

Honor outstanding juniors today

Thirteen weary Innocents will give keys to successors

By Chris Petersen.

Thirteen crimson-gowned figures, tired of their four long years of work to attain membership into the highest men's honorary on the Nebraska campus, will turn over the priceless keys of their secret archives to 13 enthusiastic juniors ready to carry on the work as the traditional tapping of Innocents will end the gala Ivy Day festivities, this afternoon.

Having been ridden roughly to the ground by his tapper, each of the new members will take his place in the organization which fosters campus traditions and rules in the world of the activity man.

Those men who will be selected will be the 13 outstanding men in school from point of scholarship, leadership, and service. They have achieved.

Qualities

To become a member of Innocents means long hours of work in a multitude of extra-curricular activities, and equally long hours of study to maintain an average above 78. Innocents is the true recognition of ability and applicability.

A man has a good many barriers to breast before he can become a member of the society. First of all, he must be a leader in activities. He must be able to come out on top in competition with others. Then he must pass the faculty committee on scholarship and character tests. Then he must be able to win the vote of a majority of the Innocents already in the society.

A long road

A man begins his run for Innocents in the Ivy Day orator election. There he must be able to carry enough student votes to put him in the first 25 men in student favor for positions in the society.

Then his record goes to the faculty committee, for approval. Making up this faculty committee are Professor Lantz, Colonel Frankforter, Gayle C. Walker, Professor Schramm, Dean Thompson, Dean Harper, and John K. Selleck. They are the men who have the opportunity to see those men in activities work. They make recommendations to Innocents.

Then a man's name goes before the 13 men in the society. It is voted upon. If nine or more men in the society vote "Yes," a man becomes an Innocent. It is on Ivy Day, this day, that he is formally accepted into the society.

The officers

The first five men tapped today will be officers of next year's organization. In order, they will be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant at arms. Holding those positions in the outgoing society are Roger Cunningham, Roy Proffitt, Arthur Hill, Fred Stiner, and Adna Dobson. Other members who are spending their last day in the society are Merrill Englund, Dick deBrown, Orval Hager, Irvin Sherman, Harold Niemann, Robert Waugh, Ralph Reed, and Grant Thomas.

Col. C. Frankforter, acting as faculty sponsor, helps guide the destinies of the group.

From worries

Incoming members have a large job cut out for them. Perhaps most important of the many duties will be the sponsoring and planning of the Junior-Senior Prom which has become a ward of the society. It was through the work of Merrill Englund that the affair was turned over to the Innocents through approval by the faculty committee.

They will have to make further plans and preparations for the establishment of a student loan fund, long a dream of members of the past societies.

And of other things

On top of these two new projects will come too the continuance of the long list of activities already carried on by Innocents. They will sell freshmen caps at the beginning of next year, they will help plan the freshman convocation with the aid of the Mortar Boards, they will aid in the planning and carrying out of the school rallies, they will sponsor and pick cheer leaders. And as usual, they will sponsor the homecoming decorations contest and homecoming afternoon dance. It

will be through their work that the card section at the football games will be carried on. Last of all, it is their job to sponsor the many activities of Dad's Day.

Alumni magazine

The society sponsors the edition of an alumni directory once a year. This too will be a duty of the incoming members.

To aid the new "13 most outstanding men in the university" will be the strong and co-operative alumni association. The Innocents alumni are headed by Guy C. Chambers. A strong group, their constant co-operation with the active chapters has always assured the success of each Innocent venture.

The new president of society will automatically become chairman of the Men's Point Board. It is that board, made up of the key officers in the main men's activities, which governs and controls men's activities.

No politics

Once a man becomes a member of Innocents, he drops all factional alignments. Their interests are directed toward the bettering of the group as a whole and not just one political faction.

One of the new policies initiated by this year's group was the setting of the precedent of having one dinner during the last semester at each of the fraternities on the campus. According to President Cunningham, it gives those men who will be left behind to carry on university, traditions and services.

The members of the society try to hold a noon luncheon once a week thruout the school year in order that they may consider those campus projects and problems which come up during the year.

Alumni roundup

One of the biggest activities of the Innocents during the year is the Alumni Roundup. At this time, special programs are planned for all Innocent alumni who return to the Nebraska campus for the celebration.

Innocents society is in no way affiliated with a national honorary group. The society was founded on this campus and because of its uniqueness has been kept for Nebraska until it is now an established tradition.

The question "What activities must a man have to become an Innocent?" might arise. Innocents society strives to take in those men each year who are the key men in leading activities. Here are the qualifications that the present Innocents had for membership in this year's organization.

They had . . .

