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Honors convocation spotlights

... Three ring circus

April 22 will not soon be forgotten. For it's a day of excitement, of action, of varied entertainment with three first class sideshows bidding for attention.

In the Student Union, politics will hold the spotlight. Impromptu faction meetings will organize loyal groups and send them to the polls in the name of party ideals, vague as they may be. Even unorganized voters will fill in the ballots, checking names on the basis of popularity and leadership; and the candidates will wait nervously thru the day for the mandate of the student body. The polls will get a crowd; the organizations demand it, democracy favors it, and the excitement of election day insures it.

Further down R street that same day premiers "Torso del Torro," the first dual cast Kosmet Klub musical comedy in 15 years. With more songs than ever before, with a cast of the campus's best dancers and with the ultimate in comedy in such parts as Pancho, Sancho and Benito the Bull, the show will have no trouble drawing a crowd. A student's sense of entertainment dictates that choice.

But the sideshow that will hold its place longest in the minds of the fortunate and sizable number given recognition, will open in the coliseum this morning at 10, when the faculty and Chancellor of the university pay tribute to outstanding Nebraska scholars; and when Rabbi Wise, famous leader of the Free Synagogue in New York City and brilliant speaker, charges the assembled students and guests with the university's responsibility in maintaining American democracy.

It's not hard to arouse interest in an election. Kosmet Klub will have no trouble selling its tickets. But despite the first class entertainment, despite the recogni-

tion of large groups, and despite the fact that classes themselves are always dismissed for the occasion, there have always been and will be today large groups heading toward the Union or homeward at 10 a. m.

So many people forget that this is a university pledged first of all to the advancement of learning, and that accordingly the day set aside to recognize those proficient in this field should hold enough respect to draw one to the convocation ceremony. For today's gathering is in effect a toast to education, to the freedom Americans alone possess to think and speak what they please, and to those who have achieved high goals in their studies.

But to those who have no respect for education, and to that large group who see little importance in applauding scholarly recognition, the program offers one of the nation's first rate convocation speakers addressing the audience on a topic which every student should be vitally concerned today. Democracy is being destroyed all over the world. And education is being curtailed. If we as the last strong hold of democracy are to protect that democracy it is well we open our minds to lectures of this kind.

There will be plenty of chairs in the coliseum. The university always hopes more and more students will show an interest in the Honors day program. With a headliner for a speaker today would be a fine day to start. Those who have never attended a convocation before but who hold in the depths of their hearts a certain admiration for the educational features of this university, place this program with the Kosmet Klub show and the general election as "must" activities. That the seats will be filled, that the program will be a success and that April 22 will really be a never to be forgotten day.

To deliver the goods

BY OLSON AND ORDAL

An issue which the American people soon will have to face in their program of aiding the countries resisting nazi aggression is the problem of making sure that United States supplies reach those countries.

The issue will come to a head in the Senate April 30 when Senator Tobey's resolution prohibiting the use of American naval vessels in the protection of merchantmen comes up for discussion. Accompanying this resolution are several similar ones in the House.

Thought a group of 75 congressmen is forming under the leadership of Senator Wheeler to fight convoys, there seems little chance that Senator Tobey's resolution will receive favorable consideration. An informal poll of the Senate foreign relations committee found only eight of the 23 members for it.

A similar resolution was defeated at the time the lease-lend bill was originally up for discussion. The reason advanced by congressional leaders then was that the problem was primarily one for the president, and the majority still appears to hold this view.

The president has not yet indicated that he favors conveying the merchantmen across the Atlantic. He has, however, made it plain that it is his duty, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, to see to it that American ships, outside the combat zone, receive adequate protection.

Acting on this determination it might be possible to assure safe-passage of the ships across the Atlantic without engaging in convoy duty in the technical and all-out sense of the word. This could be done simply by extending the activities of the American neutrality patrol so as to shorten the distance which the British convoys would have to cover.

By and large, the most important factor is that the American public is convinced that there is no point in producing huge quantities of costly war materials such as tanks, airplanes, bombs and machine guns only to have them sent to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Show-

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this year's show will feature feminine beauty, clever lines, good music and first class entertainment.

