

# Nebraskan Presents Survey Of Year's Highlight Headlines

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With an astounding number of headlines to look at and with an infinite amount of stories to choose from, the readers of The Nebraskan have, since September 18, 1944, had an opportunity to read the news of the moment almost before it has been made. Statistics as to how many actually take advantage of that golden chance are unfortunately not available.

But to even a rabid reader, the year's news has become a jumble of peace conference, Homecoming, War Show, theater, Harry James and sports. In an earnest endeavor to let you, the reader, know what has gone on, The Nebraskan presents its annual survey of headline events and the news that made you sit up and blink.

### Year Begins.

With a housing shortage, freshman convocation, rush week and Professor F. C. Blood taking Harold Hamil's place in the school of journalism, the year began. The 3,000 students learned of marriages of classmates, pledges of the 13 sororities on campus and football prospects for 1944. Les Glotfelty turned from profanity to unning in her now-famous "Les Said the Better," while Nina Scott took the job of digging the dirt in Lincoln. Pleas for workers on The Nebraskan and its arch enemy, The Cornhusker, crowded each other on the pages.

With the publishing of fraternity and sorority scholarship standings, everyone buckled down to classes and discussing chances of the Cornhuskers in football.

War Council's pleas for more male students brought an avalanche of the male population which has, incidentally, dwindled to a mere trickle. Between rushing to have Cornhusker pictures taken, gathering paper for the salvage drive, trying out for cheerleaders, and attending church parties given for All-University church week, students heralded the end of September with the thought "only eight more months."

### Football Season.

Meeting Minnesota in the first football tussle of the season, the Nebraska team took their 32-0 defeat with determination to make it tougher for Indiana. While the men were looking fraternities over, coeds were beginning to mail those overseas Christmas packages to the men who couldn't be here.

Opening of the new International House shifted the spotlight to this group of active campus women. Music came in for a bea mas Johnson Beam left for the Julliard School of Music and Lawrence Tibbett disappointed the city by being unable to sing at his scheduled concert. 144 men went Greek as the fraternities gathered the new pledges into their arms. Dick Dilsaver began bench-warming, and what do you know, Hink Aasen hasn't found Don Chapin yet.

Drives for the AUF and YWCA membership started early in October. Four of the new cheerleaders wore shirts and four more the cream colored trousers to lead yells for Nebraska. Bernie Ulrich retained the post as Yell King. Fireworks in the Student Council which were expected came in for editorial criticism from Pat Chamberlain and the Council retaliated by initiating a change in the political setup of the campus. Gene Dixon proposed two parties with an equal distribution of bars and Greeks, but the decision was relegated to a closed session of the council.

With 30,000 spectators at the first football game of the season at the stadium, the Iowa Sea-

hawks took a 12-6 victory over the Second Air Force Super-bombers. The Cornhusker received an A rating and everyone started to worry about the cigaret shortage.

Beginning a series of surveys, The Nebraskan published the results of a rehabilitation question. Harry James laid 'em in the aisles or rather, all over the Coliseum floor, with his trumpet and the prospect of a 12:15 night for coeds. 54-0 was the score of the Indiana-Nebraska game at Bloomington. Hope sprung anew, as always, as the sound of the victory bell for the rally before the game with the Kansas Jayhawks, with that hope dimmed by the 20-0 score the KU team turned in. At last, the AUF drive climbed over the top with the Tassels still berating students for not buying more war stamps. Along about this time, October 20, the Student Council blushed as it discovered it had no right to abolish political parties on the campus.

Five Tassels each hoped that she would be the one to step out on the stage of the Coliseum as 1944 Pep Queen, and the hopes of Jackie Scott were realized at the Homecoming dance. With Basie Givens providing the music and all students providing the enthusiasm, the whole university celebrated the Cornhuskers' first win of the season by upsetting Missouri 24-20. Shades of all the football greats, that was a game! Coincident with Homecoming game and dance was the contest for the best decorations.

### Chi O, Sigma Nu.

Chi Omega with "Pick off those Tiger Lilies," and Sigma Nu with "Muff Missou" celebrated their own private victories that night. The Alpha Xi's and Phi Gam's were second winners. Politics was filling the space left in the paper, with Judge Mason digging in the files to discover the bloody election battles of by-gone days and the Student Council laying down the laws for forming new political parties.

In the midst of this hub-bub, the campus was saddened by the death of Frank "Pop" Schulte, noted soash for Nebraska for many years. The election of the president of the United States was decided by the campus. The only trouble being, it picked the wrong man. Dewey carried the campus two to one and students hid in shame on November 7. Prohibition was almost unanimously voted down by the students and by the state.

"Wingless Victory" became the talk of the campus as the university players opened in their first production of the year. Harold Andersen, Richard Sill, Barbara Stahl and Jeannette Smith were announced as members of Phi Beta Kappa. The college of business administration played at the annual banquet given by Phi Chi Theta. Faculty members were the side shows at the circus party which entertained most of the students in bizad college. Winners of the Gold scholarship keys were announced.

November came in sadly for the

football squad with their defeat at the hands of the Iowa University Hawkeyes. Greek coeds exchanged luncheons, during Greek Week and ended with a dinner with the theme "The Greeks Mount to Olympus." And at last, the two new political parties came to light. The Progressive Party and the Student Party for Democratic Government were recognized by the student council and registration day was set. With the news of another defeat for the valiant Cornhuskers, this time by the Iowa State Cyclones, coeds and men took their minds off football for Religious Emphasis Week and the concert of Todd Duncan.