Roger Cunningham was a member of Corn Cobs, Prom committee, Interfraternity Council, Student Council and a number of leading ag college activities too numerous to mention.

Roy Proffitt was head cheer leader, president of Kosmet Klub, a member of Corn Cobs and many smaller activities.

Art Hill is business manager of the DAILY, a member of the Student Council, a member of Corn Cobs and had other minor activities.

Fred Stiner was assistant business manager of the Cornhusker, a member of Corn Cobs and a member of Interfraternity Council and Prom committee member.

Merrill Englund was managing editor of the DAILY, Prom committee member, president of the Interfraternity Council, a member of Student Council and had other minor activities.

Richard deBrown is editor-in-chief of the DAILY, a member of Kosmet Klub and was a member of the Interfraternity Council.

More editors

Orval Hager is editor of the Cornhusker, is a member of Kosmet Klub and had other minor activities.

Irvin Sherman is business manager of the Cornhusker, is a member of Kosmet Klub and has other minor activities.

Ralph Reed lists president of Corn Cobs and membership in Kosmet Klub as his leading activities. He, like the others also has minor activities.

Grant Thomas was junior class president, Prom committee mem-

Their day is done



PREXY CUNNINGHAM
Farm House

ROY PROFFITT
Alpha Tau Omega

ARTHUR HILL
Sigma Alpha Mu

FRED STINER
Phi Kappa Psi

MERRILL ENGLUND
Kappa Sigma

RICHARD DE BROWN
Beta Theta Pi

RALPH REED
Delta Upsilon

IRVING SHERMAN
Zeta Beta Tau

ROBERT WAUGH
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

ORVAL HAGER
Beta Theta Pi

ADNA DOBSON
Sigma Nu

GRANT THOMAS
Sigma Chi

HAROLD NIEMANN
Acacia.

Leave masks behind



—Journal and Mar.
PREXY WAUGH
Kappa Kappa Gamma.

JANET LAU
Delta Gamma

MARY STEUTEVILLE
Alpha Xi Delta

FAITH MEDLAR
Barb

MELVA KIME
Barb

MARIAN KIDD
Kappa Alpha Theta

FERN STEUTEVILLE
Alpha Xi Delta

VIRGINIA CLEMANS
Pi Beta Phi

PRISCILLA WICKS
Delta Delta Delta

PEGGY SHERBURN
Barb

MARY JO HENN
Delta Delta Delta

JEAN HOOPER
Chi Omega

HELEN KOVANDA
Gamma Phi Beta

SELMA HILL
Sigma Delta Tau

ber, varsity basketball and Kosmet Klub.

Harold Niemann was editor-in-chief of the DAILY, a member of Kosmet Klub, a Corn Cob worker and had other minor activities.

Robert Waugh was president of the Student Council, a member of the Engineering Executive Board, Prom committee and was a member of Corn Cobs. He, too, had other minor activities.

Adna Dobson was a member of the varsity football squad, Senior class president, Student Council, Athletic Board of Control, and had other minor activities.

Thirteen women will reach apex in activities at masking

Thirteen women will reach the apex in women's activities today when Mortar Boards turn over their black masks and robes to those junior women who will be deemed the most outstanding in the University of Nebraska for the year of 1940-41.

Those who become members of the society will realize the hopes and ambitions of three years. And there will be others, who did not quite have enough "something" who will see their hopes and ambitions tumble about them.

Members of Mortar Board are selected from the outstanding junior women on the campus on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service. The thirty junior women, chosen from the class by a vote of all senior and junior women are the proposed candidates. From this group, members of Mortar Board's active chapter select any number from five to twenty to perpetuate their group.

Board activities

1. Leadership conference in the fall for discussions of various activities, particularly for freshmen and girls who are interested in activities.

2. Since 1932, the "Vice Versa" party held in the coliseum, traditionally on the weekend following the Military Ball. Frankie Trumbar played for the dance this year.

3. Arrange the freshmen convocation at the beginning of each year, in conjunction with the Innocents.

4. In the spring the organization presents a scholarship tea honoring all women in the university who have an eighty average or above. At this tea three awards are made to senior women who have ranked high in service, scholarship and leadership.

5. The first Thursday in May, Mortar Board is in charge of the presentation of May Queen during the Ivy Day festivities and of the masking of new members.

National organization

Mortar Board is a national organization with chapters on 71 campuses, and alumnae clubs in 33 cities of the United States, including one in Lincoln. The Mortar Board quarterly, official magazine of the group, acquaints each chapter with one another, as well as the national convention which is held bi-annually.

