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## In the Beginning . . .

(Editor's note: The following story of the beginning of Engineers' Week was prepared for the Daily Nebraskan by Prof. O. J. Ferguson, who was for 25 years dean of the University's College of Engineering and Architecture.)

Engineers' Week had to begin somewhere, sometime, and the book of minutes of the old-time Society of Electrical Engineers indicates the idea originated in the mid-nineties. To be sure, full organization of the plan was a development over a term of years, and it wasn't until later that it became known under its present title. The germ was the E. E. show—a display of new things in electrical phenomena—and nearly all electrical things were new 55 years ago!

How much these early events were appreciated is evidenced by a letter from Chancellor Geo. E. McLean transmitting a resolution of thanks from the Board of Regents (February 19, 1898) "for the excellent program that you arranged for Charter Day eve . . . for the excellent lectures; also for the exhibit . . ."

The lecture mentioned was given by Mr. T. C. Martin of New York City, speaking on Niagara Power at the Funks Opera house and was attended by dignitaries in dress suits. Admission was ". . . free to the public, a certain number of seats will be reserved for those especially interested at a cost of twenty-five cents each . . ."

As a "Week," the engineers' celebrations have included many features. For several years a parade was staged on downtown streets. This proved to be too heavy an undertaking on top of the Great Night exhibit of all engineering departments and was allowed to lapse. Engineers' Night took on new significance and possibilities with the completion of the Mechanical Engineering building—now christened Richards laboratory. The three early engineering societies negotiated a general group known as University of Nebraska Engineering Society at the turn of the century, and their joint efforts brought out many new ideas and experiments in entertainment and display. Finally, and now for a term of years, the program settled down to Engineers' Night regularly placed on Thursday of the chosen week and beginning in the afternoon to accommodate the crowds and visiting out-of-town high school students; the Friday morning convocation, with a prominent engineering speaker; Field Day, generally Friday afternoon; a dinner and dance Friday or Saturday.

Prime importance in all of these events is given to student planning, and particularly is this true of the exhibits. Downtown window displays are judged and rated comparatively by departments. Similarly, the judging committee rates the evening performances of Engineers' Night. A student committee computes Field Day scores. All of these ratings are compounded and at the banquet a plaque is awarded to the "winner!"

And, oh yes! the SLEDGE; Well, of that scurrilous sheet, probably the less said the better, but it has been a "tradition" for a quarter of a century.

And there were the days of the "brown derby" and the "green derby"—the latter still in the dean's office—a peace offering of laws to engineers after a formal debate over who should possess the former. Some wild scraps have been staged between laws and engineers over the campus sign for Engineers' Week, occasionally wrecked. But it may be related truthfully, to the chagrin of both sides that laws and the engineers alike were sucked into the worst scrap in history by a sportive student of another college (a pretty bit of amateur detective work was involved in his later identification) who staged carefully timed deprecations with a paint brush and stood on the sidelines the rest of the week watching the cracking of heads, wrecking of property, and final subduing of the mob by fire department hose. Our files still contain the list of names recording the "head tax" collection from students of both colleges to pay the piper. And he was paid! I know, for I chipped in with the boys!

—O. J. Ferguson

## Editorial Briefs

Nineteen top Ag seniors, 12 top Ag grad students, two top Ag professors and a top Ag alum have proven their ability by their election to Gamma Sigma Delta, Ag honor society. Members of the Ag group represent nothing less than the cream of the crop, and these newly-elected men have received a well deserved recognition.

First, second and third prizes in the Delian-Union short story contest means much more to the winners than pocketing the cash awards. Marvin Malone, first prize winner, Joan Williams, second place, and Ramona Beavers, third, can feel that they have produced exceptional short stories the best in student work. They have shown themselves to have above average talent in the short story field.

The Junior Class council certainly is out to give the juniors the best spirit possible, along with a general good time. Under the name of their class, they sponsored the Junior-Senior prom, without a question one of the most successful dances of the year. And now they are planning a big junior barbecue and dance at Antelope park. A barbecue is something new for Nebraska, but an all-out junior get-together is just as unique. Both events have been planned under the name of the entire junior class, but the two projects have represented the most earnest efforts of only a small proportion of the juniors, the council and a few others. The barbecue-dance is not only the project of the junior class council, but every member of the class. The council will welcome any support from the rest of the juniors in their latest venture.

Engineers' week starts today with all the pomp and ceremony which has made it one of the outstanding spring events on the University campus. Our only disappointment to date concerns the loudspeaker music which is being played between classes. We have felt that something is lacking in the music which has done much to command student attention in past years. We finally came to the realization that the familiar strains of "Right in the Führer's Face" have not resounded over the campus this year. Surely this outstanding selection has a definite place in Engineers' week promotion as it has in the past. Seriously, though, the displays and exhibits set up by the engineers are something to see. Our own experience in touring the display route and we know little about any field of engineering, has been one of education and enjoyment. You, too, should find Engineers' week well worth your time.

