduating class of 1957 last June presented \$10,000 to the University.

The gift was designated for the purchase of a collection of special books for the Fred Lewis Pattee Library.

The gift is financed by an accumulation of a 50-cent general damage fee tacked on to University tuitions each semester. At the end of four years, each senior has about a \$4 investment in the gift.

The Board of Trustees on July 27 approved the gift to the library, which may be used to start a special collection for recreational reading. This will include books in the fields of art, architecture, travel, literature and related fields.

The last class gifts to the library were given by the classes of 1932 and 1935.

**Gift Suggestions**  
Ideas for a class gift are decided upon by members of the senior class sometime in April through suggestion boxes strategically placed on campus. Seniors vote upon the suggestions when they call for their copies of LaVie.

The tradition of donating a class gift has been maintained at the University since 1861 when the graduation class donated memorial tablets that were eventually placed on the memorial gate at the east end of campus, a gift of the classes of 1917 and 1918.

Many of the class gifts have

actually been in the form of physical presentations to the University. Some of the better known ones include the benches on campus from the class of 1900, the drinking fountain at the Old Willow Tree from the class of 1914, the memorial gate at the front entrance of campus from the class of 1916 and the Westminster Chimes in the tower of Old Main from the class of 1937.

**Lion Was Gift**  
One of the most famous landmarks on campus was a class gift. The Lion Shrine was a presentation of the class of 1940. In the same vicinity, the scoreboard on Beaver Field was a gift from members of the class of 1926.

Class gifts have been "stepping stones" of progress for the expansion of University building and facilities. It was the class of 1945 that first set aside funds for the construction of a student union building. These plans were realized with the dedication of

the Hetzel Union Building in February, 1955.

Some traditional gifts have perpetuated their names with the donation of money for loan funds, scholarship funds and memorial funds.

Old Main seems to be a favorite spot for class gifts. In 1904, the graduation class presented the clock in the tower as a senior gift, and the gift of graduating members of the 1913 class was a terrace.

**Book Store Funds**  
Two thousand dollars was set aside by the class of 1949 to be allocated for a student book store. The rest of the money was handed over to the University to be kept until enough money was raised for a student press.

Because of this, the suggestion to some has seemed unfeasible because all student printing is done by commercial printers.

It has been suggested the money be used to obtain AM facilities for campus radio station WDFM, in conjunction with several other class donations.

# 27 Honor Societies Give Scholarship Recognition

Twenty-seven scholastic honor societies provide recognition and membership benefits for students with high grades.

Not only are there societies for general scholarship but also for recognition in almost every course study and curriculum ranging from forestry to ceramics.

The societies, besides giving recognition, also often perform service functions for the University community and sponsor social activities.

Probably the best known group is Phi Beta Kappa, the liberal arts society. This national honor group is the oldest Greek-letter fraternity in the United States.

Its counterpart in the technical field is Tau Beta Pi, engineering society founded in 1888. It was founded to give needed recognition to engineering students whom Phi Beta Kappa would not accept as members.

The two freshmen scholastic honor societies are Alpha Lambda

Delta, for women, and Phi Eta Sigma, men.

Both societies will initiate students during the spring semester. A 3.5 average for the first semester is required for membership.

Other honorary societies and the fields of study they represent are:

Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-medical; Alpha Pi Mu, industrial engineering; Chi Epsilon, civil engineering; Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering; Gamma Sigma Delta, agriculture; Iota Sigma Pi, women's chemistry.

Keramos, ceramics; Omicron Nu, home economics; Phi Kappa Phi, general scholastic; Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemistry; Phi Sigma Iota, romance languages; Pi Gamma (Continued on page 10)

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