

# Best background for campus leadership found in small town

The cozy, friendly life of Nebraska's small towns is the best background for students who wish to gain positions of leadership in the N. U. campus whirl of activities. In proportion to the number of students that they place upon the campus, small towns can boast a larger percentage as campus leaders than can either big cities or rural areas.

Four curious sociology students, who started their survey with the notion that rural areas were more religious than such unholy centers as Omaha and Lincoln, base this statement upon findings that cover 1,368 students and over 120 organizations of the Husker campus.

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## Farm religious leadership is 30%

The original generalization complimenting the farm groups on devoutness still is not disproven, but is badly shaken, as investigation shows that students from rural areas, farm homes and towns of less than 2,500, have only 30 percent of the religious leadership while their numbers would entitle them to 45.9 percent—if background made no difference. Other and more startling facts, however, did emerge.

Big city students, those from Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and out-of-state cities over 18,000, snatched 47.7 percent of the total leadership, giving them a gain of 17 percent over the proportion expected from their 40.8 percent of the student body. Little city students, those from cities over 2,500 and less than 18,000, constituted 13.3 percent but got 19.9 percent of all leadership, a gain of 50 percent over what was to be "expected." Rural areas dropped from the "expected" 45.9 percent to 32.5, a loss of 28.1 percent.

## Omaha-Lincoln rivalry.

Interesting side-light of the survey was the rivalry between Omaha and Lincoln for leadership positions. Omaha had 6.8 percent of the student body but 8.26 of the leadership, gain of 21.5 percent, while Lincoln with 32.7 percent of the student body produced 35.16 of the leaders, gain of 7.3 percent.

While on the whole Omaha has outshone her capital city rival, on the percentage basis, Lincoln has been able to substantiate her claim to the title of "holy city of the white spot." Of the 215 students classed as leaders in eleven different denominations and the YM and YW, Omaha can boast of only 6 and Lincoln 124, or 30.6 percent. Of course, Lincoln students have a "running start" for religious prominence since they can continue in their local church work.

Officers of 30 professional and distinction honoraries and the members of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi were "investigated" to find that Omaha could rally only 3 percent to Lincoln's 40.5. Evidently home life and the watchful parental eye are conducive to advancement in this field. Big cities claimed 47 percent, little cities 17.4 and rural areas only 35.4 here.

## Omaha house leadership high.

Rural areas made their best showing in house leadership. Omaha bested Lincoln in the fraternity officerships with 18.8 percent to the capital city's 10.4. Lit-

tle cities secured 20.75 percent and the rural boys gloried in 43.4 percent of the offices. Lincoln gained back some of her strength in the sorority field but in the Barb co-op houses, as might be expected, dropped completely from the picture as Omaha faded to 4 percent. Farm "kids" have their big day in the co-op with 68 percent of the leaders chosen from their ranks.

The exotic realm of student life usually referred to as "activities" was divided for the survey into publications, athletics, music, dramatics, military, Barb, and the "activity activities." In this time consuming extra curricular life that demands so much of the collegian's time, the "green" farm lads showed up to disadvantage—even when Ag college was included—while the big cities with their "city slickers" and glib tongues swept on into triumph.

Almost one-half of the 746 "activity" leaders are "big cities," which included 34 percent Lincoln and 9.65 percent Omaha. Little cities rated 22.2 percent and rural areas slightly less than 30 percent.

## Journalism least 'choosey.'

Of all activities the journalistic endeavors seem least "choosey" of the background of their followers. Rural areas scored comparatively well, 40 percent, little cities exactly as might be "expected," 13.3 percent, and big cities up some to 46.6. Omaha bested Lincoln in relative figures with 10 percent to 32.2 for the university's home town.

Farm lads have spent too much time milking cows, plowing ground and eating "thrasher's" meals, evidently, to be prominent in athletics, for in this field they score their lowest percentages. Fourteen and one-half percent from rural areas, 30 percent from small cities and 55 percent from big cities places the athletes. A good number of the men on the famed Lincoln high and Jackson teams apparently choose other schools and desert the Cornhuskers, for, except in house leadership, Lincoln has less than the "expected" 32.75 percentage only in athletics where she garners only 31.3 percent.

## Tennis, golf "big city."

Tennis and golf are entirely "big city" and swimming "non-rural." You can't learn to swim in the water tank or play tennis with a pitch fork. Absence of farm huskies from the "throwing game," otherwise known as wrestling, is a mystery, but a fact. Big city dominance of basketball teams is easily explainable.

