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Huskers Win Opener 61 to 32

NU Student Killed In Car Accident

Two persons, one a University freshman, were killed in the car-truck collision near Waverly on Highway No. 6 around 2:05 a. m. Saturday morning. A third victim is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in critical condition. The three persons were returning to their homes in Omaha after attending the Military Ball.

LeMoine E. Menshik, 18, 1022 South 46th street, Omaha, was identified as one of the killed. Menshik was a student at the University.

Also killed was Mardele Johnson, 1922 South 37th street, Omaha.

In Critical Condition

Mary Lou Hanson, who lives on Pratt Street in Omaha, is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital with a severe gash on the head. Hospital authorities said her condition is "poor."

Occupants of the truck were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick M. McCullough, Dennison, Ia., enroute to Marysville, Kas. McCullough, manager of a garbage disposal plant in Dennison, was only shaken up. His wife was kept under observation at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

No Evidence of Drinking

According to County Attorney Frederick H. Wagener, there was no evidence of drinking on the part of either driver or occupants of the vehicles involved, and neither was exceeding the speed limit.

Apparently the car driven by Menshik developed trouble of some kind, either a flat tire or steering mechanism difficulties prior to the accident.

The car crossed the center line of the highway twice before swerving into the truck. McCullough said he pulled over to the shoulder but was unable to prevent the accident. No inquest will be held.

Oklahoma Blaze Kills Students

Residents of the men's dorm at Oklahoma University were routed from their rooms by a flash fire Saturday which roared through the dorm in the early morning.

The fire, which demolished the wooden dormitory within 30 minutes, killed at least three men, and injured 18 more, two of them critically.

The fire started at about 2:30 Saturday morning, flashed through the \$700,000 wooden structure and within 30 minutes the building was completely ablaze. The building was a five winged structure, built in 1941 to house navy men on campus.

Reports from the scene said that many students who had no time to put on clothes jumped from windows in shorts, clutching only newly arrived government subsistence checks.

Survivors rushed to phones to contact their parents, and a four-hour delay in long distance calls developed soon after the fire subsided. Many of the survivors were hysterical, suffering from shock. Most of the students were taken into other dorms and fraternity houses on the Norman campus.

University officials said it was not known exactly how many men were in the dorm at the time of the fire. Survivors were asked to call into check points so that a check of survivors could be made.



THE SEASON STARTS—Centers Milton "Bus" Whitehead and Dave Aaberg, declare the opening of the 1949-50 basketball season official as they jump for the tip-off. Joe Malacek and Don Bartlett await the ball.

NU Unimpressive In Initial Game

BY JERRY WARREN.

The University of Nebraska cagers won their initial game of the 1949-50 season in an unimpressive manner Saturday night by beating a badly outmanned South Dakota State team, 61-32.

Behind only once in the game, when the Jackrabbits led 16-14 with six minutes left in the first half, the Huskers, coasted to an easy victory.

Coach Harry Good cleared the bench in the last six minutes. While the reserves were in the game, the Jackrabbits only scored one point while the Scarlet and Cream increased their total from 44 to 61 points.

Bus Whitehead, 6-9 center from Scottsbluff, dominated the action in the typical first game play as he scored 12 points and controlled the play under the boards.

A scrappy trio of South Dakota State players, Dave Aaberg, Herb Bartling, and Don Bartlett, gave Bus and Bob Pierce plenty of trouble on rebounds but the height advantage made the difference.

Whitehead and Pierce were aided considerably by Joe Malacek, Dick Srb and Tony Lawry, acting game captain.

Individual standout for the Jackrabbits was the six foot four inch Aaberg. The tall center poured in 16 points and was the

main threat for the boys from South Dakota.

Joe Brown, after a year's absence from the Nebraska maples, teamed with Bob Cerv and the powerful Husker guard crew to make up a flashy back court combination.

Second high scorer for the home team was Joe Malacek with nine points. Malacek had a cold first half but came back strong after intermission to rack up four quick field goals.

The brief performance of Sophomore
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Fifteen Vie For Class Presidencies

Fifteen candidates for the senior and junior class presidencies will be on the ballot tomorrow for the first regular University election in more than a year.

The Student Council today released the names of the presidential aspirants, six women and nine men.

