

Rag Recounts Weird '48-'49 School Year

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An eventful year—two semesters of crises, surprises, laughs, bannings, deals, weird happenings. This very well describes 1948-49 at the University of Nebraska.

September—and announcement of bigger and better parking facilities. The Corncobs, labeled the "redmen" scalped incoming frosh by relieving them of their last few bucks in their Cornhusker selling endeavors. ROTC announced a 100 percent increase in its advanced ranks.

The Rag Sports staff "experts" picked their first list of football winners and did quite well. No one was surprised as they picked nothing but cinch games. The University Theater announced establishment of a pair of Honorary Producer awards—presented to the top house in theater ticket sales.

A HUBBUB, a roar, as 200 students were assigned to the bleacher section for the Iowa State game. Alpha Gamma Rho was awarded the Innocents Scholarship-Activities cup. Bill Mickie was named Yell King for the season. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly.

October 1 and Janie McCuaig answered the \$99 question, "Who took the missing rags?" by committing the faux pas of the year. Minnesota dropped Nebraska 39 to 13 and parlay players were warned by Dean Thompson. Marge Reynolds was presented as Farmers Formal Queen. The Student Migration Committee leaped on students from all angles to fill up the Migration train for Kansas.

AN EXPOSE on campus as the local Scotland Yard, the Student Council exposed graft at the Regent's Book Store. Nobody knew nuttin. Margie Zellers and By Krasne were revealed as Honorary Producers at the University Theatre's opener, "Dream Girl."

Footballers readied themselves for Notre Dame and four fraternities pledged to paint their front doors red—if N.U. won. They didn't and they didn't. Ted Sorenson and Eugene Luschei were nominated for Rhodes Scholarships. The Berman-Hulac debate on Czech politics at a YW-YM open forum was highlighted by the surprise appearance of a Czech citizen, Vladimir Lavko. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly.

Red Cross came to the campus and Gene Berg was named head man. Oklahoma became the sixth of the Big Seven schools to accept the conference clause banning race discrimination.

HOME COMING and Mary Helen Mallory was named Homecoming Queen as campus listened to Elliot Lawrence at H. C. Dance. The Fijis and Thetas snatched house display honors. In the float contest it was the Fijis again and the Kernels.

A campus poll predicted that Dewey would trounce Truman. Hmmm. Gus came home from Sweden where he was a guest of the Royal government. Jimmy Dorsey was selected for the Military Ball. Kosmet Klub honored Bill Wiseman with an honorary membership in the Klub for writing the past two spring shows.

The highschoolers took over the rag. Nov. 6, and the regular raggers took a rest. Love library was hailed as the nation's most modern book building.

KOSMET KLUB presented their Fall Revue and McDill and Ajax O'Meara captured "Sweetheart" and "Prince" laurels. Best skit went to the Sig Eps. Oklahoma drenched the Huskers with their cup of "T" by the score of 41-14. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly.

Seventeen fraternities protested

against the high price of Military Ball tickets. The University Theater's "Beyond the Horizon" opened. Rocky Mueller and Fritz Hegwood nabbed the junior and senior prexy's posts. A vigorous Rag staff challenged a reluctant Cornhusker staff to a football game which never seemed to come off. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly.

THE MORTAR BOARDS announced that Gene Krupa would drum up business for their turn-about ball. Raulin Wight was announced as new head of Alpha Phi Omega. The Board of Regents approved a ten year plan for the construction of 36 new building units. Conspicuously absent were plans for a very-needed theater auditorium. Dec. 5—Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly.

Phyllis Harris was picked to reign as honorary colonel. Laverna Acker, Pat Berge, Jo Bergman, Vanita Brown, Pat Gaddis, and Margaret Thomsen snared Beauty Queen honors for the yearbook. Campus choralers presented their annual "Messiah." Guns roared and bodies fell as "Winterset" hit the University Theater boards. The presentation came simultaneously with announcement of the auditorium's banning—a fire hazard. Plans were completed for the Mueller Carillon Bell Tower. Rumors were flying as to the new football coach. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory would be out shortly. Dec. 15 and vacation.

