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Brunswick, Maine, May 5, 1947

EXTRA

UNION DRIVE OPENS TODAY

Your Union

Student Union Drive opens today is by no means a quick drive alone. Under the leadership of Raymond Fogler of the state, the nation, and a have been divided into two geographical areas with one alumnus as chairman of each area.

In the fall of '45 the first student-faculty group for planning the Union was appointed by President Hauck. With the fall of '46 a new committee was appointed bringing in new points of view. Every suggestion was taken into consideration so that the building might be of the most value to the Union and as a Memorial to alumni now prominent in architectural and construction world gave willingly of their advice. Maine alumni throughout the country were invited to offer suggestions, and students at Orono who perhaps more than anyone felt the need of the Union put their hearts into the effort.

The building will be a combination of all the best features of a union. There will be a cafeteria, a dining room, a snack bar, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, office for alumni and student organizations, meeting rooms, rest rooms, and above all the Memorial Room.

February 24-28 the campaign was held at Orono with \$100,000 as the goal and \$94,707 the total. Eighty-five percent of the students and most of the organizations pledged. \$10,064 was pledged in preliminary gifts. One hundred and fifty workers did their services freely and gladly.

March 28, the Alumni drive was held and met with immediate success throughout the nation. Many thousands of miles were traveled to come forward with their pledges eagerly.

Today the drive opens on our campus. Let's show Orono and the Alumni that we too realize the necessity and the value of a Student Union.



Photo by Robbins

THE STUDENT UNION COMMITTEE. Seated: Charles Beattie, Bill Hopkins, Bob Anderson. Standing: Dick Small, Mark Shedd, George Bragdon.

15% IN . . . 85% TO GO

By Mark Shedd

The Union Building Fund Committee wishes to extend a hearty **THANK** to those men who have given the campaign its first shove to help it gain momentum. The gifts thus far have not been large; however, if each man on the Brunswick Campus will share the same enthusiasm these men have shown toward making this campaign a success, we cannot help but surpass the goal of \$21,000. A total of \$3192 (at midnight, 1 May '47) has been pledged by ninety-seven donors. Without consultation with Dr. Thorndike, we venture to divide the larger by the smaller — the answer being an average of \$32.90 plus. This may not seem too impressive, but take into con-

sideration that a number of pledges must have exceeded the average to maintain such an average. A ninety dollar contribution was neither uncommon nor unexcelled.

The University at Orono is looking with special interest, as are alumni throughout the country, to the results of the campaign here. The prestige of the Brunswick Campus has unquestionably been enhanced by its scholastic superiority, by its athletic supremacy, and its reputation in general. Should we not further improve our standing by showing ourselves appreciative and forward-looking by going over the top in this the first tangible opportunity to show our true spirit?

Campaign To Be Climaxed By Victory Dance Friday

Goal Of \$21,000 Has Been Set For Campus Drive, Pledges To Be Payable Over Six Semesters

By Bob Anderson

This morning we officially opened our campaign for the Memorial Union Building, and we have proposed as our goal \$21,000. The first step toward reaching our goal is to understand the necessity of such a building on the Orono Campus. The original campaign was started by the Alumni Association. The students at Orono realized, as we will next year, that such a building is necessary in order that we may receive the full benefit of our college education. The enthusiasm and the promotion of the campaign held among the students at Orono netted an average of more than \$29.00 per student or \$94,000.

It is important that we realize now that we are helping to build a Memorial Union Building which we look forward to using during our college life. Are we going to sit back and let time pass, so that we will not be able to get full benefit from this building? The time of decision is here. This building will be of great benefit to you, both as a student and as an alumnus in the coming years. The need for this building is drastic. Without this building we will have to restrict our activities to a minimum. Shall we let this happen? We all realize that such activities and facilities are a necessary part of our college life. We realize that some of us have never visited the Orono Campus; however, we all realize now that we must prepare for our future happiness.

The ideal set before the stu-

dents by Raymond H. Fogler '15 was, "Give a little more and do a little more than is convenient — you will profit most by what you do and give, for to that extent you really become a part of this Union Building; to that extent you help make the proposed building the kind of a Memorial and Tribute which we want it to be in memory of those whose great sacrifices will make even our most sacrificial gift seem but small."

The Alumni Association has undertaken to raise money to build this beautiful building on our Orono Campus. We are in no way compelled to contribute. We are conducting this campaign on our free will as the students so successfully did at Orono. We have set our quota at a mark we hope to achieve. The Administration has not influenced us in any way.

