

Release Frosh Enrolment Facts

Entering Students Top In High School Classes

One-fourth of the students who enter the University of Nebraska come from farms and agricultural areas.

Yet of these students from the farms, only one-third of them in the last three years expressed a desire to return to agriculture as a vocation.

That is one of the facts pointed out in a study recently completed by Dr. George W. Rosenlof, registrar and director of admissions at the university.

Figures from Registration.

Rosenlof gathered the information from registering freshman classes in September, 1940, '41, and '42. Entering students for the three years totaled 3,155, of which 1,990 (60%) were men and 1,165 (40%) were women.

Compilation of data revealed the following conclusions:

1. For men, engineering was predominant as a vocational choice. In 1942 there was a slight tendency for a greater percentage to express an interest in medicine and dentistry. For women, teaching was the first vocational choice, followed by dietetics, music and radio. Salesmanship, office work and agency activity followed. A comparatively large percentage of both men and women in both 1941 and 1942 expressed no final choice of vocational interest.

Athletics, Music Predominate Extra-Curricular Activities.

Athletics is the predominant extra-curricular interest of men, while music is the choice of women. Church work apparently is second in interest of both men and women, with dramatics third.

2. The dominant reason of both men and women entering the university is to increase their fund of knowledge. Second reason given by students for seeking a college education is that college training is necessary to one's chosen profession. Third reason is to increase earning power. More than half of the students mention the cultural value of education and the opportunities which such an education provides for improvement of one's citizenship.

3. Freshman students at the University of Nebraska very predominantly come from the highest and second-highest quarters of their high school graduating classes. A comparatively small percentage, as would be expected, come from the fourth quarter of their classes.

4. The student body represents a cross section of the occupational interest of Nebraska citizens. One-fourth of the students' parents are engaged in agriculture. Second in rank of parental occupations is merchandising; third is the group including agents, office workers and salesmen; and fourth, the trades.

5. While parents are characteristically the source of support in education of these young people, a very large percentage of the men find their savings of considerable importance. About one-fourth of the women students report savings as a source of financial support.

6. Fewer than 15 percent of the men and about 30 to 35 percent of

the women during these three years have been earning less than 10 percent of their expenses—earning it while in school. Estimated costs of education vary all the way from \$200 to \$600, the percentage of persons, at either extreme being comparatively small. The large number who indicated \$200 or less are accounted for very probably by those who live in Lincoln and do not figure room and board in their costs.

That students in this agricultural state are seeking other vocational fields is illustrated in the following table. (Choices are shown in terms of percentages).

Vocational choice:	1941		1942	
	M	W	M	W
Agents, office workers, sales	9	12	7	17
Agriculturists	8	12	7	—
Bankers, financial agents	—	—	—	—
Government and public service	2	2	2	—
Manufacturers, public utilities	—	—	—	—
Merchants, dealers, proprietors	—	—	—	—
Teachers	6	28	2	25
C. P. A.	—	—	1	—
Architect, artist	1	3	1	1
Engineer	—	—	35	—
Lawyer	6	1	4	1
Doctor, dentist, nurse, surgeon	9	11	10	15
Minister	—	—	—	—
Pharmacist, chemist, geologist	5	1	6	2
Author, editor, journalist	4	3	2	5
Dietician, musicians, radio, misc.	3	22	4	22
Trades	1	—	—	—
None stated	15	17	18	12

It will be noted that none of the students in either 1941 or 1942 was interested in the specific vocations of banking and finance, manufactures and public utilities, merchandising and the ministry. Yet from 10 to 17 percent of the students indicated the college of business administration as their field of study.

It is evident that in more than three-fourths of the cases, students are dependent to a very large degree upon the abilities of their parents to provide them with financial aid. Generally speaking, about one-fifth of both men and women had received scholarships of one kind or another. The University of Nebraska Board of Regents awards scholarships annually to approximately 250 students. Below is a table showing the sources of financial support by percentages:

	1940		1941		1942	
	M	W	M	W	M	W
Parents	77	90	76	83	73	90
Savings	46	20	59	30	71	28
Borrowings	8	4	6	4	5	4
Scholarships	22	22	26	30	22	20
Other	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not stated	5	1	4	3	2	2

Students in very large numbers, more especially the men, are supplementing their savings in caring for the expenses of a college education. Less than 15 percent of the men and approximately one-third of the women report earn-

ings of less than 10 percent. Following is the table of percentages of expenses earned while in school:

Percent of Expenses	1940		1941		1942	
	M	W	M	W	M	W
0 to 9	13	28	14	31	13	37
10 to 19	12	2	2	9	6	6
20 to 29	6	7	9	8	10	9
30 to 39	8	5	7	4	12	7
40 to 49	5	4	7	3	7	4

50 to 59	17	19	19	12	20	10
60 to 69	3	2	3	2	3	1
70 to 79	6	3	4	3	4	1
80 to 89	—	—	1	—	1	—
90 to 99	13	2	7	2	6	3
Undecided	7	7	13	11	6	3
Not stated	20	31	13	22	12	19

which shows the distribution of the students in quarters of their graduating high school classes:

Quarter	1940		1942	
	Freshman	Freshman	Freshman	Freshman
First	48	53	41	56
Second	27	23	22	20
Third	14	11	12	9
Fourth	11	4	7	4
Not stated	1	—	18	11

That the university is composed of students who are the "cream of the high school crop," scholastically, is shown by the following table,

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Thru The Years . . .

From BDG to TNC

BY MARY ELLEN SIM.

It went on for years and years; the Nebraskan every March devoted page after page of print; and thru the years everyone just expected to pick up a paper some morning and see, splashed all over, at least a half dozen pictures and a dozen full columns of type.

Then, a year and a half ago, some of our eastern neighbors got jumpy, and one lazy Sunday afternoon while we were all sleeping off Sunday dinner, a few of them jumped right onto the little island in the fish pond out in our backyard. Most of us were quite surprised.

Everybody went along as usual, dating and, as spring breezes flitted up from the south, looking more and more languidly at the outside cover of Eckenbier's "History of Economics." There were a few more news stories on the military side, and a couple columns on war. Some sports writers called a few premature signals as to what coaches might have to

use for a forward line in the fall. No one cared much. Fall was a long time away.

Even when it was rumored that university students might be asked to pass up that extended week-end of spring vacation and that rumor became a fact, few got very excited. War and its effects were just accepted.

The AWS board ventured out of its corner then and said, "There will be no best dressed girl award this year. There will instead be a typical Nebraska coed presented at the Coed Follies."

The board paused a moment, expecting the skies to fall.

None fell.

There was no great fanfare of publicity. There were no cries of hate, derision, or no body wracking sobs of disappointment from those who had pointed themselves for the BDG honor. There were only a few quiet sighs of lamentation, and a few wishes that my college years had been peace years.