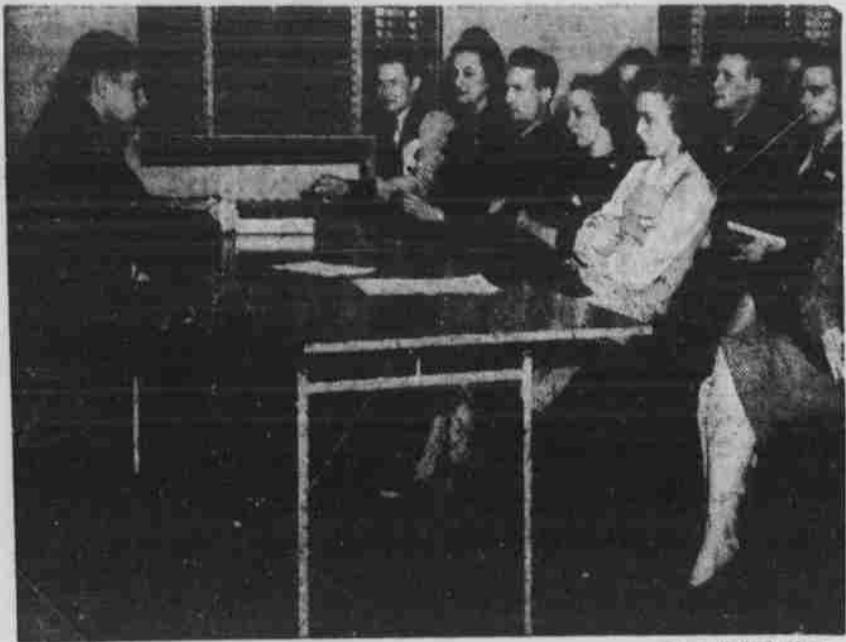


Student Council ends three day convention



John Mason, president of the Student Council, presides over one of the meetings of the first Big Six Student Council convention which ended last night.

The Big Six Student Council convention climaxed its three day session here last night with a dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel. Bob Aden, Beta Theta Pi, and George Gostas, barb, spoke on the subject "The Problem of the Affiliated and Unaffiliated Student Working Together." After the dinner the delegates attended the Interfraternity Ball enmasse. Both of the speakers are members of the Innocents society.

Yesterday morning a discussion group on agricultural problems was held and in the afternoon Oklahoma led a meeting on "The Stu-

dent Council Constitution," the last meeting of this convention.

"This convention has resulted in many helpful exchanges of ideas," asserted John Mason, president of Nebraska's Council, yesterday afternoon. "We have especially received new ideas for issuing activity cards."

May hold annual meeting.

Nothing definite has been decided, the representatives from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma are planning to hold a convention annually at one of the Big Six schools. Information obtained from the discussion groups and general meetings will probably be published and a copy sent to each of the participating universities, according to Mason. This gives next year's incoming councils an idea as to what was accomplished.

Friday Kansas State, Iowa State, and Kansas U held their discussion meeting in the Union, and Bus Knight led a tour of the campus and the capital. Both luncheon and dinner were also served to the delegates in the Union.

A great deal of spirited discussion about political parties, elections, activity tickets, constitutions, and services the Student Council can perform on the campus, occurred in the meetings. Methods of dealing with these various problems were presented by all the schools, and questions concerning the solutions were brought out.

Daily staff to meet

The staff, reporters and all students who wish to work as reporters on the DAILY are requested to attend a general staff meeting in the offices of the DAILY Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. DAILY editors are looking for reporters who will cover beats regularly and any students who expect to meet these qualifications should report at the meeting.

After Wednesday, beats will be taken from irregular reporters and given to those who report to the DAILY offices regularly.

University registration set at 5,436

Total registration in the university to date is 5,436, according to Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, registrar. At this time last year, 5,943 students, 507 less than the above figure, were registered for work in the university.

