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RE: SCHOLARBHIPS AS A K. U. WAR MEMORIAL

A large number of letters which have been received concerning a K. U. War Memorial suggest scholarships as an appropriate method of memorializing services of K. U. men and women in World War II. The letters indicate, however, a variety of ideas concerning such scholarships. They vary from the creation of

- 1. Scholarships for deserving high school students, enabling them to attend the University.
- 2. International exchange scholarships.
- 3. Scholarships in foreign universities.

The writer has advocated as a war memorial the establishment of scholarships which would finance an exchange of students between the University of Kansas and the universities of other countries. The objections to this proposal may be summarized as follows:

- 1. It is not sufficiently dramatic or concrete therefore it might be difficult to sell.
- 2. Bonefits of the scholarships would be limited to the few students participating.
- 3. There is no evidence that the exchange of students by the University prior to World War II contributed to better international relations.

These objections may be discussed in detail as follows:

- 1. A simple scholarship would not be sufficient. The program should be dramatic and so set up that its plan and objective would clearly disclose that it is worthwhile. The scholarships should be granted by vote of the student body to students carefully solected for their ability, qualities of leadership and potentialities. This selection should be by a faculty and alumni nominating committee. A convocation could be hold at the beginning of the campaign in which the purposes of the scholarships would be explained and the student manager for each of the nominees would be permitted to extol the merits of the candidates. This should keep alive the spirit of the momorial much more than any building or other construction which would be accepted as a part of the University plant without realization of its origin and signifigance.
- 2. While the benefits of the scholarship would be limited to a few members of the student body each year, the number over a period of years would be very substantial. The selection of nominees from the School of Education would insure that the benefits received by the scholarship