

Nash Amuses Students At Union Convocation

Writer Describes 'Humorous' Verse

Ogden Nash kept a University audience in constant laughter Wednesday afternoon, when he addressed them in the Union ballroom.

The light verse writer told the convocation that the field of humor offers tremendous opportunities for young writers.

"This is particularly true of writers of clever editorials in newspapers," continued the speaker.

Speaking about the type of humor appearing in publications of today, Nash told the audience that humor today is generally a rehash of last week's radio programs. People are interested today, he says, in the gag (mere joke that has nothing to do with humanity) rather than good humor.

Speaking on the topic "Midway Thru Nash," the author named three compensations which he felt he received in his 48 years. They are: He doesn't get asked to dance anymore; pretty girls offer him their seats on buses; and although 20 years ago he had only rounded shoulders, today he has the distinguished stoop.

"Stoop" could be taken in two ways, admitted the speaker.

Best Remembered

Nash told the audience that one of the few verses which he has the most expectation of being remembered is "Candy is dandy; but liquor is quicker," which was first presented to the public in Evanston, Ill., on the 75th anniversary of the W.C.T.U.

The writer told the students and faculty that he had decided that he prefers to spend the rest of his years "saluting strange women and grandfather clocks" rather than go through the confusing process of changing constantly from seeing glasses to reading glasses. One of his verses "Peek Aboo, I Almost See You," contained a detailed expression of his feelings.

The audience received an unusual treat, Nash told them, by his not telling them about his trip to Europe last summer. He said that he was so used to getting the seats in the trains and taxis which made him ride backward, that he was not quite sure of what he saw of the foreign countries.

Always Late
"Everything I did see," said Nash, "seemed to have just happened before I got there." I saw Europe re-receding under my very eyes," stated the speaker.

He believes that a great deal of the humorous incidents happen to actors. He told of one of them who practically lowered his wife and child to safety from a second story window when the house caught fire. However, when it was his turn to climb down, he slipped, and was caught by his mother-in-law who had got to the ground by the stairs.

Nash told the group that he realized that his topic was to be talking about himself, but said that nothing spectacular had happened to him; his life was "purely a personal one." He was an "obnoxious brat" when he was young, said Nash, and always wanted to write.

His first verse was written in 1912 on his eldest sister's wedding day. It was "Beautiful spring is here, and has taken my
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Corn Shucks Names Six Section Heads

Six students have been named to the positions of Corn Shucks Section Editors by Editor Frank Jacobs. They are Pat Baldwin, Jim Cornish, Harris Carnaby, Dave Doyle, Paul McKee, and Pat O'Brien.

The six new Section Editors will assume their positions immediately at a special editorial staff meeting slated for Thursday at 3:30 p. m. The job of the new Section Editors will be to write and formulate the features and departments for each issue.

In announcing the new positions, Jacobs also reminded would-be writers and cartoonists that the Corn Shucks 1950 Literary Contest is still "alive and kicking."

Cartoons, short stories, and essays should be sent to the Corn Shucks office, Student Union, Deadline for cartoons is Feb. 20; short stories and essays, March 1.

A mimeographed sheet of contest rules may be secured in the Corn Shucks office. Rules also may be found in previous issues of The Daily Nebraskan and on bulletin boards of campus buildings.

Students are also reminded to get their corn shucks subscriptions out of storage. "Emt" is almost here.

'Largest' Class To City Hospital

Thirty-eight student nurses became freshmen at Lincoln General hospital school of nursing last week end at Trinity Methodist church.

It was the largest class since the cadet corps was discontinued in 1945. The students have ended five months of pre-clinical training, a study of basic sciences.



"MIDWAY THRU NASH"—Ogden Nash, famous writer of light verse, kept a capacity crowd in the Union ballroom well entertained Tuesday afternoon at a University convocation. Nash spoke on topics ranging from automobile driving to introspection, and concluded his remarks with the reading of several of the light verses which appear in national magazines, and in his various books.