Rosenlof gave several explanations for the drop in registration (See REGISTRATION, page 2)

Air expansion story appears in Blue Print

The Nebraska Blue Print, university engineering magazine, will be on the stands Monday. Frank Little, editor, announced. The Blue Print will feature an article discussing a proposed expansion of the U. S. air force written by Jack Wagner, a student in mechanical engineering.

Wagner estimates that by January, 1943, the air force will total 25,000 planes, with an additional 25,000 to be built the following year. Production should reach 50,000 airships yearly, so that the United States may maintain an air force and still furnish aid to England.

Among other stories is one concerning the activities and experiences of the Nebraska band at the Rose Bowl game, written by a band member. Wm. L. DeBaufre, chairman of the mechanical engineering department, discusses the new national defense courses at the university in another article.

An article concerning engineering vocational guidance in Nebraska is written by J. R. Rippley, chairman of the committee of the Nebraska engineering society concerned with that work. Still another story, written by a student, discusses the Industry Seminar of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

String concert in Union today

The university string ensemble under the direction of Emanuel Wisnow will present a concert this afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Union ballroom. Only holders of tickets will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained free at the Union office.

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Berge states that U.S. needs leaders for strong democracy

By Alan Jacobs.

Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general of the United States, became plain Wendell, citizen of Lincoln, student at the university, following his Charter Day address yesterday in the coliseum.

When he explained the functions of a university in strengthening democracy to an audience dominated by faculty members and townspeople, he was Berge, the lawyer, the analyst, but after-

(See BERGE, page 4)

Alpha Chi's booth takes carnival cup

Alpha Chi Omega's booth, "Caught in the Draft," won the Coed Counsellors' Penny Carnival cup for the fourth consecutive year at the show yesterday afternoon. Kappa Alpha Theta received second place for their "Freak Show" and Delta Gamma took third when they presented a betting game starring Mickey Mouse.

Using as their theme the draft idea, the Alpha Chi's decorated their booth with a patriotically dressed boy and girl and gave each patron a capsule in which was the first name and telephone number of an actual boy or girl student.

"We intend to have each person make a date with the girl or boy whose number they receive," explained Jane Dalthorp, who originated and carried thru the idea. Thus they were "drafted" for dates.

The Theta's booth was on the order of a typical carnival sideshow, featuring a fat lady, a baby, several mermaids and similar characters.

Delta Gammas use mice.

Delta Gamma's entry literally had all the girls screaming when a little white mouse ran into cups marked with a stripe of color. But the noise wasn't because of the innocent mouse; it was caused by the penny bets placed on the cups to see which color the mouse would pick.

Besides the winning booths, there were also kissing games, gambling, fortunes in balloons, an auction, a meteorology showing personality traits, and a "frog bowl." An eating stand and dancing at the back of Grant Memorial hall, where the carnival was held, were the other features of the show.

Capitol Personalities



HARRY E. GANTZ

If there is a lively discussion on the house floor, Senator Harry E. Gantz is almost sure to be in it. Consistently during his legislative career (this is his third term) he has managed to stay in the thick of the action.

The senator was born on a farm in Kansas but has lived at Alliance since 1905. He has been an attorney there since his graduation from Creighton law school. Box Butte, Dawes and Sioux counties are included in his district.

Besides being a member of the legislative council, Senator Gantz serves on two committees. He is a member of the revenue and taxation group and chairman of the judiciary committee.

Since the senator's great interest is irrigation, he believes L. B. 460 to be the most important of those he has introduced. The bill's purpose is to regulate the use of underground waters. "The measure," said Senator Gantz, "is based on the theory that if there is an adequate supply of underground water, farmers can use all they want. Regulation is for the sake of economy and conservation."

Under the proposed measure, all subterranean waters would become the property of the state and water users would be required to secure an allocation permit issued by the department of roads and irrigation. Such a license would specify the amount of water each person might use.

Stark reality which today's men and women must face in the world crisis is a challenge to the universities to furnish the leadership that will strengthen and preserve the democratic spirit and the democratic processes, declared Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general of the United States before the Charter Day convocation yesterday morning.

