

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT: 'CITY WITHIN CITY'

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is run by the University.

The University has 76 buildings and the number of students averages 9,000 to 10,000. Enrollment this year is back to its pre-war figure. There are 32 fraternities and 21 sororities. Perhaps the best known department is the School of Drama under Glenn Hughes. The Colleges of Engineering and Forestry and the School of Fisheries are highly rated. A medical and a dental school have been planned and plans recently have been submitted for these.

The chimes are among the most interesting and beautiful things on the campus. They are played by George Bailey, a blind man, at 8 o'clock in the morning, noon and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. On Sundays they are played for a half hour at 9:30 and at 3:30. Students hurrying to an early class receive a definite lift when they hear "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" ring out across the campus. Sometimes the music is popular, just the kind the college crowd loves. Again it is classical and the true lovers are spell bound.

Through the University all of us may enjoy the concert series which is an annual event, bringing such famous singers as Paul Robeson and Rose Bampton. The Walker Ames Foundation is another University feature which lends the University a certain prestige. Originating persons walk over in their field from all over the United States to lecture on the campus.

PERHAPS one of the reasons for the cosmopolitan air in the University District is the Edmund Meany Hotel, named for one of the state's most famous historians. It was built by Eero Saarinen in 1931 and has 200 rooms. Between the hotel and the General Insurance Building on the opposite corner at East 45th Street and Brooklyn Avenue there is a skyscraper air-conditioned shopping district, patronized by persons from all over Seattle. In its own area alone it is estimated there are 100,000 persons with a buying capacity of more than a hundred million dollars annually. Making a tour of the University Way section, I found it virtually a window-shopper's paradise.

There are restaurants of all descriptions, bakeries, five-and-ten-cent stores, women's dress shops, hardware stores, sport shops, beauty salons, two banks, a secretarial school, flower shops, laundries, barbers, gift shops, antique shops, soda fountains, photo-graphers, studios, second-hand furniture stores, a post office, department stores, radio service shops, book stores, book stores and more book stores.

The Reading Science Monitor has a reading room in the neighborhood, so has the Youth Center, and there's a Golden Rule Health Mart. You can look at gram skirts in the window of the Nipa Shack, at lacquered bowls in the Shop of China, at rice cups and magnet plates in one of the Chinese laundries, at oil paintings displayed in the book shop windows, at handsome pieces of silver, or rare old plates in an antique shop, or at games and model airplanes in the Hobbs-Center.

WHEN a resident of the University District wants good food combined with lots of atmosphere he goes to the Chalet at 1417 E. 42nd Street, run by Mattie G. Dixon.

This is also a favorite eating place with the campus crowd

and the professors have a table at noon during the school session.

The music of a violin and piano reaches you as you go down the steps and into the building. The violinist is the wife of Mr. Dixon and she wears a white blouse, gray crimson skirt, crimson stockings, embroidered shoes, and a brilliant comb in her hair. Swim pictures and designs decorate the room, making it festive and colorful. The tables are red, the chairs blue, and there are white booths with red and green designs painted on them. A counter with high stools accommodates those who wish to hurry. Mr. Dixon can be seen in his white chef's hat presiding over his kitchen at the back.

Students from the University are employed as waitresses and hand you wooden-covered menus on which tiny Swiss girls in peasant costumes are painted inside you are advised.

If a student asks you wisely:

Five things observe with care. What to eat, who cooked the meal.

And how and when and where.

There is a saying for every kind of food, and favorite mistakes of the Dijos are painted around the room. A door at one side leads to the smorgasbord downstairs. Over the piano are small shelves holding tiny busts of famous musicians. A cuckoo clock from the Black Forest of Germany hangs on one wall. The operas were woven by Mr. Dixon, who has artistic talent in many fields. He is a poet, a story writer. One of his mottoes tells the tale of the Swiss Chalet. Fill the bright goblet spread the festive board. Summon the noble and the fair. Let Mirth and Music sound the dirge of care.

THE University District is an ideal one for a young couple who plan to raise a family. There are about 15 churches and one of the best schools in Seattle. University Heights is in the section. Children attend the latter for the first six grades and then go to John Marshall Junior High and from here to Roosevelt High School. The Youth Center at East 5th Street and 12th Avenue Northwest is for both the Roosevelt and University Districts.

The University District Herald, founded by John Reed in 1916, is the oldest free-distribution newspaper in the city. The growth of the University section can be seen by using the Herald's circulation figures. It began by printing 3,500 copies and now publishes 18,000 to cover the same territory.

SOME of the finest postwar plans for the city of Seattle have been made for this section. Both the City Council and the state have OK'd what is referred to as "an adequate approach to the U. of W. campus." Campus plans for this were first adopted back in 1915. The approach is to occupy the middle 180 feet of the block between East 40th and East 41st Streets and to run from Roosevelt Way to 15th Avenue Northeast. The entrance to the campus will be at the site of the George Washington statue in the center of the Auditorium-State Museum group.

