

## Summer Work Gives Union New Look

A redecorated ballroom, a concert grand piano plus some reorganization of the Union staff are a few of the improvements made in the Union during the summer, announced Duane Lake, director.

Included in the renovation program was the redecorating of the Union ballroom on second floor. All walls were painted and the woodwork done in squirrel gray. Columns on the walls were accented. In the main lounge, walls were painted and moldings constructed for art work displays which will be shown continually.

### 9-Foot Piano

One major addition in equipment was the purchase of a 9 foot Steinway concert grand piano, which will be delivered next month. It is the only one at the University.

The major staff change is the new position of assistant director which is taken by Roger T. Larson. His office is Room 1. Union. Larson was at Omaha university last year organizing Union activities. He was previously at the University Larson will have charge of Union personnel.

### 'Like a Club'

Lake pointed out that other changes in organization have been made to make the Union operate more like a club or hotel than like an institution as it has in the past.

Among other equipment added were big bake ovens in the kitchen, an automatic ice machine, grills, toasters and other miscellaneous pieces. A deep-fat fryer was bought for the cafeteria. It is the first the Union has owned.

New carpeting has been laid and some is still to come. The faculty lounge has new draperies. Repairs were made in the crib, and tables and chairs refinished in the cafeteria. The employee dining room was also redecorated.

## Union Expansion Program Progresses Over Summer

Answering last year's campaign for an addition to the city Union and a new Ag Union, plans are being formulated for completion of the improvements, according to Duane Lake, Union director.

Major contribution during the summer was the preliminary survey of both campuses by the consulting architect, Michael Hare of New York City and Lake. Hare's visit, which was in the latter part of July, resulted in drafting of preliminary plans in regard to location, cost and facilities.

### Architect Advises

Viewing the war in Korea, which has resulted in increased costs and shortage of materials, Hare advised that if anything were done immediately that it be construction of the Union on Ag campus. Lake explained that the specialized labor and steel necessary for an addition to the city Union would be considerably harder to get in comparison to the material needed for the ranch style Ag Union. He said reinforced concrete would be suitable at Ag campus. Even that would be hard to get, he admitted.

Quite a lot of planning by officials at Ag remains says Lake, especially concerning location and surveying details. "We don't feel that we should plan so rapidly that there would be many permanent mistakes as a result of it," commented Lake.

### Deadline Discarded

A deadline date to break ground for the Ag Union has been discarded, said Lake. However, plans are being made and will continue.

Also given up is a definite estimate on cost. Lake pointed out that with the rapidly changing prices of materials it would be impossible to set a price now. With the present cost of materials the structure would amount to \$1.20 per cubic foot furnished.

A student vote last year delegated \$600,000 to the construction of both the new Union and the addition. Of this \$100,000 was to cover the Ag building. Considering only most essential facilities and space requirements, Lake said the estimate at present prices came to about \$200,000. "This is another hurdle to

overcome before we start building," said the director.

### Plans Progressing

Plans will be continued until complete so they will be ready when actual building can begin. Lake said he had been advised to go ahead and start if labor and materials can be obtained.

Lake stressed that students will be kept notified at all times on each development. A meeting is planned soon to discuss current problems concerning immediate construction.

Students will have opportunity to express opinions on the Union, Lake pointed out that "the issue is not a dead one and that they will have plenty of opportunity to say what they think."

Models of proposed constructions will be on display in the Union and questionnaires will be sent out at times.

### Space Per Student

Tentative plans of the Ag Union provides 17.1 square feet for each student, considering an enrollment of 1,000. The national average is 25 square feet. However, points out Lake, the proposed average may be lower, but Ag students still have the city

Union facilities at their disposal, and enrollment will probably reach only about \$200.

Estimated costs would decrease considerably if space per student would be 13.1. Lake hopes that final plans will give about 15 square foot per student.

In the proposals placed before students last year facility additions would be made in three categories, recreational, service and cultural. Recreational improvements would include bowling alleys, properly equipped billiard room, ping pong room, game room and recreational room.

### Service Facilities Planned

To improve service facilities, more adequate fountain facilities, multiple purpose conference-dining rooms, student organizations offices and file room, suitable offices and service area for Union activities, commuters shop, television-audio lounge, tickets and sales booth and auxiliary check stand facilities.

The other category, which is cultural, includes an informal recital-reception room. The studio would be assigned for a small stage to accommodate piano and instrumental recitals, broadcasts and coffee forums.



## 122 University Cadets Attend Summer Camps

One hundred and twenty-two ROTC and AFROTC students from the University spent six weeks of their summer vacation in various training camps in the United States.

The break down is as follows: 15 infantrymen to Camp McCoy, Wis.; 27 military police at Camp Gordon, Ga.; 30 air force students to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.; and 19 others to Scott Field, Belleville, Ill. Army engineers were sent to Fort Belvoir, Va.; 14 field artillerymen trained at Fort Sill, Okla.; and 11 ordnance men spent the six weeks at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

### Daily Routine Busy

An example of a daily routine in their lives was the procedure at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. A normal day for a cadet was as follows: 5:30 a.m., up 'n' at 'm; 5:45 a.m. breakfast; 6:45 to 7:30 a.m., movement to the field; 7:30 to 11:20 a.m., firing of the 60 and 81mm mortar, rocket launcher, hand grenades and rifle grenades. The cadets had lunch in the field from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. From 12:30 to 4:20 p.m., they returned to the firing practice. At 4:30 p.m. they returned to the barracks and prepared for a re-

treat parade which was held at 5 p.m.