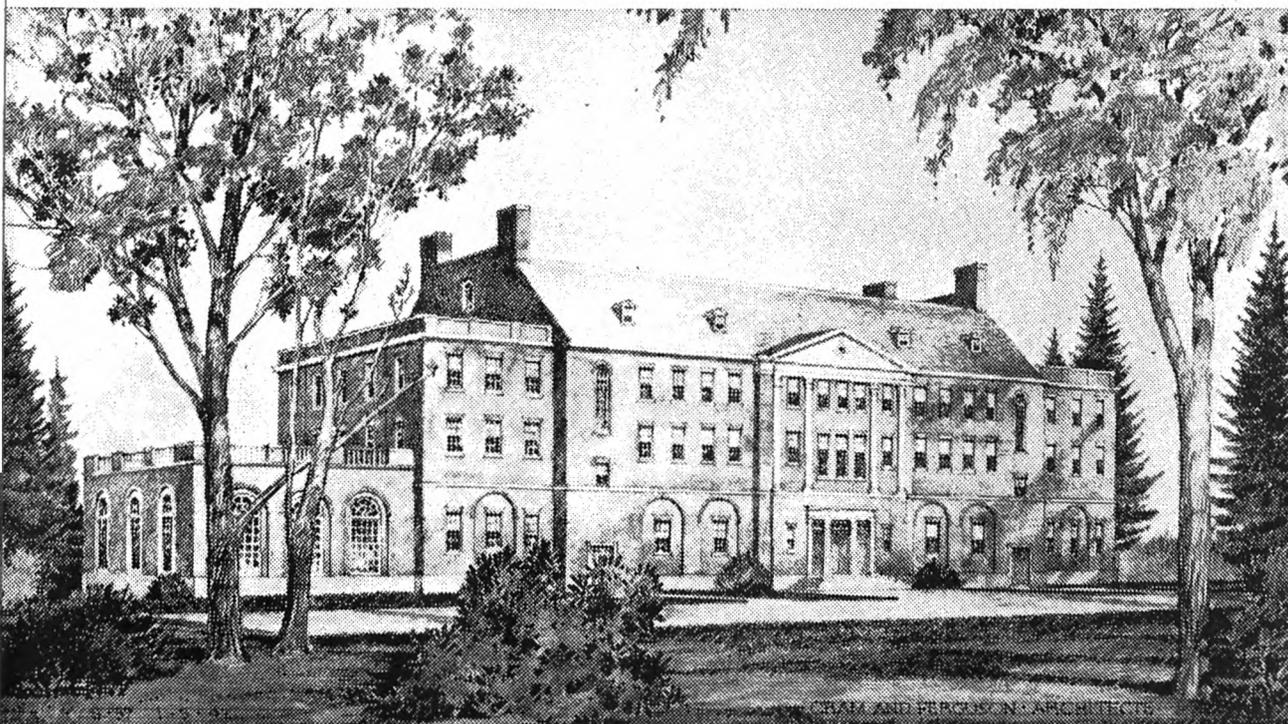
We are no longer just students, but we are well seasoned men who realize the necessity of preparing for our future. Fundamentally our problems are all the same. As veterans we are restricted to spending a minimum on all activities. Our checks do not last very long. We are all fighting the same battle; however, there is not one among us who cannot realize a wise investment when he sees it. The veterans at Orono were faced with this same question. Their campaign was a huge success because they too realize the benefit of preparing for the future.

Have we forgotten the men and women who contributed the Memorial Gymnasium in memory of the men who lost their lives in the first World War? They built that beautiful building, which far surpasses any gymnasium in this area, so that we might also enjoy its numerous advantages.

We do not want to consider having to pay student union fees during our college years, as other colleges about the country do. We do not wish to have facts presented. If such an idea entered our minds we would defeat our main purpose. Our spirit and willingness to give will speed the completion of the Union Building.

Each student will be asked to subscribe voluntarily the amount which he feels he can give willingly to the Fund. It is hoped that every student will subscribe \$30 or more, payable over a period of six semesters or in equivalent quarterly payments after leaving our University.

We look forward to a very successful and high spirited campaign. The tremendous enthusiasm of the students here on campus has already become very evident. Daily reports will be posted in prominent places throughout the campus, and we will endeavor to reach our quota. We will earnestly strive to keep you informed of our success, and we will make a final report to you on Friday night at the dance. Our success is our benefit.



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