BUS SHELTER

It used to disturb me considerably to see the number of students who came by bus that had to stand out in the rain or stay in Kittredge until they saw the bus come up and then run out to see if they could catch it before it left. Sometimes they missed it and then they ran down to the corner of Alder and 15th where they caught it because it had to go around three sides of the block before it reached there.

I decided that we should have some kind of a bus shelter for the students so they could wait in comfort for the bus, because most of the students at that time commuted to the campus.

I went to the Tacoma Transit Company, which had two very outstanding officers, Curtis Hill, (whose son Frank Hill graduated from the University of Puget Sound and became a very distinguished doctor in San Francisco,) and Mr. Clinton Reynolds, who was a product of one of the Ivy League colleges back east and who, very frankly, wanted to be a member of our Board of Trustees. I presented to them the fact that there ought to be a bus shelter because of the unusually large number of students who came to the campus and from the standpoint of the neighbors in the area.

In our discussion, they asked what it would cost and I told them I would find out. I went to the architects and because it had heat, no basic foundation and only minimal amount of light necessary it was found that we could put up a bus shelter for $3,000. After considerable negotiation, they said they would underwrite the cost of the bus shelter if we would not reveal where it came from, because while they were a private transit company at that time and had not yet sold to the City they felt if it were known that they had built the bus shelter there would be a good many
other communities that would like to have a bus shelter, too.

The shelter was built. The Buildings and Grounds men did part of the work and it was built for $3,000 and dedicated in May, 1948. It has served faithfully and well through the years until such time as the bus routes were changed to go north on Alder, around the campus.

The shelter was a very fine gift. The students have suggested from time to time that it be enclosed and used for an information center on the campus, but it hasn't appeared to be feasible because there would be the expense of light, heat and staffing.

Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Hill are both gone but we appreciate very much the fact that they built the bus shelter on the campus when they did.