### Camp Sponsors Activities

The above schedule was not in practice every day. The cadets had a well rounded schedule of activities. There was much competition in the rifle practice, and they listened to many lectures and demonstrations on the use of weapons and movements of artillery and vehicles.

Camp McCoy had a extensive athletic program. The camp also provided movies and special shows.

ROTC cadets were receiving 10 percent more calories a day than regular army personnel. Regular army staff members consumed 3600 calories whereas the students consumed 4500 calories a day.

Main training objective of the summer session, according to Brig. Gen. C. S. Ferrin, training center commander, was "to give attending personnel every opportunity to glean practical experience in their branch of service, to learn latest methods in supply, logistics, transportability and weapons."

"By this means the student would be able to apply theories to practice and justify their past military education."

**NEBRASKA CADETS**—The 15 University advanced infantry ROTC students pictured above with Capt. John Davis, instructor at the University, were in training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin this summer. In the picture the students are shown learning the intricate parts of the inner-workings of a jeep from Capt. Davis. They are from left to right: George Pinkerton, Charles Bush, Lowell Neilson, Jackson Good, Mat Mateja, Gordon Francis, James Rosenquist, George Morris, Robert Myers, John Taylor, William Stewart, John Maher, John Cudgel, James Kelley, and Bob Laflin. (U.S. Army Photo.)

## Husker to Study Film Research

John Mercer, graduate student and supervisor of the University's educational film production, is one of six young men chosen from a national list of applicants for a year of research and advanced study in films at Pennsylvania State college.

Mercer has asked the University for a year's leave and expects to enroll at Penn State in September. His selection for the fellowship entitles him to a \$2,100 grant from the army and navy.

The special research and study project is a cooperative effort between the army and navy and Penn State to find out more about the production of educational films.

Mercer first joined the University staff in 1941 when he worked for the museum. During the war he served with an air force training film center at Randolph Field, Tex. Following his military service, Mercer returned to the University and has supervised the production of 12 motion picture films and five film strips used for educational purposes.

## Copies of Rag Special Edition Still Available

Extra copies of the special edition of The Daily Nebraskan which was published in August are still available to incoming students.

They are being distributed to those who have not yet received them in the Builders office in Room 309 of the Union.

The special edition is a 32 page tabloid size Rag published annually for incoming students, and contains information concerning the University.

Along with information concerning all phases of student life, the publication contains a full, two page calendar of the 1950-51 events of the university.

Members of the Builders board edit and publish the paper. This year's staff included Juanita Rediger, editor; Don Bryant, sports editor; Chuck Burmeister, business manager; and Jerry Warren, Joan Krueger, Norma Chubbuck and Gene Berg, reporters.

## Dr. Knapp to Direct Program For Prep School Citizenship

Dr. Royce H. Knapp, professor of secondary education, was appointed this summer to head a new program for citizenship education for high school students.

The citizenship education project aimed at teaching Nebraska high school youth the citizenship values in a free society in contrast to those of communism, socialism, and fascism.

The Teachers College of the University is cooperating with the Teachers College of Columbia university in the development of the project.

The program is under the direction of an executive committee consisting of the representatives from the Nebraska Cooperative School Study Council, the Nebraska State Department of Public Instruction, and the University Teachers College. This committee is assisted by an advisory council representing those organizations in Nebraska interested in the civic education of youth.

A part of the national citizenship education program financed by the Carnegie Corporation, New York, and administered by Teachers College, Columbia university, and Nebraska project will be chiefly concerned

with the development of improved citizenship education in rural and small community schools.

This summer the first of three seminars was held with the focus primarily "on (1) putting what we are now doing under the education microscopes, and (2) taking a good hard look at new teaching practices as they apply to rural schools."

The University Teachers College has been allotted \$21,400, to provide for a project director, participating teachers, and essential teaching materials and facilities.

According to Dr. Knapp, the detailed plans for working out the project were developed this summer.

## Werkmeister Wins Praise With New Book

In June 1950, the work of a University professor was recognized as a major contribution to the development of philosophy in America.

The professor is Dr. William H. Werkmeister, head of the University's department of philosophy. The work was his latest book, "History of Philosophical Ideas in America," published in 1949.

The recognition came from the 1950 edition of "The New International Year Book," which said in part:

"A growing number of books are being written in the United States on one phase or another of philosophical thought. The most learned and ambitious of these volumes for 1949 is W. H. Werkmeister's 'History of Philosophical Ideas in America.' For the period since the Civil war, Werkmeister's book provides a detailed and technical account. And it has the distinction of doing more than any other book to make intelligible the career of metaphysical idealism in this country."

This book is Dr. Werkmeister's third since the end of World War II. The others are: "The Basis and Structure of Knowledge" and "An Introduction to Critical Thinking." In 1940 a fourth book, "A Philosophy of Science," was published. All Dr. Werkmeister's books are widely used as textbooks in colleges and universities of the U. S.

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