## Chubbuck, Burmeister Win Summer Nebraskan Posts

Norma Chubbuck and Chuck Burmeister were named editor and business manager of the summer Daily Nebraskan Wednesday by the publications board. Editor and business manager are the only two paid staff positions on the summer Rag. The paper is published sixteen times

during the summer, and is issued two times weekly. It is a tabloid, five column size paper. Miss Chubbuck has been news editor of The Daily Nebraskan for the past two semesters. She is also secretary of the Student Council, and president of Barb Activities Board for Women. She is a junior journalism major in arts and sciences, and a member of Towne Club and Theta Sigma Phi.



NORMA CHUBBUCK — Appointed editor of the summer Daily Nebraskan

**Fall Applications Out**  
Burmeister is an assistant business manager of The Daily Nebraskan, Corn Cob member, a member of Builders Club, Kosmet Club worker. A sophomore in Business Administration, he is secretary of Delta Upsilon.

The publications board appoints all paid staff members on the three undergraduate publications—Daily Nebraskan, Cornhusker, and Corn Shucks. Applications for the fall semester staff positions on The Daily Nebraskan are now open. Blanks may be obtained from the office of the publications advisor, Bruce Nicoll, whose office is in the Administration annex. Applications for all three publications will be due May 10, according to Dr. R. V. Shumate, publications board chairman.

## 'Rodeo' Advance Ticket Sale Starts

A special advance sale of Farmers Fair rodeo tickets will be held for city campus students Thursday and Friday. Booths will be set up in the Union, according to Jo Fickling who is in charge of the downtown advance sales.

This is the first year that rodeo tickets have been on sale in advance of the Fair. They sell for 35 cents.

In previous years, lines as long as a half-mile have formed in front of the arena grounds entrance. University students this year will have a chance through the advanced sales to avoid waiting in line.



MARCUS BACH

## Arts Students To Hear Iowa Theologian

Dr. Marcus Bach, director of the School of Religion at Iowa University, will address the annual Fine Arts banquet to be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

The honors and scholarship winners in the departments of arts, speech and music will be announced at the banquet. Bach will speak on "People in Flight—A Search for Meaning in Modern Living."

Miss Eloise Pauston, president of Delta Sigma Rho, forensic honorary, will be toastmistress. Dr. Arthur Westbrook, director of the school of Fine Arts, will present the honors awards and scholarships. William C. Dempsey, director of University radio work, will introduce Dr. Bach.

Bach is the author of three books on little known religions in the United States, Canada and Haiti. He has done research for the Library of Congress, taking tape recordings and films of the nation's minor religions. He broadcasts over station WSIU, University of Iowa radio station.

Tickets for the banquet go off sale Thursday morning. A limited number will be sold at the door.

## NU Bulletin Board

**Thursday**  
Innocent Society members will hold tackling practice Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the usual practice grounds.  
Ivy and Daisy chain practice 5 p.m. in parlors X, Y, Union.  
Phi Chi Theta meeting, 7:15 p.m., room 316, Union.  
IVCF annual election of officers, 7:30 p.m., room, 315, Union.  
Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30 p.m., parlor Z, Union. Everyone is invited.  
Kosmet Klub is looking for talent for its Spring Revue in the form of dancers, jugglers, and vaudeville-type specialty acts. All such talent is asked to meet in the Kosmet Klub room, 307, Union, at 8 p.m. Thursday. All those interested who can't attend, phone Merle Stalder at 2-7851.

**Friday**  
Representatives of women's organizations met in Ivy Sing competition held at Ellen Smith hall at 12:30 p.m. to draw numbers for order of competition.



AGGIE BEARDS—Ag college he-men look each other over in anticipation of the Whisker King contest which will be judged Thursday at 5 p. m. in the Ag Union. The winner will be announced at the Cotton and Denim dance Friday night. Back row—Don Clement, Gene Robinson, Arthur Shotkoski, Jerome Warner, Louie Rudman. Front row—Harry Kenyon and Jerry Ballen.

## Men Will Compete Thursday For 'Whisker King' Crown

Who has the best beard on Ag campus? This is the question which will be settled when all potential "Dan McGrews" gather at the Ag Union at 7 p.m., Thursday to be judged.

The beards, being grown for the Farmers Fair, will pay off with the honor of being Whisker King. The name of the winning bearded man will be kept secret until his presentation along with the Goddess of Agriculture Friday night at the Cotton and Denim dance.

Only those men who registered March 17 are eligible for the competition. Beards will be judged on length, uniqueness and the best all-around growth he has mustered up since the registration date. Judges will be Mrs. Angeline Anderson, R. C. Abbott and Kenneth Cannon.

Last year's Whisker King was Max Rogers. Sue Bjorklund is the Fair board member in charge of the contest.

## NUCWA Mass Meeting on Tap For Thursday

Members of the Nebraska University Council for World Affairs will turn their attention to NUCWA's 1950-'51 program when they meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Parlor A of the Union.

Main business at the mass meeting will include nominations for next year's officers, a report on Tuesday's evaluation meeting and changes in the NUCWA constitution.

