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## Ag college recognizes scholars at convo

### Senior leaders hear plan for new council

#### Harris presents proposal

By Bob Schlater.

Plans formulating a permanent organization of the senior class through a proposed Senior Council were presented to leaders of the senior class last night by Norman Harris, editor of the DAILY NEBRASKAN, who acted as spokesman for the group who devised it. Harris' plan, which he had discussed with both Chancellor C. S. Boucher and Elsworth DuTeau is designed to more closely knit together the senior class, and through that compactness bring about a more organized and integrated student body.

In outlining the plan, Harris stated that the members would consist of presidents of fraternities, sororities, co-op houses, dormitories, and organizations on the campus. The representatives on this council would represent all students and organizations on a non-political basis since only thru being a president or representative of some group would a student be eligible for a seat on the council.

The meeting was presided over by John McDermott, recently elected senior class president, who named a committee at the end of the meeting to make further plans and have them ready to present at a session which would be called following Christmas vacation.

On that committee are Vernon Wiebush, Norman Harris, Pal Sternberg, Jack Cole, Eleanor Berner, and Tess Cassidy. Following the presentation of the committee's report after vacation, the plan will be sent to the Student Council for approval.

#### 100 members.

Approximately 100 members would make up the Senior Council in the plan presented by Harris. Included in this 100 would be 3 presidents of fraternities and (See SENIOR, page 2.)

### Senior womens' award filings open at WAA

Any senior girl interested in receiving a \$25 scholarship for the second semester should make application in the WAA office in Grant Memorial before Jan. 10. Participation in WAA activities is not required for receiving the scholarship. The scholarship will be given to a student from either the city or ag campus.

### Flash picks all-American, all-girl team

The Awgwan Flash's all-American football selections will include 11 Cornhuskers on the first team, George Frischer, editor, now a sports authority, announced today. The selections will appear in the fourth Flash coming out Friday morning.

"Our lineup includes capable, well-built and fast stars," said Frischer. "The team has a terrific line and some good-looking backs. Those girls can really play."

In addition to the all-girl team, Flash will also give complete information on the Rose Bowl game. What happened at all the rallies and what methods are best for the trip to Pasadena are pictorially answered.

Flash photographers, attending the Military Ball and the Mortar Board, offer special sections on the two parties. Pictures, say editors, are improving as the Flashmen get more experience taking news pictures.

Also in the magazine will be the cartoon of the month, many jokes and what editors say is unusually hot gore. One page reveals what the campus co-eds are wearing on campus.

#### The weather

The weatherman forecasts for Wednesday say warmer with snow for this territory.

### Nebraska U rates 22nd in enrollment

#### University drops four places with loss of 319 full-time students

With 6,452 full-time students, the university now ranks 22nd in size among educational institutions of the country, according to a report in the School and Society magazine. This is a drop of four places since last year. UN was 18th on the list, having 6,771 students.

Economic conditions throughout the state appear to be a factor in the reduction of 319 in the full-time attendance of the University of Nebraska," Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, who made the survey, wrote. "The decrease is chiefly among freshmen, of whom there are 1,637 as contrasted with 1,991 a year ago."

Nebraska, ranked 32nd in population, fell two places in collegiate enrollment from last year, now being 23rd. In comparison with 13,949 students a year ago, the twelve educational institutions in the state report a total of 13,451.

There are 3,087 citizens taking the university's correspondence courses and 200 enrolled in extension work. The grand total for the institution is 11,597, since there are 8,290 resident students, including those enrolled for part-time.

In general American colleges and universities appear to be leveling off in enrollment with either slight gains or small losses, as shown in the report. A two percent decrease in the number of freshmen in five large fields of study, however, may forecast a further decline next year.

Brooklyn, Iowa University and (See RANK, page 2.)

### Sigma Taus initiate 15

Sigma Tau, engineering honorary, will initiate 13 men and two honorary members Thursday. Following the initiation, a banquet will be held in the Union at 6:30 p. m. New honorary members are A. A. Turner Omaha, head of the Northwestern Telephone Company and J. G. Mason, Lincoln, head of the bridge department of the bureau of roads and irrigation.

This week, pledges are carrying paddles which must be signed by all activities, honorary members and at least 3 alumni.

### Hawkins serves as Butler aide

Paul M. Hawkins, a graduate student in law, has been chosen by senator-elect Hugh A. Butler to serve on his Washington staff, it was announced yesterday.

Hawkins, who will hold the position of an assistant secretary, plans to continue studying law at a Washington university.

Born in Arlington, Nebraska, Hawkins was graduated from Doane College in 1938.

### Publications' staffs dine with board today

Student publication staffs will meet with the publications board today in Union Parlor Z for lunch and a discussion of publication problems. The meeting of all members of the DAILY NEBRASKAN, Cornhusker and Awgwan staffs with the board on "non-competitive" terms will be the first of its kind.

### Faculty presents honor students

BY CAROL CHAPMAN.

Nineteen forty ag college Honors Convocation was held in the upper gymnasium of the college activities building, at 11 a. m. yesterday. All ag classes were dismissed for the annual occasion at which students ranking high in scholarship are honored.