Girls again.

It'll be the first time in 15 years that girls have been in a Kosmet Klub show; so even the oldest students in grad college will be seeing something new.

Every phase of show business was thrown open to every student for this year's production and the result is anticipation of the best show in years.

Among talent discovered are Clarence Flick and Romulo Soldavilla, authors of the play who also furnished half a dozen songs; Mary Rosborough, composer of the song sung in the bull fighting interlude; Dorothy Jordan, who wrote a romantic song for the show; and Dale Kreps and Leonard Peltier, contributors of a South American tune.

Versatile cast.

And that doesn't include a cast which, because of the play's variety, has had to display more versatility than any other previous cast. Besides singing and dancing, acting, both humorous and dramatic is demanded—and secured, according to everyone connected with the production including Klub members, workers, directors and onlookers, who watched dress rehearsal last night.

Gloom was thick around Kosmet Klub offices yesterday afternoon as costumes were missing, and a bull wanted for publicity purposes couldn't be secured. The costumes came. The bull didn't—chiefly because it was sold by its owners before Leo Cooksley, president of Kosmet Klub, had time to pick it up.

However, after rehearsal everybody was happy—satisfied, among other things, that the combination of Ed Muier as the head and Leonard Goldstein as the other end, was a pretty good imitation of a bull, and besides they could dance.

"Best yet"—Cooksley.

Cooksley, who has been in three other Kosmet Klub shows, was sure that "Torso del Torro" is the best yet. "This year's show is way ahead of any previous play. Our rehearsal Sunday was more polished than last year's show on opening night."

Armand Hunter, director, and Irving Kuklin, musical impresario, are enthusiastic. Both agreed that for sheer entertainment, it can't be beat.

Hunter attributes a lot of the credit to the girls "who made everybody work harder." Cooperation is the secret, according to Kuklin who has developed unusual dance routines with two separate choruses.

Singing is far superior to other

shows, said klub members, and the arrangements by Russ Gibson, who came back after two years of retirement, to aid Johnny Cox and his orchestra, are tops.

The plot is involved around the attempts of a rich playboy, Glenn Nelson, aided by his fiancée, Mary Adelaide Hanson, a Broadway chorine and a group of her friends, to settle the trouble between his father, president of a rubber company, played by John Mason and a South American plantation owner, Carl Harnsberger.

Love making.

By the time the play is over, Harnsberger is making love to Kay Tunison, taking the part of a native girl; Bob McNutt and Betty Newman, as a "happy couple" from the Bronx, put everybody in hysterics; and everybody is singing, dancing and giving the audience a big time.

One of the first to reserve tickets was the mother of Adelaide Hanson. Mrs. Hanson had the leading role in the first three Kosmet Klub shows; while her daughter takes the lead in the first show in 15 years that includes girls.

Ticket sale is progressing encouragingly for Friday and Saturday night, according to Carl Harnsberger, business manager. Seats can still be reserved from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. at the Temple or by telephone.

Here is the complete cast for "Torso del Torro:"

- Carmelita Francis Haberman
 - Rosita Kay Tunison
 - Mr. Gilbert John Mason
 - Joe Gilbert Glenn Nelson
 - Gloria Golden Mary Adelaide Hanson
 - Lena Towers Pat Herminigault
 - Cabbie Bob McNutt
 - Footsie Betty Newman
 - Blevins Bob Aldrich
 - Don Carlos Carl Harnsberger
 - Matador Kenneth Longman
 - Picador Lynn Myers
 - Hernandez Don Macy
 - Pancho Bob Gelwick
 - Sanche John Thissen
 - Foreman Max Whittaker
 - Bull Ed Muier, Leonard Goldstein
- New York chorus: Gay Gayden, Mary Frances Kier, Dorothy Weirich, Gay Gimple, Marie Hossack, Jean Ann Donley, Jane Jordan.
- Mexican chorus: Virginia Thede, Barbara Bates, Dorothy Jean Howard, Mary Kerrigan, Wilma Arter, Bob Shoemaker, Stuart Simon, Bob Schlater, Tom Grimes, and Chet Bowers.