The Nebraska chapter of the organization exists under the name of the Black Masque chapter. Black Masque was an active senior honorary on the Nebraska campus long before it became a chapter of the national Mortar Board. Between the years that it was founded and its joining with the national organization, between 1905 and 1921, most of the traditions of the society were formed. Included in these traditions were Ivy Day, Ivy Day poem, orations, court, and the masking of successors. In 1917 Mortar Boards were arranging the Freshman convocation! in 1918, they moved from a room in the Temple theatre to Ellen Smith Hall; and in 1919, with the help of the Innocents, they launched the Student Council. The following year they were granted a charter from the national organization of Mortar Boards.

Officers

Officers of this year's honorary are Elizabeth Waugh, president; Janet Lau, vice president; Mary Steuteville, secretary; Faith Medlar, treasurer.

Other members are Marion Kidd, Fern Steuteville, Priscilla Wicks, Virginia Clemans, Selma Hill, Melva Kime, Peggy Sherburne, Mary Jo Henn, Jean Hooper and Helen Kovanda.

A quick glance at this year's membership in the society shows that nine of the fourteen members live in Lincoln. Elizabeth Waugh was Honorary Colonel, one of the most sought women's honors on the campus. Peggy Sherburne ruled over the Farmer's Formal on ag campus as Queen, Scholastically, Faith Medlar tops her sisters with a membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Sponsors

Mortar Board has three sponsors, all members of the honorary: Dr. Louise Pound, Miss Lenor Alway, and Mrs. W. E. Millitzer. The dean of women is automatically an honorary sponsor.

Mortar Boards on the faculty at Nebraska including those from Black Masque and other chapters are: Miss Margaret Fedde, Kate

Field, Alice Howell, Mabel Lee, Florence McGahey, Marguerite McPhee, Elsie Ford Piper, Louise Pound, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Dr. Eldna Walker, Mrs. Hattie Plum Williams, Mrs. Ada Westover, Dr. Clara Wilson, Eliza Gamble, Miss Loize Montgomery and Miss Lenor Alway.

The national president of Mortar Board, Mrs. Katherine Wills Coleman, graduated from the university and was a member of the Mortar Board chapter on this campus.

New project

This spring the Mortar Boards added a new project to their list of activities. An officer's training school was sponsored by the group and was open to all presidents of social sororities, and the officers of all honoraries and girls organizations on the campus. This school contained various sessions on leadership, parliamentary law, duties of officers, and of publicity chairmen. The project was initiated to bring all women's groups on the campus in closer harmony with one and another.

The president of Mortar Board is automatically the chairman of the Interorganization Council which is composed of the presidents of the five major women's boards — AWS, Coed Counselor, YWCA, WAA, and Tassels. This council works together in the scheduling of elections, acts as a clearing house for any conflicts between the groups, and sees that the work of the various boards does not overlap.

Activities

The question arises "Just what does a woman have to have to become a member of the organization?" Here is a bird's eye view of the activities that the women now sitting on the Mortar Board have or are carrying.

Elizabeth Waugh was a member of Coed Counselors, AWS Board. Included in her honors are Honorary Colonel of the ROTC unit.

Janet Lau is vice-president of the AWS Board, Secretary of the Student Council, and was a member of Tassels.

Mary Steuteville has been active in YWCA work, is vice-president of the AWS Board, was a DAILY NEBRASKAN news editor.

Faith Medlar is treasurer of the Coed Counselor Board, and a member of the YWCA Cabinet.

And more--

Peggy Sherburne is a member of the AWS Board and of the Barb Activities Board.

Virginia Lemans was president of the AWS Board.

Mary Jo Henn was vice-president of the Tassels, and a member of the YWCA Cabinet.

Jean Hooper is a member of the AWS Board and the YWCA Cabinet.

Selma Hill was president of Tassels.

Marian Kidd is president of Student Council.

Melva Kime is a member of the Coed Counselor Board, president of the Barb Activities Board.

Fern Steuteville is president of the Coed Counselors Board.

Priscilla Wicks was president of the YWCA and is a member of the Student Council.

Scholarships

This year the Mortar Board chapter, instead of offering one graduate scholarship, will give two sophomore scholarships of 75 dollars each. The names of the freshmen girls winning these scholarships which will go toward their tuition next year were announced at the annual Honor's Day convocation.

The administration of the Student Loan Fund, has been removed to the dean of women's office and can now be used only by women. This fund provides for emergency short time loans without interest to the women students. The money in the fund was donated by Mortar Board and by other women's organizations on the campus last year.

Twelve or thirteen women will take over the traditions, work and projects of that organization today. In order to do the job well, they must be the thirteen outstanding women in the university.