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WASHINGTON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

ESTABLISHED 1891

May 14, 1934

To Holders of the Ellensburg Normal School Dormitory Building Bonds:

We are enclosing statement covering the operations of the dormitories for the period April 1, 1933 to April 1, 1934, showing earnings above actual expenses of approximately \$2,400.00 as against interest charges in excess of \$10,000.00. The corporation was compelled to default on the principal of the bonds maturing May 1, 1933 and on the interest for November 1, 1933.

In order to give you a clearer picture of the situation we cite the following facts:


The Ellensburg Normal School Dormitory Building Corporation is a non-profit organization which built two dormitories at the Washington State Normal School at Ellensburg. As security for the bond issue to finance these buildings the net revenues from said buildings and also from one of the state owned dormitories were pledged. This is the only source of income available for the service of these bonds. At the time the buildings were built the school had an enrollment of between eight and nine hundred students of which approximately three hundred lived in the dormitories. At the present time there are roughly four hundred students enrolled in the school, and less than eighty are able to live in the dormitories. The Normal School administration feels that interest could be earned if the number of students staying at the dormitories could be increased to one hundred fifty or more. The institution has maintained its reputation scholastically and with conditions improving throughout the state we can see no reason why a more normal enrollment cannot be attained and service on the bonds resumed.

The dormitory buildings are fully insured against fire and have been maintained in an excellent condition. During the last winter the buildings were repaired and improved through CWA labor. These buildings are on state property so there is no tax lien against them.

The present administration at the Normal School is managing the dormitories very efficiently and the interests of the bondholders are kept uppermost in the minds of those responsible. No salaries or expenses are paid for administration and all income above actual running expenses is preserved for your account.

The board of trustees of the building corporation, a non-salaried organization, will be glad to make a place for a representative of the bondholders if they so desire.

To summarize, we can assure you that the buildings are well maintained, fully insured and well managed. The ultimate success in the retirement of these bonds is dependant on increased enrollment at the school. Anything bondholders can do to help toward this end will hasten the resumption of bond service and any action that would hurt the school will delay it.

  
J. C. McWhorter  
Chairman, Ellensburg Normal School  
Dormitory Building Corporation

## Minutes of the Conference of Institutions of Higher Education

This conference was held at 10:00 on Monday, May 7, 1934, in the President's office, University of Washington, President Winkenwerder presiding.

There were present: Presidents Winkenwerder, Fisher, Hargreaves, and McConnell; Mr. Kruegel of the State College, Mr. Victor Bouillon, Trustee of Ellensburg Normal School and Mr. Stevens. Dean Thompson and Dean Condon were also present by invitation during part of the session.

President Winkenwerder called the meeting to order stating that the object of the conference was to consider the possibility of united action in connection with the support of higher education. It was stated that the call for the meeting grew out of a conversation with President Fisher last week.

President Winkenwerder also stated that he had invited Dr. J. K. Hall of the Department of Economics to be present at 11:00 and to report the situation from the standpoint of the State's tax resources.

Upon request, President Fisher stated that the presidents of all institutions of higher education had recently received a letter from the Washington Council on Education requesting definite information in regard to the position of their institutions on the matter of State support and its relation to the support of the public schools. This letter is awaiting a reply which can only be made after a state-wide policy has been determined upon. Attention was called to the attempt to change the 40 mill law to a 35 mill law which would do away with the 5 Mill State Property Tax. The County Governments are asking for flexibility in the 40 mill law. Various organizations are interested in earmarking funds for various purposes.

Mr. Kruegel submitted certain figures involving the millage for institutions of higher education, while President Hargreaves submitted figures showing the State tax levy for all of the State funds for 1933-1934 and 1932-33. These are as follows:

Dr. J. K. Hall submitted a report of a meeting in Spokane at which possible revenues for the school and for higher education were discussed. It was the consensus of opinion at the Spokane meeting that the public schools would seek revenue from two sources: a sales tax and a progressive income tax and that if the campaign is successful, these two measures will produce sufficient revenues so that the public school will not require further aid from the millage. It was reported that the leaders of the public school program feel that an integrated plan which will draw the united support of higher education is now essential.

A general discussion followed resulting in a decision to seek a conference with Dr. Showalter at once in order that his views might be obtained in regard to this matter.

Before adjournment, Dr. Hall made the following recommendations: That the State Tax Commission be asked to include in its report a recommendation that the millage for higher education be reserved for the use of higher education exclusively and that furthermore, if in any year this millage shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations of the Legislature, that the (general graduated income tax) fund shall be available to make up the deficiency, and furthermore, that the common school interests be encouraged to secure revenues for their needs from a sales tax and a progressive income tax.

The conference adjourned at 3:00 to meet at the call of the chairman.

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Travel, Printing, and Supplies   | 11.00     |
| Insurance and General Expense    | 50.00     |
| Post. Light, and Heat            | 10.00     |
| Provision and Dining Hall        | 10,000.00 |
| Executive and Operating Supplies | 100.00    |
| Faculty                          | 1,000,000 |
| Expenses to Institutions         | 75        |
| Interest on Bonds                | 100,000   |
| Expenses of State to Property    | 100,000   |
| Service                          | 100.00    |
| Attacks (Construction, etc.)     | 100,000   |
| Unpaid Bonds 11, 1934            | 1,000,000 |
|                                  | 2,000,000 |

The balance of bonds 11, 1934 including auxiliary services will be advanced, part of which will be needed to meet current obligations of the public schools.

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1933-1934

WILKESBORO, WASH.

April 29, 1934.

OPERATING STATEMENT, DORMITORIES

April 1, 1933 to March 31, 1934

Mr. Kenneth Corson,

Washington State Normal School,

Wilkesburg, Washington.

Total for Year  
4/1/33-3/31/34

Dear Mr. Corson:

Balance on Hand April 1, 1933           \$ 5,401.28  
Receipts March 31, 1933-March 31, 1934   29,470.93

Total Funds Available for Year                                 \$34,872.21

DISBURSEMENTS:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Salaries and Wages                                | 8,778.64        |
| General Office Supplies                           | 14.52           |
| Telephone Rentals                                 | 267.40          |
| Postage, Freight, and Express                     | 12.93           |
| Insurance and General Expense                     | 281.25          |
| Fuel, Light, and Water                            | 4,089.39        |
| Provisions and Dining Hall                        | 10,720.97       |
| Janitor and Cleaning Supplies                     | 249.71          |
| Laundry   | 1,539.75        |
| Repairs to Buildings                              | .75             |
| Interest on Bonds                                 | 5,362.50        |
| Warrants held in payment for Dormitory<br>Service | 309.22          |
| Refunds (Reservations, etc.)                      | 793.84          |
| Balance March 31, 1934                            | <u>2,471.34</u> |

34,872.21

The balance at March 31, 1934 includes dormitory services paid in advance, part of which will be needed to meet current obligations of the coming month.

G. F. SHORT  
SPENCER SHORT

SHORT & SHORT  
LAWYERS  
ELLENSBURG, WASH.

April 29, 1934.

Mr. Kenneth Corson, Accountant  
Washington State Normal School,  
Ellensburg, Washington,

Dear Mr. Corson:

Mr. Straw has spoken to me regarding an account at the Normal Food Shop charged to him and the circumstances regarding the same. It was my understanding and I believe it was the understanding of the other members of the Board that Mr. Straw was drawing a salary of \$250. per month during the time this account was incurred.

Sincerely yours



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