

Butler University Plans for Bigger Student Body in '47

Officials Review Past Year, Termed Most
Successful Period in School's History

Plans to accommodate hundreds of new students during 1947 were being made by Butler university officials today as they reviewed a period of unparalleled expansion during the past year.

Under the leadership of Dr. M. O. Ross, president, the university passed through the most successful period, both financially and in numbers of students and faculty, in the history of the school.

The capital gain of the university, through gifts, amounted to \$1,450,000 according to the financial report of J. W. Atherton, secretary-treasurer of the university. Largest gift was made by the late George J. Marott and other gifts from more than 200 donors, giving from \$100 up, brought the grand total to \$1,450,000 added to the endowment, the building fund, and the general fund. Operating gain of the university during the year amounted to \$173,522, Mr. Atherton said.

Marott Gift

The Marott gift was made Feb. 1, 1946 when Mr. Marott presented the university with one half of 15,000 shares of capital stock in the George J. Marott shoe store. Income from the stock owned by the university is to be used as a loan fund for "needy, worthy and right minded students."

The year 1946, which saw college enrollment figures tumble over the nation, saw Butler's enrollment increase from 1401 during the first semester of the 1945-46 school year to 2469 the second semester, and still increased to 2632, the number currently enrolled.

New Classes Added

With the increase in students came a corresponding increase in the number of faculty members needed and a more intensive use of existing educational facilities. The university college, for first and second year college students, bore the brunt of the increased enrollment as most of the returning veterans registered as freshmen or sophomores.

Scores of new class sections were added, afternoon class schedules were expanded, and the university extended its regular class week through Saturday morning.

Recognition of the outstanding educational achievements of the university was received by President Ross in November when Butler was placed on the approved list of the Association of American Universities.

Educational Conference

During the past year the university resumed a full scale athletic program, joined the newly formed Mid-American Conference of Urban Universities, won the Indiana Intercollegiate conference football title, and began a basketball schedule designed to bring the nation's top flight quintets to the fieldhouse. President Ross brought a host of the nation's prominent educators

to the Fairview campus during the past year.

One of the most outstanding educational conferences to be held at Butler during the past year was the "Meet Your State Government Conference," sponsored by the College of Education. Participating were Governor Ralph F. Gates, Lt. Governor Richard T. James, Dr. C. T. Malan, state superintendent of instruction, and other state government leaders.

With the nation's leading educators predicting that college enrollments will remain at all-time peaks until 1949-50, Butler's leaders have planned a full program for 1947 which will see the local school expanding its physical facilities and continuing to serve an ever increasing number of Hoosier students.

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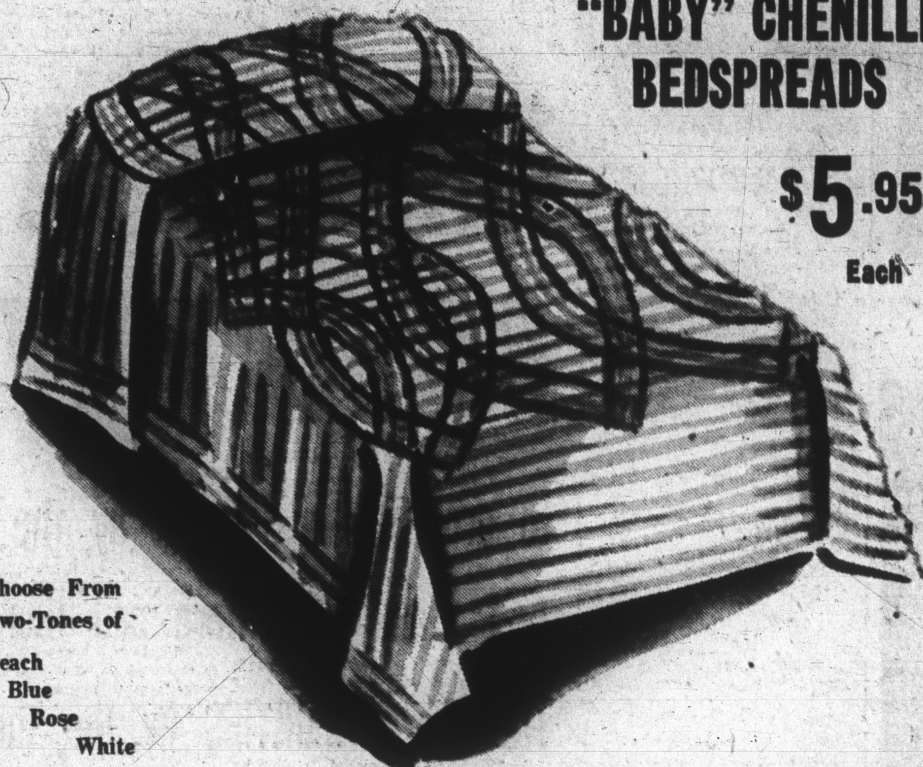
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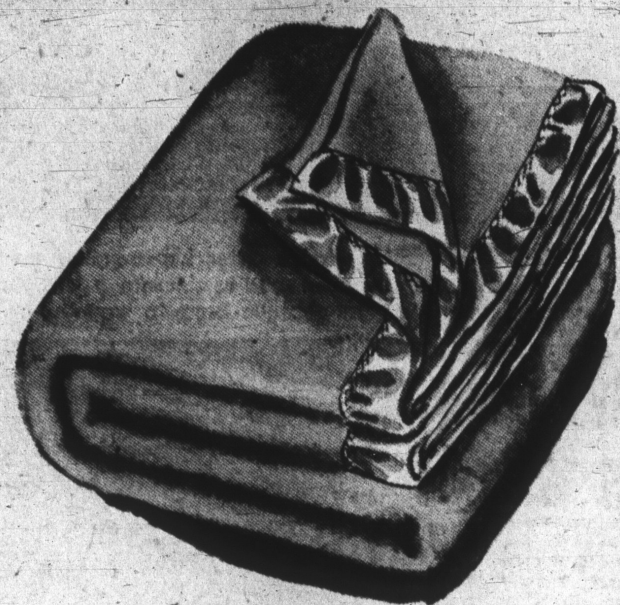
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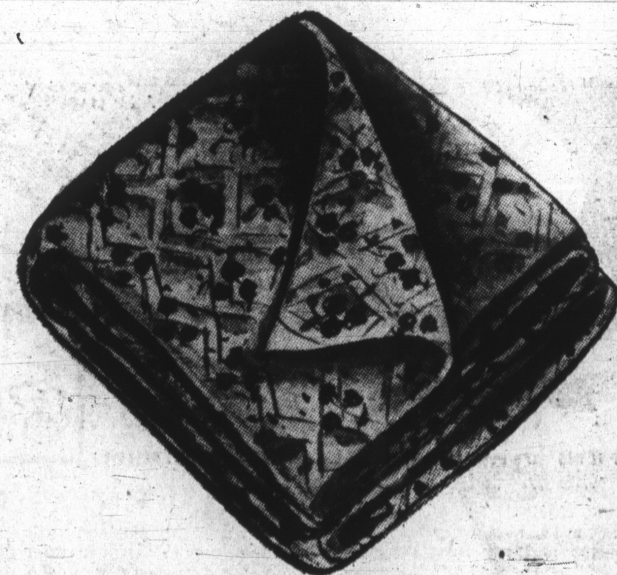
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