Nash Tells Reporters Of Writing Experience

BY NORMA CHUBBUCK

Soft-spoken, casual, and very much down to earth, Ogden Nash told reporters Tuesday that he takes "from one and one-half hours to two years" to turn out one of the poems for which he has become famous.

"The writing is not as spontaneous now as it was 20 years ago," Nash said, "but poetry is something like pitching ball,—you may lose the drive, but the control gets much better with the years." Nash admitted that he has learned many of the tricks of the trade in his years of writing light verse.

Work to Be Happy
Nash believes that you must work at a business to be happy. He referred to his "time" in Hollywood, where he continued to get pay raises, but not work, as very demoralizing. Nash said it took him a year to get back in the swing of writing light verse after his sojourn to Hollywood.

'Extension' Terms 1949 Busiest Year
December marked the end of the Extension's busiest year. Services provided exceeded by almost ten per cent the year before. The Division has never failed to show growth each year since detailed records were first kept.

The November issue of the Christian Science Monitor carried a feature article describing the work of Dr. Otto Holberg in helping Nebraska communities help themselves.

In cooperation with the various departments of the University, an intensified effort was begun to improve the quality of instruction by correspondence and to expand the work in evening and off campus classes.

More Use
The University campus and the state as a whole have used more audio visual aids in instruction than ever before. During the first four months of the past school year, films were shown to 1,677 classes on the University campus. Throughout the state it is probable that more than 25,000 elementary and high school classes had their work enriched by the showing of motion pictures, filmstrips and slides obtained from the Extension Division.

An experimental project by which the educational world hopes to learn how to use motion pictures with greater effectiveness in teaching has been carried out at Nebraska. This project was a four year undertaking of the Extension Division.

Nash to Address Alumni Banquet

Ogden Nash will be guest speaker at an alumni banquet celebrating Founders day Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p. m., in the Union ballroom.

Nash appeared at a Union convocation Monday, speaking on "Midway Thru Nash."

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson is also scheduled to give a report on the University. In addition, Coach Glassford will speak briefly. This will be the coach's first appearance before an alumni group. A business meeting will also be conducted to permit the election of new officers.

Senior Checking Deadline March 1

June graduates should make applications for degrees and certificates in senior checking room, B-9, Administration Building, not later than March 1. Office hours 10 to 3 daily and 10 to 12 Saturday.

Mardi Gras To Feature Coronation

Students attending the Union Mardi Gras open house Friday night will find themselves in an atmosphere much like the authentic New Orleans Mardi Gras. Complete with the crowning of the Mardi Gras Queen, entertainment will include dancing, skits and games.

A preview of the entertainment includes a New Orleans Theater featuring acts by Dorothy Elliott and her marimba, Bill Dugan and Harris Carnaby in a comedy act; Patsy Dutton in a comedy vocal, Elbert Starks in a dance routine, and Bob Roesser, pianist. Bob Smaha will emcee at the "Theater."

The "New Orleans Cashbah" will be situated in parlors XYZ on third floor. Bingo and card games will be played there.

Dancing in the ballroom will be to the music of Riley Smith and his "jazz" combo.

The Mardi Gras Queen will be presented in the ballroom at 10:30 p. m. in the festive atmosphere of the occasion.

Candidates for the title are Pat Berge, sponsored by Sigma Nu; Sue Eastergaard, sponsored by Delta Tau Delta; Nancy Dixon sponsored by Acacia; Jan Champagne, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Margaret Thomsen, sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega. Votes may be cast for the candidates between 8:30 and 9:30 p. m. Friday night. The winning coed will represent Nebraska at the University of Kansas Sweetheart Ball.

Union to Sponsor Square Dancing

Square dance Saturday night! From 8:30 to 11:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 11, the Union will sponsor a square dance in the Union ballroom open to all University students.

Loren Graham will do the calling for the evening's festivities. Admission will be 44 cents.

Adeptness at do-si-doing and swingin' gals is no prerequisite for attendance according to the

Reese Names Committee To Organize Junior Class



(Courtesy of the Lincoln Journal)
HERB REESE

VA Plans End of Education Policy

The veterans administration is preparing for the six-year procedure of ending the veterans education program.