These new structures are nearly accessible to the public as well as to students. Meany Hall and the Henry Art Gallery are part of this group. The estimated cost of condemnation of property in the neighborhood is \$395,000, which is not enough to be a

large sum when the value and benefits derived from the procedure are considered.

A remarkable parking project has been planned for the business center. The business men and property owners have bought a site in the 4500 block between 12th Avenue Northeast and Brooklyn Avenue, with the idea of stabilizing the future of the district. Plans include the construction of a modern parking center the capacity of which will provide space for 150 per cent more cars than now can be parked on all available streets in garages and parking lots in the district.

STORES are open every Thursday evening and this custom has proved a boon to many persons who are unable to shop during the day. This plan is to be followed despite the end of the war and probably will attract shoppers from other sections of the city.

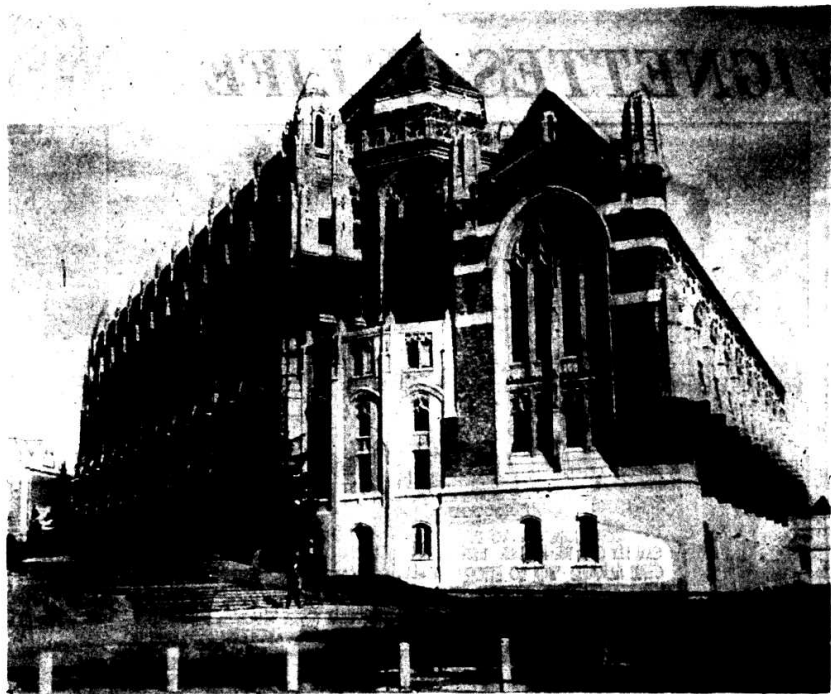
Plans are being made for the modernization of store fronts on University Way to increase the volume of business, improve real estate values and provide greater attractiveness for the District. According to a pamphlet recently published on this subject, the University District intends to be the first section of Seattle to follow up-to-date "face-lifting" suggestions for the profitably-possessed area.

THIS all seems a far cry from the early planting of the area in 1889 by C. Moore. Moore made further plats in 1906 and 1907. At that time it was a good section for hunting! The first druckstore recalled was opened by C. B. Kinne about 1906. A man named Hiram Landale had a grocery at East 45th Street and University Way, and a Mr. Cowen built the College Inn at the time of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition where we find East 40th Street and University Way. Cowen also built the first theatre which stood where the University Book Store is today.

The Book Store was on the campus for many years and claims to be the oldest business house in the district. The Baptist Church stood where the General Insurance Building is now and Mrs. Bertie Landale, Seattle's only woman mayor, had her home where the Meany Hotel is today. There was a private bank on East 42nd Street where we now find Schwedlerman's real estate company. East 42nd Street was the principal business area for many years.

The legislature in 1893 passed the bill to buy the University grounds and the first building erected was Denny Hall, in 1895. Science Hall, the present Parlington was erected for the A. V. P. The University has since been buildings in all from the fair. Many small structures were erected in the neighborhood of the fair grounds and later moved to other sections of the district. Some can be traced today.

A big future must be in store for the University District, which has made such progress in 40 years that today it is a veritable city within a city.



BEAUTIFUL TUDOR-GOTHIC LIBRARY on University of Washington campus. Construction of the central tower was begun in 1923 and a wing was added in 1934. The architect's drawings call for other additions, including a 310-foot tower. The building is a dominant feature of the campus landscape. Its importance extends beyond mere architectural beauty, for it houses some extremely valuable collections of books, also the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, with a master index to all libraries in this part of the country.

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