New officers will be elected from the students nominated at tonight's meeting at a follow-up mass meeting Thursday, May 4. NUCWA officers include a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and five department (committee) chairmen—UNESCO, speakers bureau, information and research, international studies and publicity. The five committee chairmen, along with the other officers, form the executive board of the organization.

**Officers**  
Bill Edmondson has acted as NUCWA president since his election last spring. Harold Peterson is the vice-president. Irene Hunter handles the task of secretary-treasurer.

Department chairmen and co-chairmen include: UNESCO, Sue Allen; speakers bureau, Vladimir Lavko and Jo Anne Buller; information and research, Alita Zimmerman; international studies, Sara Fulton; publicity, Susan Reed.

The evaluation report will present the suggestions offered Tuesday evening concerning the recent mock United Nations assembly. NUCWA members will consider ideas on what the conference accomplished and suggestions for similar projects next year.

## 'Y' Issues Final Old Clothing Plea

Organizations which still haven't delivered their clothing contributions for the YWCA Clothing for Europe drive, are urged to do so immediately.

Audrey Flood, chairman of the YW World Relatedness Commission which has been sponsoring the drive, reported that ten large boxes of clothes have been collected.

The actual drive ended Monday, April 24; however, any late donations are encouraged by the group. If contributors have no available transportation, they may contact Miss Flood at 2-6095.

According to Miss Flood, most of the collection already received, is very serviceable and the drive as a whole was quite successful.

**MAIN FEATURES START**

**STATE**  
"The Man on the Eiffel Tower"  
1:00, 3:09, 5:18, 7:27, 9:38

**VARSITY**  
"Savage Horde"  
1:29, 4:45, 8:01

"The Kid from Cleveland"  
2:59, 6:15, 9:31

**HOSKER**  
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"Code of the Silver Saga"  
2:36, 5:03, 7:40, 10:17

"Streets of San Francisco"  
1:22, 3:59, 6:26, 9:12

## YM to Show Russian Film 'Ballerina'

The Russian film, "Russian Ballerina," a foreign musical, will be shown Friday and Saturday, sponsored by the YM.

Starting at 8 p. m., the picture, sponsored by the YM, will star Maria Redina and Ulanova. English titles will accompany the picture. Included in the film is the Leningrad Corps de Ballet, featuring the music of Pushkov and Tchaikovsky.

Two shorts will be shown with the feature film: "A Child's Dream," a Czechoslovakian film; and "Leningrad Music Hall."

According to a review of "Russian Ballerina" in Newsweek magazine, the film contains "a surprising lack of ideological content which makes it as easy on American eyes as a good Hollywood musical." Aside from the slight indulgence in professional self-praise, the review points out, "Ballerina" attends strictly to business—dancing, singing and boy-comrade-meet-girl-comrade.

**Love Story.**  
The picture centers around a serious young ballet student, Maria Redina, who falls in love with an equally serious tenor, Vladimir Kazanovich. Miss Redina performs her innovations of the traditional Petipa version of "Sleeping Beauty." Ulanova is filmed in an actual theatre performance of "Swan Lake."

The New York Herald-Tribune tabs the picture as "a mastery of the first order of value and of interest to every American dance student."

"A Child's Dream," one short, is a film entirely acted by puppets. It is a story of an old rag doll which sets out to prove to the little girl who has thrown it away that it is cleverer and more fun than her new toys.

The second short presents music of Russian people. It includes a rendition of Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers" by the Leningrad Philharmonic orchestra; "Scottish Drinking Song" by Beethoven; Saint-Saens "The Dying Swan"; folk songs from Byelorussia; and excerpts from "Rigoletto" by Verdi.

Tickets cost 50 cents.

## Peru College Quiet Despite Triple Slaying

Peru State Teachers College started its course back to the normal Wednesday by naming Dean R. A. Quille as acting president of the college.

Dr. Barney K. Baker, psychology professor, was the sensation of the nation's papers Wednesday as a result of his shooting and killing Dr. William L. Nicholas, president of the college, and Dr. Paul A. Maxwell, head of the department of education and Baker's immediate superior.

Quille said that classes would resume Wednesday, but social activities will be dropped until Monday. Students had gathered around the campus and the introverted murderer's home, after they heard of the shootings. Students said that Dr. Barney Baker was not very well liked.

The reason given for Baker's killing was that he was being dismissed for not holding the attention of his students in class.

The killer fired five shots into the president of Peru college in his office, walked out unimpeded, and went into Dr. Maxwell's office to kill him. The psychology professor returned to his office and deposited a clip from his gun on his desk before going home and shooting himself. His home was only 250 yards from the Administration building.

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**Gold's Presents The Famous Warther Exhibit**

- 17 hand carved locomotives
- Each model actually runs

Adults as well as children of all ages will derive considerable pleasure by visiting this famous exhibit. Mr. Warther's exhibit depicts the evolution of steam locomotion from the 1600's to modern stream-liners. Made from ivory, ebony and mother of pearl, the models never need lubrication because of the use of "arguto" wood, which is impregnated with a natural oil. Mr. Warther will be here in person.

Exhibit May 1 through May 6

GOLD'S . . . Fourth Floor