Candidates

In the race for the chief executive post of the graduating class are: Edgar L. Coleman, engineering; Cecil J. Doubt, engineering; Ronald R. McWilliams, engineering; M. J. Melick, arts and sciences; Bill Mundell, arts and sciences; Willis W. Selk, engineering; Wilbur Lee Spradley, engineering; and Peggy L. Walter, arts and sciences.

Junior class president candidates are: Francis Biskup, engineering; Mardelle Buss, arts and sciences; Phyllis Campbell, arts and sciences; Robert H. Holder, engineering; Janice Lindquist, arts and sciences; Jane Linn, teachers; and Ralph R. Ruhter, engineering.

Four officer hopefuls were disqualified for failure to meet the 5.5 average or the hours requirement for senior or junior class standing, set up by the student faculty committee.

The election will be held Tuesday in Student Council-manned booths in both the city campus Union and Ag Union.

Voting will take place from 9-5. Only regularly qualified juniors and seniors in their University colleges are eligible to vote. To mark a ballot, students must present their ID cards and sign the voters registration list at the booth.

Three Student Council members, a graduate student and a faculty advisor will be present at all times at the election booth on city campus. Ag Exec Board members will assist the Council membership on Ag campus.

To Punch IDs

Ballots will be validated by Student Council members. ID cards will be punched.

"The results of this election," commented Council President Roswell Howard today, "will be carefully watched, both in method and participation. Student interest, as seen in the number of voters, may well determine if we will continue to have student elections on the campus."

Howard also pointed out Council rules on election procedure: "The polls shall be in charge of the Student Council. Each candidate may have a representative at the polls during the election. Each voter shall check the names of the candidate or candidates for whom he wishes to vote on a ballot furnished him by the election officials which ballot shall be a

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Pat Berge Reigns as '49 Commandant at Military Ball

With all the ceremony and tradition of a University Military Ball, Miss Pat Berge was disclosed as the 1949 Honorary Commandant of the University Military department Friday night.

Revealed before a backdrop of a huge replica of the Army, Navy and Air Force shield on the stage of the coliseum, Miss Berge's presentation highlighted the opening of the 1949 formal season.

The 1949-50 commandant is a senior in teachers college at the University. The 21-year-old coed from Norfolk, blond haired and blue-eyed, also holds the honor of 1948-49 Cornhusker beauty queen. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Military Style Suit

The commandant wore a cream military style suit with the traditional scarlet and cream military cape and overseas cap. The suit was especially designed for the occasion.

The University ROTC band opened the chain of events leading to the presentation with a half-hour concert. This was followed by a crack manual of arms drill demonstrated by a special squad of outstanding underclassmen of Pershing Rifles members.

Then a sabre guard of 30 junior class officers entered the floor of the coliseum followed by University military officers and their dates.

Sabre Guards

They formed a huge triangle, the apex being a column of the sabre guard which extended from the center of the floor to the stage. The base of the triangle extended to a special platform in the south balcony on which were seated the honored guests.

As the curtains on the coliseum stage parted, revealing Miss Berge, she was presented with a bouquet of red roses by Cadet Col. William Mook of Lincoln, president of the Candidate Officers Association, who escorted her through the



'49 HONORARY COMMANDANT PAT BERGE—Following her presentation at the Military Ball Friday night, Miss Berge is shown after her introduction to Miss May Pershing (left), sister of the late General John J. Pershing. Cadet Col. William Mook (right), president of the Candidate Officers Association, presented Miss Berge at the ceremonies.

arch of sabres of the junior officers to the south balcony.

Salutes Officers

There she saluted the three cadet officers of the University Military department:

Cadet Col. Sidney McVickers, army; Cadet Col. William Kinsey, air force; and Student Capt. Richard Finstrom, navy.

Honorary Commandant Berge and Cadet Col. Mook then stood in review of the grand march, which was executed by the officers of the departments and their dates.

Miss Berge was elected from a group of five candidates chosen at an all University election. The Candidate Officers Association made the final selection.

Foreign Students Plan Lincoln Talks

NUCWA speakers bureau will sponsor three foreign student talks in Lincoln Tuesday. The speakers will include students from Hawaii, Mexico and Germany.

Bob Endo, from Hawaii, will speak at College View high school at 8:45 a. m.

At 12:15 p. m. Manuel Escalante will speak to the College View students on American relations with his country, Mexico.

Juergen Herbst will address an audience at the Elm Park Methodist church at 6:30 p. m. His topic will be "Christmas in Germany."