"Little city big day" is in music. Forty-five and seven-tenths percent of the University band and University singers hail from such towns as York, Holdrege and Scottsbluff, 21.8 from farm areas, and only 22.5 from big cities, to make it also "big city little day." Lincoln and Omaha blush to the tune of 16.5 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

In dramatics, included here were Kosmet Klub, possibly a point of controversy, and the University Players, rural areas lagged badly with only 25 percent, to 17.5 for little cities and 57.5, very high, for big cities.

## Lincoln leads in soldiers.

The big cities are the strongest

advocates of preparedness with 52 percent of the military leaders to the little cities' 13.6 and rural area's 34.4. Omaha saber carriers total 13.1 percent to Lincoln's uniformed 37.2.

Barb groups might be expected to boast a high proportion of farm leaders but only the Barb Union of the five "official" Barb groups bore out this generalization with 44 percent rural men. Big city "Barbarians" constitute 50 percent, little cities 16 percent and rural areas only 34.7 percent of the Barb leadership. Here Omaha suffers a third loss gathering in only 4 percent of the total while Lincoln picks up 37.3 percent.

At the heart of the "activity activities" is found the Student Council which appears to be merely another club for Lincoln students. The 65 percent total that the above 18,000 cities can "toot," includes a Lincoln group which of itself is 54 percent of the total, and a duo of Omaha students equalling 8 percent. Innocents and Mortar Boards over a two year period show: big city 50 percent, Omaha 9.6, Lincoln 40, little cities 14 and rural areas 36.

When A. W. S., Coed Counselors, Corn Cobs, Tassels and debate are added to the "campus" honoraries and the council, the result for "activity activities" is: big city 55 percent, Omaha 7.2, Lincoln 42, little cities 13, and rural areas 32.2.

## World affairs new book topics

### New Noel Coward play prominent on latest list

Prominent among the books purchased by the university library during the past week are several volumes devoted to discussion of outstanding international questions. Biographies of Napoleon and Tchaikowsky and a new play by Noel Coward are also on the list of newly purchased books which is as follows:

Germany and the Great Powers, by Eber. M. Carroll.  
History of the League of Nations, by John I. Knudson.  
Modern Society and Mental Diseases, by Carney Landis and James D. Page.  
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Lectures on Japan, by Naaze O. Hitobe.  
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"Beloved Friend," the Story of Tchaikowsky, by Catherine S. Bowen.  
Poland's Access to the Sea, by Kazimierz Smogorzewski.  
History of Spanish Literature, by Ernest Merimee.  
Justly Dear: Charles and Mary Lamb, by Eisie Thornton Cook.  
Hardy Perennial, by Helen R. Hull.  
Present Indicative, by Noel Coward.  
Crime and the Man, by Ernest A. Houston.  
Kama: Maker of Modern Turkey, by Ikhai Ali Shah.  
Adult Education, by F. W. Reeves and C. O. Houle.  
Collection of Old English Lustrre, by Jeannette R. Hodgdon.  
Morocco As a French Economic Venture, by Melvin M. Knight.  
Powers of the President, by W. H. Binkley.  
Art for Art's Sake, by Albert L. Cuesard.  
College Journey, by Ronald B. Levinson.  
Suez: Wall, by Mrs. Leonora Speyer.  
Joss For All, by Mordecai Ezekiel.  
I Am A Spy, by E. T.  
Sons of the Puritans, by Don Marquis.  
Heroes of Thought, by John M. Murry.

## YW plans May morning meal

### Breakfast to mark 55th year on campus

Closing 55 years of Y. W. C. A. on the university campus the freshman cabinet of the organization is sponsoring a May morning breakfast to be held in the Union, May 14, at 8:15.

Members of the various staffs will be honored at the affair and a farewell will be given to the graduating seniors.

In charge of the program is the freshman cabinet. The committees in charge are: Program, Evelyn Paepfer, Deloris Hansen, Ben Alice Day, Katherine Houser; tickets, Jane Allen, Florence Mall, Marian Cramer, Lorraine Grant; general chairman, Betty Fosbury; notification, Natalie Burn, Ruth Somberg, Lois Billesback, Maryellen McKee; publicity, Gail Ferguson; menu, Phyllis Neff, and Ruby Buschon.

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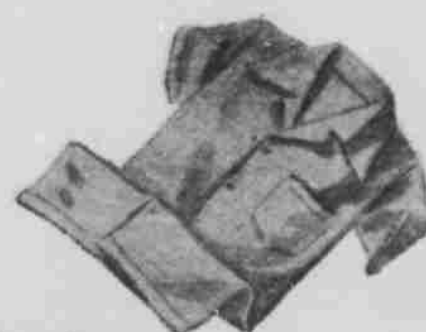
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