Dean W. W. Burr introduced the program participants. The annual affair was opened by group singing. Following the group singing Tom Horn, Interfraternity Council president presented the Scholarship cup, won last year, to Farmhouse president Milo Tesar.



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DEAN W. W. BURR.

C. C. Minter, associate professor of vocational education, then presented the ten freshman men of last year high in scholarship. To be eligible for this distinction, men must have completed 27 academic hours.

The men are: Donald Brown, Bill Carter, Robert Gerloff, Francis Haskins, Ruben Heermann, Lloyd Jerauld, Stanley Liedtke, Philip Miller, Warren Sabs, and Stewart Woods.

#### Present frosh women.

Presentation of the ten Freshman women of last year high in scholarship was conducted by Miss Bess Steele, associate professor of Home Economics. The requirements for eligibility for freshman women are the same as those for Freshman men. The ten girls presented at this time were: Bonnie Bernholtz, Geraldine Fouts, Jeanette Hubbard, Eileen Lomax, Velva Meierhenry, Evelyn Menke, Jane Sherburn, Dorothy Schudel and Mary Ulrich; the tenth girl, Neola Carter, is not in school this year.

In former years Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary, has presented the highest ranking freshman girl with a scholarship cup, on which was engraved the names of all the winners. However, the policy has been (See CONVO, page 4.)

### Huskers plan gigantic rally for Bowl team

The cold December air will be filled with yells Thursday night when Nebraska's Bowl-bound Cornhuskers will be put on the train to the cheers of a crowd which is expected to fill the Rock Island station, Gerald Spahn, Corn Cob president, predicted today.

The rally, starting at 7:30 p. m. and continuing until 8 p. m. when the train is scheduled to leave, will feature talks by Coach Biff Jones and his staff and members of the football team. "Biff has promised to tell students what to expect in the Bowl," Spahn said.

Plans for an organized parade to the station had to be abandoned because of the icy streets.

### Christmas, Bowl festivities combined in Union tomorrow

#### Bradley, Lyman, Koenig in show

Each student who enters the Union doors tomorrow evening will receive a free ticket which will entitle him to free refreshments, a seat at the vaudeville show, and participation in Christmas caroling. All these festivities are a part of the Union's annual Christmas party, combined this year with pre-Rose Bowl celebrations.

"Don't forget your identification cards," urges Pat Lahr, Union social director, "for they must be shown in order to get tickets for free hot dogs and cokes."

#### Students in show.

Completing an evening of Christmas gaiety, talented students will appear with Johnny Cox and his orchestra in a vaudeville show at 8:30 in the ballroom. To be featured on the show is Gene Bradley, sophomore who recently appeared on the amateur show as a high-pressure salesman, will do a magician act this time. Other student acts engaged for the show are Ardis Lyman, dancer, and Paul Koenig, pianist.

Jean Knorr will play the elec-

### Flight students meet tomorrow in Union

A general meeting of all students interested in taking the primary flight training course (CCC 50) will be held at 5:00 Thursday afternoon, December 19, in Room 316 of the Union. Applications for this training are now being received.

### Maple Leaf chapter asks aid to Canada

Officers of the local chapter of the Maple Leaf Fund, national war relief group appealing for aid to those of Canadian ancestry and birth, their friends, and friends of Canada are: Dean J. E. LeRosignol, chairman; Professor O. C. Collins, treasurer; and W. O. Thomas, secretary.

Secretary Thomas, in a letter of appeal, writes, "We in Lincoln, far removed from the scene of conflict, have not been unkind or callous. Many generous contributions have been made by individuals, and it has therefore been decided to organize a branch of the Maple Leaf Fund and to use this organization as an outlet for our contributions."

## Behind the Headlines

by Olson and Ordal

### ENIGMA.

Prime diplomatic and military speculation at the moment concerns the enigma in the current European war—what will be the next major German move?

A possible clue comes from Vichy. There envoy extraordinary, Otto Abetz, demanded—and received—an explanation from Marshal Petain of the recent dismissal of Pierre Laval. The fall of Laval resulted from action by the octogenarian Marshal, ostensible French ruler, which altered the French Constitution by decree, abolishing the position of vice premier, occupied by Laval. At the same time Flandin replaced him as minister for foreign affairs.

Inasmuch as Flandin definitely is known as a strong pro-Nazi, this move was at first regarded as an indication of still closer collaboration with the Germans. Apparently that may not have been the case for the German government announced that until it has full information about the purpose, intentions and effect of the change, news of it will not be published in the German press.

Rumors in Berne, Switzerland are that the change came as a surprise to Adolf Hitler. Hence, the dispatching of Abetz, his personal aide, to Vichy in search of explanation. Laval, a virtual prisoner of the Vichy government since his expulsion, was brought to Vichy in order that Abetz might hear his side of the issue as well as that of the Marshal's.

Many observers believe the fate of the Petain government hinges upon the outcome of the talks with Abetz, since Berlin sources continue to emphasize the fact that the crux of the question as far as they are concerned is: "Does France intend to continue advancing the

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