

# Cornhuskers Keep Win Average Up With 23-Year-Old Trophy Tradition

By Betty Dee Weaver Staff Reporter

Will the Victory Bell again resound through the "N" club rooms?

The campus question of the week concerns the 23-year-old traditional trophy of rivalry between the grid teams of Missouri and Nebraska.

Since 1928 the bell has been presented to the winner of the Nebraska-Missouri football game. Since Missouri won the bell with a 7-6 victory in 1928, Nebraska has won the bell 12 times, while Missouri has taken possession 10 times.

The Huskers retained possession of the bell on two occasions because of a tie.

The bell was originally stolen in the 1890's by members of Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta fraternities, who at that time shared the same house.

The exact origin of the bell is uncertain. Some people claim that it was taken from a country church near Seward. Others say that it was the bell which hung in the old University hall. Still others insist that it was taken from a boarding house which used the bell to call its tenants to meals.

At any rate, the bell was a source of conflict between the fraternities for more than 30 years. One or the other of the two groups would forcibly take possession of the bell periodically. In the Spring of 1928, the two groups staged a hand-to-hand fight in a local hotel for possession of the treasured trophy.

Henry F. Schulte, track coach at Nebraska and formerly a coach at Missouri, saw in the bell a possible symbol of football rivalry between the two Big Seven opponents. He suggested the matter to the Innocents society, who agreed to sponsor presentation of the bell.

Fritz Daly, Secretary of the Nebraska Alumni association and at that time president of the Innocents, presented the bell to

Frank Knight, president of the Missouri student body federation on Oct. 27, 1928 to begin the rivalry.

After the game had ended in a 24-0 Cornhusker victory, the Missouri captain carried the bell over to the Nebraska team.

This year the bell was presented to Nebraska during the half-time of the game in recognition of the 40-34 Husker victory last year.

## Memorial Service Set For Faculty

Seventh University Memorial service will be held at Love library auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Commemorative citations will be read for Edward Prevost Brown, former regent, and for ten faculty members, including Dean-emeritus Poynter of the College of Medicine. Deans of the respective colleges will read the citations.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson will preside and the Rev. Dr. E. E. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, will act as chaplain. Music will be furnished by the University Singers under the direction of Dr. Arthur Westbrook and Myron Roberts, organist.

The Memorial service is held to honor deceased members of the faculty and Board of Regents. The first service was held in 1942. None was held last year.

It has been planned for Homecoming weekend so that interested alumni can attend. This is the first year that the service has included recognition for regents.

Members of the committee planning the service are Dr. C. G. Lowe, professor of classics; Dr. Arthur Westbrook, director of the School of Fine Arts; Dean J. B. Burt, College of Pharmacy; Dr. John S. Latta, professor of anatomy, College of Medicine; and Dr. M. C. Latta, professor of economics.

## Union Activity Headquarters To Move Soon

Tired of working in crowded quarters, the Union activities committee asked for a new office—and they got it.

The Union board of managers gave the committee permission to move to the game room on second floor of the Union.

The committee will move as soon as possible. Game room facilities will be taken care of elsewhere in the building.

The activities committee will use the new office to plan and carry out all Union activities. All committee meetings will be held in the office.

The activities committee will build no permanent facilities in the new office. However, the committee already has much of the equipment either in use or in storage.

Chuck Widmaier, sponsor of the Union program and personnel committee, stated that the office probably will be open only in the afternoons.

No change will be made in the office of Genevieve Grimm, activities director.

## Free Handicraft Lessons Taught Twice Each Week

Craft Shop for students interested in handicraft, meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday in the basement of the Union.

Instruction is free and the only charge made is for the materials used.