This means that, with a few exceptions, veterans may not enter the training program after July 25, 1951. After that date they will be able to change courses only in special cases. Furthermore, when a veteran completes a course he will not be able to begin in another, even though he may still have some school time left under the GI bill.

The education program of the GI bill expires in 1956. The new regulations conform to the veterans readjustment act which stipulates that a veteran must start his course within four years after his discharge or after July 25, 1947, the official end of the war.

The 1951 deadline will not affect veterans who enlisted or reenlisted under the armed forces recruitment acts of 1945 and 1946. It also does not affect those discharged since July 25, 1947, or those still in the service.

Union dance committee, everyone is invited.

Males who would not come to the dance because they have no females for dates need not stay away. The Union is providing hostesses for all in the stag line.

President Takes First Step Toward Promotion of Spirit

Herb Reese, junior class president, today named a Junior Class council to find the means for organizing class spirit.

The 11-person committee will work with President Reese to discuss class projects or functions for the coming semester.

Named by the junior executive were: Shirley Allen, Sue Allen, Gene Berg, Bill Dugan, Betty Green, Knox Jones, Dick Kuska, Jan Lindquist, Bob Russell, Ben Wall and Bob Waters.

Coed Carnival Ticket Sales Open Monday

A charge of 25 cents will admit carnival goers to the 1950 Coed Counselor Penny Carnival in the Union Ballroom Saturday, Feb. 18. Tickets go on sale Monday by Coed Counselors.

An annual spring event, the Carnival is made up of acts and booths sponsored by women's organizations on campus. Proceeds go to the Coed Counselor organization.

Awards
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Cakes and popcorn will be on sale at the Carnival.

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Ag Campus Threatened by Closure of Book Business

Textselling Fate Stirs Comment

The Daily Nebraskan's investigation of possible closure of the Ag bookstore brought heated comment from both the Ag and city campuses yesterday. The Ag store will be shut down if more adequate quarters can't be found for it. Two requests for space have been refused.

Robert A. Stewart, manager of the University bookstores, had this to say:

"We are willing to give the Ag students a complete book and supply store if given adequate space in which to conduct operations. Numerous requests by students for such a store and the extensive use made of the store we now have even though small, convinced me there is a definite need for more adequate facilities.

"The lack of cooperation in
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Russian Roulette 'Lecture' Fatal

Death was the result of a lecture by an assistant professor at Princeton university. The lecture on Russian roulette was delivered by Allison W. Bunkly to a group of six friends gathered in his apartment.

It was the most convincing of his short professional career. It lasted less than one hour and ended with Bunkly dead with a bullet in his brain.

The game is played by placing a single bullet in one of the twirling six chambers of the weapon, twirling the cylinder, and pulling the trigger with the muzzle pressed to the head.

Bunkly, son of Rear Admiral Joel W. Bunkly, retired, and grandson of the late U. S. senator, John Sharpe Williams, obtained a permit for the weapon because he feared reprisals from articles he had written about the government of Argentine President Juan D. Peron.

Store Needs Bigger Space For Work

The Ag bookstore will cease operation if it is impossible to find a new location for it in the near future.

This announcement came yesterday from Robert A. Stewart, manager of both Regents and the Ag store. Stewart has said that the space now occupied on the Ag campus is too small to do business efficiently, adequately, and comfortably. He has full permission to go ahead with a store, but so far, he has been refused the rooms for which he has applied.

Investigating possible locations, Stewart has asked permission to use two rooms. Both were denied. The first room chosen was in the basement of the Home Economics building. The Ag Extension department at first said the space could be given over to a bookstore, then reversed its decision. It claimed that the room was necessary for storage and preparation of displays.

Ag Union.
Stewart then approached the Ag Union board for an area now used for coat checking and other storage space. This request was also denied.

The Ag bookstore has been operating on a temporary basis to determine whether there is a definite need and desire for such a store on the part of the students. A poll taken last semester by the Ag Executive board disclosed unanimous support for a more adequate store.

When Stewart conferred with W. V. Lambert to discuss the possibility of a more suitable location, the Ag college dean agreed to help in any way he could.

