

Outstanding Nebraskans discuss summer plans



Prof. Norris simplifies this electrical maze

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PBK and Sigma Xi Weaver pauses between classes

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Top Huskers Picked

'Fair Prof', PBK Athlete Get Nod

A nationally known professor with an open door policy for his students and an athlete with an 8.1 average—these are the men picked for Outstanding Nebraskans.

Prof. Ferris Norris, chairman of the electrical engineering department and Art Weaver, senior in pre-med both exemplify the quality of versatility necessary for the Outstanding Nebraskan title.

★ ★ Ferris Norris

"A professor must always be willing to encourage his students. He should always teach in such a way to instill desire to go ahead. It doesn't matter so much in what subject—just that they go ahead independently."

That's how Prof. Norris pictured his conception of how an instructor should act.

The letter nominating Prof. Norris said this of him:

"I have never met a student who has had a class under Mr. Norris who has not had praise and respect for him, both as an individual and as a teacher. His interest and enthusiasm for his subject are infectious. His lectures are always well prepared and show the amount of time and thought he puts into them.

Fair and Honest

He has the ability to clarify difficult subjects. He is fair, honest and patient with all. He always has time to help a student with any problem he may have. As a result, no student can come in contact with him without wanting to do their very best for him."

Prof. Norris is a University man all the way. After his graduation from here in 1916, he left Lincoln for only four years to work for General Electric. He returned in 1920 and has spent the next 38 years as a faculty member here.

During his undergraduate days here, he became a member of Sigma Tau, engineering honorary and Sigma Xi, science honorary.

Besides his chairmanship of the largest department in the College of Engineering and Architecture, Prof. Norris is adviser to some 136 students.

Leader

Prof. Norris has been a leader in several professional societies. He was a national vice president of the Institute of Radio Engineers, chairman of the Nebraska section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers president of the Lincoln Engineering Club and member of the American Society for Engineering Education, and president of the University chapter of Sigma Xi.

The "most troublesome" part of his job is finding faculty members, says the medium-sized man with the steely grey hair. His department, like most others, has difficulty finding enough qualified staff members, he said.

Fr. Schuster Leaves NU

Msgr. George Schuster, Newman Club chaplain at the University, has been transferred to St. Michael's Parish in Hastings.

He will be succeeded by Msgr. Charles Keenan, present pastor of St. Michael's.

Msgr. Schuster has been chaplain of the University Newman Club for 19 years. While at the University, he supervised the conversion of the property at 1602 Q Street into a chapel, club headquarters and chaplain's residence.

Msgr. Keenan was assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Lincoln and St. Cecilia's in Hastings. He has been pastor of St. Michael's Parish since 1945.

★ ★ Weaver Seeks MD

Weaver, who has been successful in all phases of University undergraduate life, looks like the typical All-American.

The tall tennis player this spring walked up the aisle during the Honor's Convocation to accept the Boucher award for the senior athlete having the highest scholastic award.

A member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, he also wore the hood of an Innocent this year.

Weaver, who followed his brother Walt, a 1952 University graduate into membership in Phi Beta Kappa, credits his brother with fostering his interest in tennis. Weaver was a three-year letter man in the sport.

After his four years at Northwestern College of Medicine, Weaver will again join his brother in tacking an "M. D." after his name.

Didn't Expect It

"It's an honor I didn't expect. I think there are others more deserving," was Weaver's reaction to being named "Outstanding Nebraskan."

He is similarly modest about his powerful average.

"I think anyone can maintain an average like that if they just keep up," he said.

During his four years at the University, the tall senior has participated in an impressive list of activities. He was president of AUF, a member of N Club, Arts and Sciences representative to the Student Council, member of Theta Nu pre-med honorary, Alpha Kappa Delta delicta honorary, and Phi Delta Theta. Zoology Major

He has majored in zoology and minored in chemistry and economics.

The letter nominating Weaver states:

"In summary, Art has achieved success in almost every aspect of campus life. His example will serve as an ideal to those Nebraskans who follow him. He is, without a doubt, the most 'Outstanding Nebraskan'. He deserves this award and would wear it with the greatest credit to our University."