THE OPERA was cancelled—no place to give it. The Theater moved to Wesleyan. The Cornshucks office was enlarged—Schirmer could finally stretch. Peggie Lawrie announced that the Student Directory was completed and out. A grateful campus swooned.

The Theta Xis imported Hollywood starlet Virginia Huston and presented her as "Sweetheart of Theta Xi." The grind of final exams, inevitable dropping and adding, the start of a new semester.

The Pub Board appointed Leger, Clem and Simpson to head the editorial side of the Rag. Business-men Chesen, Stalder, Axtell, and O'Bannon were re-appointed for the rest of the year.

BILL GLASSFORD was hailed as new football coach. AUF, with Peggy Lawrie at the helm, opened its fund drive. UN cagers found themselves leading the conference. An editorial over extremely-high book prices incited a debate between the Nebraska Book Store management and Rag managing editor Cub Clem. Clem, by the way, had been the leading football expert in the fall football forays.

Glassford arrived on campus. Lewandowski announced a new "system" for '49 seating. Eyebrows lifted. Bob Duis and his photo "Inferno" won grand prize in the Kappa Alpha Mu photograph contest. Marilyn Weber was revealed Interfraternity Sweetheart. Chi Omega won Dr. Arndt in the AUF auction. (One of the best busboys they ever had).

GRACIE NEILSON copped tiddly-wink honors as the Cornhusker took the rag over for a day. Typical comment of issue—"What is it?" UNESCO opened Feb. 16 with an address by noted statesman and poet, Archibald MacLeish. The Student Foundation began their plague of campus originality by seeking a new name for the organization.

Missouri became the final Big Seven school to abolish discrimination. Dick Srb thrilled a cheering basketball crowd by dropping in the winning basket in the last five seconds to defeat Missouri, 47-46. Dean Thompson

"damned" the faction. A Rag poll showed dissention in student ranks over politics.

NEBRASKA MASQUERS impressed a large Union audience with their enacting of Gay Marr's "Skyline Scandals." Debaters received eight superior rating in the conference drawing 55 colleges. Betty Green became TNC at Coed Follies. Alpha Phis and Alpha Chis topped skits and curtain acts.

Campus officials threw away NU's chances in the All-American Freshman Beauty Contest. A rag poll showed students overwhelmingly in favor of the contest. Dorothy Borgens and Harlan Powley became Junior Queen and Senior King at prom.

Jeannie Sampson was named Foundation head. Lee White was announced editor of Law Review. Sue Eastergard became Miss Daily Nebraskan by collecting the most votes in the frosh beauty contest. Louis Fischer impressed a campus convocation with his views on "Russia and America."

JAN STRATTON, Jo Ann Leaming, and Dorothy Borgens were elected to head A.W.S., Coed Counselors, and BABW respectively. Cub Clem again flayed rising book prices. Again—Nobody knew nuttin'. Student Foundation was re-christened U. of N. Builders. Herb Reese wound up fourth best 175-pound wrestler in the country. Bill Plank was elected ISA head.

T. J. Thompson was ousted and U Theatre moved to the Mueller tower as the campus roared at the Rag's April Fool issue. (Who says we're conceived?) Typical comment, "Wow!"

Ted Gunderson was elected to direct the AUF. Bob Wallace was named Constitutional Assembly steering committee head. Action was assured on the Temple. Rod Lindwall was elected Corn Cob prexy. Jack Solomon's KK Spring Show, "Let's Change the Subject" played for two nights.

WILLIAM BADE and Fritz Ware became the year's two top scholars. Audrey Rosenbaum was elected new prexy of Red Cross. Bob Sim was picked Kosmet Klub president. Faculty ousted elections. Engineers Week opened.

Duane Lake was picked National Union association vice president. Ted Sorenson was named permanent chairman of the Assembly. Frank Piccolo was chosen as 49-50 Yell King. John Binning was named Ivy orator; See "REVIEW," page 4



NORM LEGER, 1948-'49 Innocents president, presents the Innocents scholarship-activities trophy to Wally Banner, representing Phi Kappa Psi. The cup is given each year to the city campus fraternity totaling the greatest number of points for high scholarship and participation in campus activities.



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