A Cornerstone Of Greatness?

Throughout history, the written word has played a dynamic, vital role in man's progress toward a better world.

A single, ordinary appearing book has at times proved capable of changing the entire direction of events.

Books are the cohesive element which has been used to bind together the past, the present and the future. They are the storehouse of man's wisdom and man's follies.

A great library is a cornerstone of a great university. It is a magnet which draws excellence to a university in both students and instructors.

Arizona State University recently dedicated the five-floor, $4 million Charles Trumbull Hayden Library, an architecturally beautiful structure designed to house one million volumes and seat 3,000 students.

The new Hayden Library could well be a cornerstone in Arizona State's rise to the level of "great" universities. It is certainly a significant mark of progress, progress which should now be recognized and furthered by the citizens of the state.

The library is well named to assume such a role of importance in the university's life. Charles Hayden, father of Sen. Carl Hayden, was, according to a biographical sketch written after his death, "one of the chief promoters of education in the territory (Arizona) and appreciated the benefits of a trained and concentrated intelligence . . . ."

Hayden believed in education to such an extent that he was one of the people instrumental in getting a normal school (now ASU) for Tempe and donated to the city the land on which the school was started.

How his dream has grown!