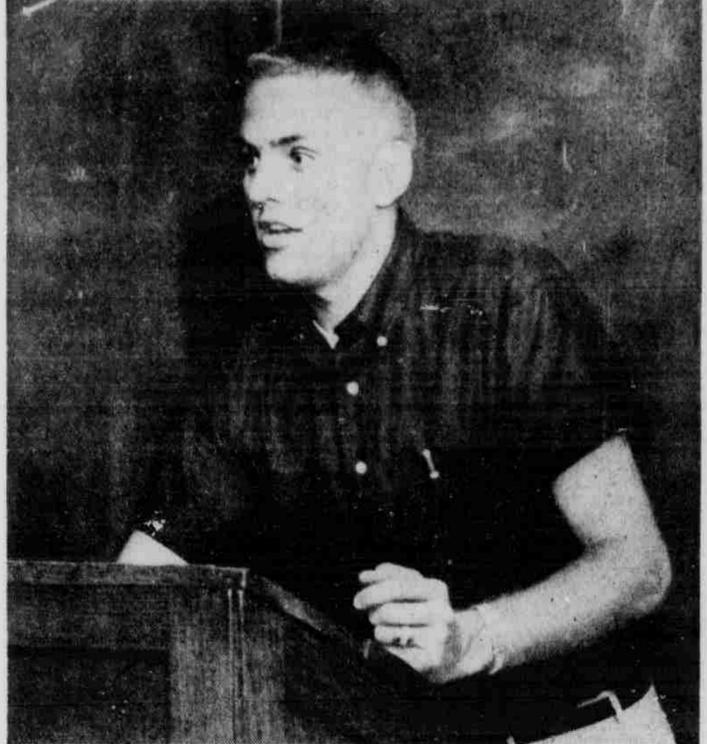
NU Entry Places In Essay Contest

MercaDee Bonde, junior in agriculture, has been named as a winner of the Reed & Barton "Scholarship Competition."

Her essay was selected as the best entry from the University by Reed & Barton's Scholarship Advisory Board, composed of the deans of 16 leading universities and colleges.

Her prize consists of a "starter set" of Silver Sculpture sterling, Franciscan china and Fostoria crystal, valued at about \$50.

Miss Bonde was one of 105 essay writers out of over 8,500 entries from throughout the U. S. selected for the award.



Art Weaver demonstrates the qualities of an outstanding Nebraskan—Leadership

Photo by Lyman Cass, KAM



In relations with his students, Prof. Norris has been especially noteworthy.

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Grads Caps', Gowns, Tell Story

NU Follows Rules OK'd By 700 Schools

The caps and gowns worn in formal academic affairs at Nebraska University today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of medieval England.

Each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford man could be distinguished from a Cambridge man, or a divinity student from a layman.

Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinct costume, the "Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume" was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code which over 700 institutions have adopted. Harvard, practically alone, still clings to its own traditional costume.

The distinctions of the Code are simple. There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for

doctors respectively.

The bachelor's gown has a long pointed sleeve; whereas the master's gown has a long sleeve, square at the end with an arc of a circle just above the bottom. The doctor's gown is characterized by a voluminous bell shaped sleeve on which appear three velvet bars.

The hood, it seems, is the most important and distinctive feature of the Code. The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors. The edging is velvet; the color of edging depends on the course or faculty to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn.

For example, a doctor of philosophy of the University of Nebraska will wear a hood whose lining is scarlet above the cream-white, indicating Nebraska, and trimmed with a blue velvet for philosophy. The doctor's hood has wide panels

at the side and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortarboard cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear tassels that are either black or the color of the appropriate course in which they are being graduated. The commencement Marshals at Nebraska wear cardinal tassels.

Some of the colors which may be observed at the spring commencement and which symbolize various courses or faculties are:

Arts and letters, white; Dentistry, lilac; Education, light blue; Engineering, orange; Science, golden yellow; Humanities, scarlet; Law, purple; Music, pink; Philosophy, blue.

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