Who's Whoers on the campus were selected and included 20 of the Nebraskanites. Registration for the two political parties found that the students were divided about evenly. Along about this time, the rumor of something called a peace conference began to circulate around the campus. The YWCA cabinet heard Gerry McKinsey's idea and received it so enthusiastically that immediate plans were made for the conference.

### Relief!

As a relief from the "heavy" stuff, the presidents of men's organized houses on the campus chose 12 finalists in the Cornhusker beauty queen contest. All candidates appeared at a tea dance in the Union ballroom and the ranks were whittled down by the presidents. The wildcat of Kansas State was burned at the last rally of the year and the War Council got busy with plans, plans, plans.

The theme of the 1945 war council-sponsored War Show was chosen as "Til Johnny Comes Marching Home." In conjunction with the Sixth War Loan Drive, the Council told students about the Chance of a Lifetime. Students found out more of the plans for the miniature peace conference when speakers toured organized houses and the houses chose countries to represent at the conference.

In a wild and loose fray and snow and showers, Kansas State overpowered the Cornhuskers 35-0. The Progressives and the Student Party nominated their candidates for the president of the senior and junior classes. Thanksgiving intervened about this time and for one day, activities were at a standstill as students gobbled the turkey and rested before the last stretch before Christmas.

### "Papa Is All."

"Papa Is All" kept coeds and men laughing during its run. \$4,385 in bonds and stamps were sold at the Chance of a Lifetime auction promised by the War Council. Students and faculty members sold their souls and personal property as wild bidding from the audience ran up the total sales. Dates, kisses, waiters, cigars, dinners—all this and more was offered to the students at the bond auction and they took full advantage of those offers.

The 49th annual presentation of

Handel's Messiah by the University Choral Union put the university in the Christmas mood as vacation drew nearer and nearer. The long-awaited student election of junior and senior class presidents was held but since there was, shall we say, "dirty work in the ballot box" the election had to be held over. With the assignment of countries for study by organized campus groups, the peace conference began to take shape and students planned hours in the library in preparation for February and March meetings.

Christmas shopping interfered with classes and music had the sound of sleighbells. AWS told coeds about follies (oops, should have been a capital F) and the Mortar Boards let them in on the Snowball they had been whispering about—both said just enough to arouse curiosity until further details could be revealed after vacation.

### Celebrate.

Having celebrated the year in and out and having been given one day to recover, students returned to face the peace conference, snowball, follies, and what else? Oh, yes, finals.

Biff Jones was assured of a job when he returns to the university and fans sighed with relief. Those junior women (who never change) did not sigh quite deeply tho, when they found that AWS had announced a curricular activity system which goes in effect after the last spring election. Speaking of elections, the presidents of the junior and senior classes were finally elected. Jean Whedon Remmenga became senior class president and Les Glotfelty held the junior class leadership.

Somehow, exam schedules for the finals crept into The Nebraskan and students began to have that handdog air that so often accompanies the printing of these space filling news items. Faculty advisors were appointed to help with the peace conference, but all stopped for the Mortar Board Snowball. Doug Nelson was the man of the hour with the title of SNOWMAN and was escorted by six hard war-working snowflakes. Lee Barron gave the students music to dance to at the ball, while the men sported cor-sages and took it easy while coeds opened doors, put on coats and paid the bill.

### YW Prexy.

Mary Ann Mattoon assumed her duties as the new president of the city campus YWCA and Lois Oppen took over ag YWCA. The Nebraskan underwent a change of staff and Harold Andersen emerged victorious as editor.

New students viewed with alarm the rising suicide rate of upper-classes as final week approached. AWS has not even yet released the casualty list, but

assures students that it is not above normal.

Adding to coeds' worries were the new rules established by the AWS board as they strengthened existing regulations and added a few. Les said, Andy editorialized, and AWS stood pat. Must prove something. Encouraged by information gathered from library, faculty advisors and Big Three meetings, the university began committee meetings for the peace conference. The 12 conference committees met once a week during February to write resolutions to form a peace treaty.

Amidst this activity, Nebraska debaters swept honors at the debate conference at Northwestern University, with Gerry McKinzie receiving highest ratings. Nine acts were chosen for the Coed Follies and women began practicing nightly to win the cup for the best skit or best curtain act.

Tri Deltis again walked off with the honors at the Penny Carnival for the best booth using "Test Your Love Appeal." Since the stage was the focus of attention at this time, the war show rehearsals went on. Professor Henry Kesner was killed by a train accident on February 10.

Merely noting the 76th birthday of the university, students concentrated once more on the peace conference, war show and coed follies. Another theater success, "Skin of Our Teeth," was presented by the players, while students were startled by Russia's threatened withdrawal from the miniature peace conference. After that had been smoothed out, announcement was made of speakers for the peace conference. John Parke Young, Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode, Herbert Brownell, Governor Dwight Griswold, and Senator C. Petrus Peterson were among those chosen to address students at convocations and at the plenary sessions.

### It Happened!

Then it happened. The Awgwan came back after three years absence with Phyllis Johnson as temporary editor. The humor magazine staff invaded the Nebraskan office and their ancient feud was resumed. Up pops the Student Council with an investigation of the Student Health Survey and another topic for discussion was added.

"Til Johnny Comes Marching Home" was enthusiastically acclaimed at all three of its performances and the War Show, sponsored by the War Council, turned over its proceeds to support campus war drives and projects.

With the adoption of final resolutions for the peace conference, the university prepared for the March plenary sessions. The AUF Red Cross drive opened and the

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