Chancellor Boucher introduced the speaker after the university symphony orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Don Lentz, had played "Espans Rhapsodie" by Chabrier and "Zorahayda" by Svendsen.

Speaking on the subject "The Function of the University in Strengthening Democracy," Mr. Berge asserted that "Our Confidence in the future is gone. We face a world in which the light of freedom has been snuffed out in almost all countries across the sea."

"The gentle, well intentioned but unaware people who view the present crisis as merely a passing phase and think that eventually the world, if left alone, will return to normal, cannot furnish the leadership," said Berge.

Weak leadership.

"They are incompetent. The frightened and panicky people cannot assume the leadership. They have lost their nerve. Although the universities do not have a monopoly of the people of trained intelligence, liberal outlook, and noble purpose who must furnish our leadership, it is natural that we should turn to them in the hour of need.

"Because of the dire need for the leadership of universities, their financial plight at the present time is to be deplored," he continued. "Institutions of learning, like other institutions, may be expected to bear their share of the economic burden in periods of depression, but we must be extreme-

(See DEMOCRACY, page 2)

Engineers hold election Wednesday

University engineering students will vote Wednesday for officials to be in charge of Engineers' week, biggest event of the year for the engineering department. For the chairman, students will choose between Henry Berry and Harold Sampson. Nominees for vice chairman are John Gates and Earle Cox.

Nominees have been selected by a joint meeting of the engineers' executive board and the chairmen for the event from each department. All engineering students are eligible to vote to choose between the nominees. Voting will be held on the first floor of M. A. building from 8 to 5.

Engineers' week will be held Ivy day evening. The general chairman will plan the program for the event, with the assistance of the board of chairmen and vice chairmen from the various departments.

The event is a sort of miniature world's fair, with exhibits of the work accomplished by the college during the year. Each engineering society puts on its own exhibits.

Nebraskan names staff cartoonist

Betty Ann Roberts has been chosen as staff cartoonist for the DAILY for this semester. She is a student in the college of fine arts. Her first cartoon appeared in the Friday issue of the Nebraskan and more drawings will appear in the near future.

Ag plantologists make discoveries in potato breeding for Nebraska

Who has ever heard of a housewife buying food from a retailer and actually reaping a large profit in the transaction? It sounds absurd, doesn't it? Yet, according to a report of food expenditures and nutritive returns, statistics show that the value received from potatoes is several times greater than the price paid for the potatoes. Based on nutritive contents and low cost, potatoes are considered as an almost perfect food.

The housewife, however, is not the only one who profits from potatoes. In western Nebraska the potato industry is a major farm commodity. Each year the income ranges from two million to six million dollars. Realizing the importance of the potato industry and also the vast improvements to be made, the departments of horticulture and plant pathology have helped the growers put on the market an improved potato and also to produce disease-free

seed from potato seed balls so good seed can be grown on a commercial basis.

Did work in greenhouses

Prior to 1939, no breeding work was carried on in this state as it was impossible to produce true seed under Nebraska weather conditions. Although some work was being done in greenhouses it was generally considered impossible to make potatoes bloom in Nebraska, even in the greenhouse. With some preliminary trials, Dr. H. O. Werner of the department of horticulture found that he could produce flowers and seed balls in the greenhouse. He immediately started an extensive breeding program in cooperation with Drs. Goss and Jensen of the department of plant pathology.

None of the varieties of potatoes now grown in this state is entirely suited to Nebraska conditions. This section needs a variety

which will be resistant to soil born diseases such as scab and wilt, produce a high yield of good cooking quality tubers, be resistant to psyllid and other insects, be heat and drought resistant, and resistant to injury in harvesting.

The varieties grown here now fall short of these qualities and it is to this end that the efforts in breeding work are being directed. Several other universities are now carrying a breeding program of comparable size and the U.S.D.A. has a large cooperative program in connection with the state universities.

Considerable work is being done here by Dr. Werner on the problem of getting more varieties to bloom in the greenhouse. Dr. Werner grows the parent plants, does the crossing, and raises the seedling tuber. Then, the plant pathologist (See POTATOES, page 2)