

NEBRASKAN HAS HISTORY FILLED WITH INTEREST

Paper Succeeds 'Hesperian' Upon Which Willa Cather Was Prominent

RILEY NAMED EDITOR

Publication Started as a Weekly Published in Single Sheet

(By Maurice Akin)
Although the present Daily Nebraskan dates back only to 1901, its origin can be traced almost to the founding of the University itself. Of all the student activities on the Cornhusker campus, the newspaper game has furnished no small part of the color of the story of the Nebraska school.

The first student publication to appear on the campus was the "Hesperian Student" which was issued in 1871 or 1872. It was a monthly magazine containing the literary efforts of students and faculty members. Its office was in the attic of University hall, sharing quarters with the janitor.

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Friday, February 15
"He and She," University Players, Temple Theater, 8:30 o'clock.
Reading for election filings at Student Activities office, 10:00 o'clock.
May Queen election, Social Science hall first floor.
Charts, Day program.
All-Methodist banquet, Trinity Methodist church, 8:00 o'clock.
Union Literary Society Valentine party at Temple, 8:30 o'clock.
Saturday, February 16
"He and She," University Players, Temple Theater, 8:30 o'clock.
Drake vs. Nebraska, basketball, Coliseum, 8:00 o'clock.
Phi Lambda Theta meeting, Teachers college, 3:12, 7:15 o'clock.
Tuesday, February 18
Meeting of aviation students, M. E. building.
Wednesday, February 20
Alpha Kappa Psi, meeting, 8 o'clock, Commercial Club rooms.

the typography of the paper became so slippish that it became the laughing stock of the school. Willa Cather became acquainted with the publication in 1892, and during her regime the publication improved greatly. Miss Cather and Dorothy Canfield Fisher collaborated on a number of things during this period which appeared in the "Hesperian."

Two other student published periodicals appeared while Miss Cather had charge of the "Hesperian." These were "The Lasso" and "The Sophomorian." Both were managed by the same student, but soon passed out of existence.

Nickname Became Attached
In 1894 the first "Nebraskan" appeared. It was founded by Frank T. Riley whose nickname "Rag" was transferred to his newspaper. The name has stuck to the Nebraskan since that time, and probably will last to the time of its demise.

The paper was a weekly, about 8 by 14 inches in page size and printed on only one side of the paper. It was set up and printed in one of the upper stories of the Brownell Building, Colonel Frank A. Eager, now in the real estate business in Lincoln, was in the publishing field at the time and helped the struggling sheet with more or less free typesetting.

Soon after the advent of the "Nebraskan," intense competition between it and the "Hesperian" developed. At times this rivalry became quite bitter, and was finally ended by the amalgamation of the two papers. The first "Daily Nebraskan" appeared January 13, 1901. It also included some departments of "The Scarlet and the Cream," a literary monthly.

Arrange Organization
The business organization of the Hesperian was retained, and \$1,500 of stock, divided into 300 shares, was sold to students and faculty members. The company which was entirely out of faculty control was named the "Hesperian Publishing Company." For some time the office of the paper was uptown, then it moved to the basement of the Main Library, and finally took headquarters in the basement of University hall where it is now located.

In 1903, the Monday edition of the paper was discontinued, and in

Ceremony Surrounding Ivy Day Develops from Celebrations of May First in Preceding Years

(By Pauline Bilon)
How many people know that the first May Queen was drawn to the May pole in a cart by the senior girls? Louise Barr was the first woman to be honored. A daisy chain was another innovation of the year 1912.

Ivy Day—the tradition that binds every loyal Nebraskan heart to its Alma Mater! Time has hallowed the memories connected with the observance of this day. The great boulder which rests just east of the library is a fitting reminder of the progressive class of 1895, which gave to Nebraska its Ivy Day.

Activities are Enlarged
With the year 1903 came a desire to enlarge upon the activities of Ivy Day. This year added the May pole dance and the "Color Rush." It was this year that the innocents "tapped" the representative junior men. Two years later the Black Masques combined their ceremonies with the Ivy Day program.

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Join Nationals
The Black Masque chapter was initiated into the national honor society of Mortar Board early in the spring of 1921. The tradition had been that thirteen junior women were annually chosen to carry on the work of the organization in their senior year. In 1925, a new rule was made, limiting the number to any between five and fifteen, so that only the really outstanding junior women are selected. Members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, personality, the activities in which they have participated in the past, as well as the promise for leadership which they show for the coming year.

Need Felt For Organization
This had been a long-felt want. The senior men had their organization, but the senior girls were a scattered lot. A little centered interest would serve to make them a strong factor in class and university activities. Thirteen junior girls were elected to be the next year's Black Masques. The most prominent girls in all activities were selected.

Its place an eight-page Saturday paper was issued. Upon adoption of this plan, publication was discontinued for several days because of the lack of advertising material. The Board of Regents of the University bought all the stock of the Hesperian Publishing Company in 1906. The Nebraskan was then put under faculty control, and a student publication board was appointed to oversee the publishing of the paper.

For many years a rather loose financial policy was carried out on the business department of the "Daily Nebraskan." The management was left entirely up to the student staff, and whatever the profits were, the staff appropriated for itself. They were also responsible for all debts contracted.

The editorial policy of the "Rag" was also a student proposition, and student and faculty opinion differed considerably at times. The

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PROF. FRYE TEACHES FOR SOME 25 YEARS

Instructor in Department Of English Relates Experiences

Prof. P. H. Frye, of the department of English, has been an instructor for a good deal over a quarter of a century at the University of Nebraska. He began in the days when University hall had a real roof on it and was the center of university life.

In those days when classes were small, gas jets lighted the classrooms. Mr. Frye recalled that he used to have a 5 o'clock class where the gas jets had to be lighted, especially in the winter season. Asked whether students ever used to slip out of class in the dusk, just before the jets were lighted, Mr. Frye smiled broadly, thrust his hands deep into his pockets, and said not one word.

A small man with a mustache—not bushy—and with a humorous eye, a tolerant disposition born of experience with students and reporters, is one impression of Professor Frye. He might well have withstood the talk of reporters in those early days of the University simply for the reason that there might have been none to talk to. On the contrary he said that there were reporters at the time and from two papers whose names he could not recall.

English Department Divided
The department of English in that day had two divisions, the English divisions and the English literature division. The former took care of all the composition work. Familiar instructors at the time included particularly Professor Brace, internationally known physicist;

Mr. Frye's office used to be in University hall; a very comfortable place, he said, but rather cold in the winter time. University hall was then a three story building with a roof on it. Under the roof was an attic which served as a meeting place for some secret societies. "I never had the courage to go up there," Mr. Frye said, and accompanied that answer one got the impression that it must have been a mysterious place.

"As I look back over the years now, it all appears in perspective as if you were looking at a row of trees from a distance." That was the way Professor Frye summed up his remembrances. Frye summed up those times as well as you would remember your high school days, only I have forgotten some incidents and some particulars."

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