City Bookstore.
If the bookstore is discontinued, Ag students will have to come to the city campus to purchase their books.

A new, larger location for the store would allow it to expand its stock of supplies which students need throughout the school year. It would also make possible keeping the store open longer hours.

A bigger Ag bookstore has been part of a Daily Nebraskan campaign begun last year in its editorial columns.

Alexis Files For Seat in Congress

A University professor is dipping into political affairs. Dr. Joseph E. A. Alexis, chairman of the department of modern languages and literature, is the first candidate to file for congress from the First Nebraska district.

The candidate, who filed Monday, cited his "keen interest in



(Courtesy of the Lincoln Journal)
DR. J. E. A. ALEXIS

political affairs," frequent visits to study in Europe, "understanding of international relations," plus "practical experience with farming problems in Nebraska" as some of his reasons for filing.

Alexis, a graduate from Augustana college in 1905, is a native of York. He also has studied at the University of Lund in Sweden, the University of Madrid in Spain and the University of Paris in France.

Freedom Significant

Dr. Alexis, in a statement made when he filed, said: "We must never accept the principles of dictatorship and slavery." He pointed out that those who have spent time in countries where freedom of expression is banned realize the significance of freedom here.

"We must be on our guard here while we investigate the many schools of political thought elsewhere," continued the candidate, "and visualize the dangers of 'isms' of other countries.

An academy of English with power to modernize spelling "so that we need no longer write the speech of the middle ages," is advocated by Dr. Alexis. He urges furthering the international use of the English language.

Students' Attitudes Vary Concerning Exam Stealing

BY EUGENE WOHLNER
In response to a Daily Nebraskan poll, representative students had the following to comment on the question:

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT EXAM STEALING?

Harry Cook, A and S, "I think that students are too lazy to study, or that they don't know enough about the course to pass it. That's probably the reason that they steal exams. I wouldn't expel them though because it's as much the teacher's fault as it is the students. Many of them leave the exams lying around in perfect reach of anyone who wants them."

Rod Sawtell, teachers, "So many in the school do it and so few get caught that it is unfair to punish those caught. Still if they aren't punished in some way, it will only encourage others to cheat. Perhaps it's a part of an inter-frat faction that is organized to steal the finals and swear not to tell any information if they are caught. It may be just part of the service a fraternity offers you. I, for one, wouldn't take a final if it was offered to me. I tend to

live by Christian principals."

Student Body Suffers
Warren Berggren, A and S, "It's really unfortunate that there should be such a thing on Nebraska's campus for it throws a bad light on the entire student body. To expell them is bad, but the situation has got to be stopped. Those who steal exams must not be serious students and they should be made examples. They should think before they do it. They might be re-admitted later on if they can show good character references. The finals aren't too hard. I feel that if exams are too rough for me they are probably too rough for everyone and they will be scaled up. If you really learn, you get real grades."

Eugene Beier, Ag, "I don't think I'd kick them out, I'd make up another exam for the course and make it plenty stiff, too. If the student couldn't pass the final, then he couldn't pass the course. But if I were the instructor, I wouldn't go to all that trouble. Their credits in the course should be taken away and they should be made to take the subject at another time."

Honor System Suggested
Mary Lou Flaherty, teachers, I

think the exams ought to be changed over to the Honor system, like they have at Stanford University. If finals are left as they are, they should count only as much as an hour exam. Those that were caught should be placed on probation. Very few students would pass up the opportunity to get a final if they had a chance."

C. W. Hagedorn, A and S, "Stealing exams is about as low as a human can go, but too much emphasis is placed on grades. Students are not worried about learning the subject, they are more interested in their grades. The grading system could be changed to just satisfactory and unsatisfactory.

Finals in basic courses should cover the whole term for the information is easy to learn. Those in more advanced courses should only cover portions, it should be more of a generalization. Exams should be handed back corrected so that the student will see his mistakes. More tests might be given. In most math and English courses there are plenty of daily grades. In others, like history, there is only a mid-term and the final. The final has to count a lot then."