Funds-

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serum fund held in the cash fund be used toward paying the cost of construction of the home economics building.

It is recommended that \$75,800 likewise held in the university's cash fund which represents accumulated earnings of the college of engineering's highway testing laboratory, be used for the purchase of the Bancroft school building, no way part of the Lincoln school system. This building, easily adaptable to the needs of the engineering college, would serve as a unit building in that college.

Vote-

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publicity ban contained in Article IV of the constitution and interpreted by the judiciary committee last week.

Dorms classified.

The judiciary committee also decided that the university residence halls for women will be listed in the same category as sorority houses, fraternities, barb, and private homes in considering election publicity. The phrase "No printed, mimeographed material" will thus mean:

No handbills, posters, papers, newspaper, or any other type of materials or advertising on which appears any writing, typing, printing, cartoons, drawings, photographs, or any other type of pictorial representation of thought, which material is transmitted to any voter by any means whatever or is posted in any place except the inside of a private home, boarding house, rooming house, fraternity house, sorority house, or university residence halls for women except the official posters of the elections committee of the Student Council.

Two orator candidates.

Two candidates, Eugene Curtiss, Union, and Bob Simmons, barb, are running for the Ivy Day Orator, who will deliver a speech on Ivy Day, May 1. Both are seniors in law school.

Representatives to the Council will be voted on by colleges, with the exception of seniors at large, for which all students vote.

Voting will be held in the Union on the city campus and in ag hall on ag campus, Burton Thiel, elections committee co-chairman, announced yesterday. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and will close at 5:30 p. m. on ag campus and 8 p. m. on the city campus.

Polls will also be closed from 10 to 12 a. m. during Honors Convocation.

Ident card rule enforced.

Due to appeals made at last fall's election, the Council ruled that identification cards could not be taken up for any purpose of forcing people to vote. This rule will be strictly enforced at the election today, Thiel stated.

To be voted on by all junior and senior men, possible Innocents candidates will be posted at the polls in a list drawn up by publications editors.

Students must present their identification cards in order to vote. Booths will be in the basement of the Union and members of the elections committee will have charge of the balloting.

Counselors extend filings through today

Filings for the 1941 Coed Counselors have been extended through today, according to Harriet Talbot, Coed Counselor president. All university women who will be upperclassmen at the beginning of next semester are urged to leave their names in Ellen Smith or at the home economics building on ag campus between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

From the list of names submitted, the Counselor board will select approximately 150 as the 1941 Coed Counselors. The only requirement is that women have an average of 75 to accept the responsibility of the position for which they file.

Convo-

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group will be seated on the stage with presiding officers, deans and directors and will receive leather bound certificates.

Eighteen student organizations will also be recognized for achievements of high scholarship by their members. Forty-four prizes, awards, medals, keys, and scholarships will be presented to 83 individuals.

Zionist founder.

The speaker, Dr. Wise, was one of the founders of the Zionist movement and has been president of the Zionist Organization of America. During the first World War he served on the labor committee of the Council of National Defense, and France made him a chevalier in the Legion of Honor for his services.

Invocation will be pronounced by Rev. Ross S. McCown of the First Presbyterian church in Beatrice, and the university symphony orchestra will play several numbers on the program. Chancellor C. S. Boucher will preside.

Seniors top juniors in quiz finals

Receiving five dollars each, the senior team composed of Currin Shields, Emory Burnett, and James Jezl Sunday night defeated the junior team and won the Junior-Senior quiz contest.

Members of the junior team which include J. B. Johnson, Grove Nelson, and John Kerl were given \$2.50 each.

The three seniors will be interviewed on the Book Nook broadcast Friday, 25 at 4:15 p. m. J. B. Johnson of the junior team will be the special guest.

Murray receives assistant's award

Recipient of a graduate assistantship at the University of California for 1941-42 is Ray Murray, at present a graduate in the physics department of the university. Murray received the award for his work in the field of physics and will work on his Ph.D. degree while attending California.

He received his B.Sc. degree, with distinction, from the university in 1940, and will receive his M.A. in June. Murray is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Pi Mu Epsilon, and the Student Council.

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