

Block & Bridle Re-Elects NU Prof National Head

Prof. M. A. Alexander of the University Animal Husbandry department was unanimously re-elected president of the national Block and Bridle club at their annual meeting recently.

Officers serve a two year term. Alexander, who was elected by two delegates from each of the 27 chapters scattered throughout the agricultural states, is one of the most widely known and respected livestock judging team coaches of the country. His Nebraska team has never placed lower than sixth in a field of 20 to 34 teams competing at the American Royal, International and Denver shows. Alexander has coached 17 years at Nebraska.

Coaches Team

Although his senior team placed second of 34 teams at the International this year, Alexander said jokingly, "Most important event of the trip was the boys presentation of my Stetson hat."

A graduate of Washington State college, the professor did graduate work at Colorado State. He came to Nebraska in 1932 and has sponsored the Block and Bridle and judging team since then.

Block and Bridle has always been one of "Alex's", as he is known to most of his students, pet projects. He had a major part in building the organization up to what it is today.

Block and Bridle has three main objectives, namely: (1) To promote a higher scholastic standard among students of animal husbandry, (2) To promote animal husbandry, especially all phases of student animal hus-

bandry work in colleges and universities; and (3) to bring a closer relationship between students, faculty and others engaged in animal husbandry.

Awards

Interest in attaining these objectives is stimulated by awards, five of which are made by the national chapter and three through each local chapter. Nebraska has secured one of the national awards in each of the last two years. Willard Visek of Ord won the Merit Trophy Plaque in 1947 and Ned Raun of Minden won the same honor in 1948. This is presented to the outstanding Block and Bridle member in the nation each year.

Each year a junior team competes in the judging contest at Denver. Alexander's team placed first both last year and the year before. The Denver show will be Jan. 14 this year.

In the 17 years that "Alex" has been judging coach, Nebraska has compiled the highest score of any competing school at the American Royal and International shows.

St. Paul's to Give Final Singfest

The final Singfest of the Christmas series will be held at St. Paul Methodist church on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9 p. m.

The Singfest is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln Ministerial Association.

Rev. Jack Sheaff, Epworth Methodist church, will preside and Chaplain Carl C. Bracey, Wesleyan University, will give the meditation.

Exams Begin for Technician Jobs

An examination to select young scientists and engineers of outstanding promise for future high-grade technical work in Federal government agencies will be open for receipt of applications until January 3, it was reported by Dean T. J. Thompson.

Starting salaries are \$3,100 and \$3,825 a year for positions as engineers, physicists, chemists and metallurgists.

Information on the Junior Scientist and Engineer examination may be obtained at 104 Administration building, or from the Civil Service Secretary at any post office.

Applications must be received by Jan. 3, 1950, in the eighth Region office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Post Office and Customhouse, St. Paul, Minn.

VA Not Cause of Exam Study Cut

The Veteran's Administration "doesn't even enter into the picture," declared J. P. Colbert, director of veteran's affairs, when asked if one reading day before final examinations had been cut out to meet VA requirements.

The contract with the VA is one that begins Sept. 15 and runs continuously through the second semester to the last day of final exams in the spring. It would not be affected.

"Only the feeling of instructors that they needed the extra day to finish their courses satisfactorily and close the semester without loss contributed to the decision," reported Dr. Rosenlof, University registrar. The Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes have already been cut short, and the faculty committee felt it would not be advisable to take another hour from them.

Moot Court Docket Lists Five Cases

The freshman moot court practice competition, which started Dec. 5, neared completion Wednesday, Dec. 14, with only five cases remaining on the docket.

The first year students argued a wide variety of cases—property, contracts, constitutional law and torts. Teams holding briefs for violation of the Mann act (white slavery law) and against non-communist affidavits for teachers were losers in the practice round.

The list of winners and the teams they beat to date is as follows: E. F. Carter and G. M. Gradwohl over D. F. Liljedahl and F. J. Roubicek; A. Christensen and R. Strom over W. B. Brandt and W. H. Jones; J. D. Martin and J. R. Marks decided E. Petrasek and L. L. Patnoe; D. L. Cooper and W. S. Sturges won over D. D. Koukol and T. S. Wood.

I. Corder and F. Hurlbut over R. H. Laird and H. D. Davis; W. W. Nuernberger and D. R. Jamieson over C. B. Siemers and G. B. Fillman; R. Beattie and C. E. Lear defeated D. L. Raymond and W. V. Rice; W. Ward and W. Douce over D. L. Abbot and F. J. Cavarretta; D. Sanford and H. Selling decided W. L. Walker and L. I. Bevans; and A. Arrocha and J. Kalbin beat V. Faloan and T. C. Huston.

D. Kanzler and O. Osterholm won from J. Polack and T. J. Gorman; H. Prichard and J. Ponder over W. E. Morrow and H. L. Jackman; L. Aubel and E. Babcock decided D. J. Thomas and H. L. Thomas; W. Hein and J. C. Dean over B. M. Johnson and J. L. Koerber; L. Chandler and R.

Ag Committee to Throw 'Snow-Ball'

Come to the "Snow-Ball," something new in the name of a dance!

Gerard Pritchard, chairman of the Ag union dance committee, announced their first University dance, the "Snow-Ball," yesterday.

The ball is scheduled for Jan. 6 in the auditorium of the Ag Activities building. Bobby Mills and his orchestra will furnish music for dancing from 9 to 12 p. m.

Admission to the informal dance will be 60 cents each. The "Dell" in the Ag union will stay open till midnight the evening of the ball.

Junior Division To Register Jan. 4

Welcome mats go out Jan. 4 at Temporary B for Junior Division students.

All students holding numbers up to 4050 who are not in Junior Division should have completed registration by closing hours Friday.

New students will register starting Jan. 27. Fees will be due on Jan. 23 and 24, and add and drop may be taken care of Jan. 30 and 31.

Graduates are given until Feb. 4 to complete registration.

Borin over D. E. Westerbeck and E. M. Gillette; M. Engler and P. Engler won over E. A. Cook and P. M. Madden; W. E. Cobb and P. L. Douglas over W. Webster and A. Decker; and R. Kinsey and C. Dugan were victorious over K. T. Karabatsos and D. H. McArthur.

The first round of freshman competition will end Friday afternoon.

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