## NU BULLETIN BOARD

- Monday**
- YWCA Alum-Faculty Newsletter meeting at 3 p.m., dining room of Ellen Smith hall, Jane Jackson, leader.
  - YWCA Freshman Commission meeting at 5 p.m. in southwest room of Ellen Smith hall, Dorina Folmer, leader.
  - YWCA Freshman Commission meeting at 4 p.m. in Ellen Smith hall, Elaine Kagawa, leader.
  - YWCA Representative Council meeting at 5 p.m. in southeast room of Ellen Smith hall, Ruth Raymond, leader.
  - YWCA World Organization meeting at 4 p.m. in dining room of Ellen Smith hall, Nita Helmstadter, leader.
  - YWCA Fine Arts meeting at 4 p.m. in southeast room of Ellen Smith hall, Anne Jane Hall, leader.
  - Ag Builders board meeting at 4 p.m. in Ag Builders office.
  - Ag Union board meeting at 5 p.m. in Ag Union.
  - Ag Men's Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Adelphi, 6 p.m., Union, for supper, business meeting; work to be done on Homecoming float; members and pledges requested to attend.

## 'Lg Pl?' Or How About A Chy?'

Have you ordered a "lg pl" lately? Chances are you have. It looks like Greek and perhaps it is, but the waiters in the Crib seem to know what they're doing.

The "lg pl" is simply identified when the Crib waiters write down your order for a "large plain coke."

Of course, they have the five flavors—by, lem, lym, choc and marsh. Then if you're especially hungry there's the "K"—alias "The Crib"—or brownie ala-mode with gummy chocolate sauce.

Or how about the "bromo" after

## Removal Of 'Downs' Involves Following Detailed Procedure

Because the removal of "downs" has become a current topic on campus, The Daily Nebraskan is publishing several important rules to be followed in removing down class grades.

First, the student must have the down removed personally by his instructor. The instructor will tell him what he must do to remove the down.

Then the student must see that the removal is recorded with the Dean of Student Affairs in the Administration building.

Girls must also have the removal recorded by the Dean of Women.

The above steps are very important and must be followed in order to make removal of the down valid.

## Which One Is Honorary Commandant?



MILITARY TITTLE FINALISTS . . . One of these seven coeds was selected to be Honorary Commandant. The voting took place following the COA tea Thursday evening. The senior coed to receive this title will be (l. to r.) Joann Rasm, Jayne Wade, Jackie Sorenson, Jackie Hoss, Carole Swiffin, Nancy Button, and Delores Irwin. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

## Husker Fans Rally



MISSOURI SEND-OFF . . . Shown above are a few of the 250 students who rallied Thursday evening as the varsity football team left for Saturday's game at Columbia, Mo. Signs waved predicting the downfall of the Missouri Tiger. The pep band furnished music. Coach Bill Glassford said at the trainside rally, "I hope you are proud of the team when it comes back." Glassford sent his charges to bed at 9 p.m. The train left Lincoln at midnight.

## ROTC Commandant First Chosen In 1922

Thursday night an Honorary Commandant was chosen for the thirtieth consecutive time. Her identity will be revealed at the Military Ball, Dec. 7.

The ball traditionally opens the formal season at the University every year. The event started in 1893 when the school paper, "The Hesperian," proposed the idea of a military dance which "would furnish a landmark for the cadets to remember their military work."

In 1895 the first military ball was introduced into the social scene. At that time it was sponsored by Company B, then considered the "crack outfit" of the corps.

During the early 1900's and even the 'teens, the dance was strictly a military department affair. There were no surprises, few outsiders, no presentations and, as a result, very little campus interest.

The balls were then like the ones now in only one respect—the grand march. However, it was the regimental colonel and his best girl, who led the march. By 1922

the officers were tired of watching the colonel's lady monopolize the grand march and introduced the idea of presenting a coed as Honorary Colonel.

The first to have the title of Honorary Colonel bestowed upon her was Pearl Lucille Swanson.

Since then the Honorary Colonel has been chosen at a fall election, and her identity has been kept a secret until the night of the ball. This process has been continued with the exception of a three year period, '25 to '28, when the winning candidate was revealed immediately following the election.

The ball was not held in the Coliseum until 1926, and then only 150 couples were present. In 1930 the military department for the first time engaged a big name band for the occasion.

Many ingenious methods have been used in the presentation of the Honorary Colonel.

In 1933, simulated machine gun fire cut away the door of the stage revealing the Honorary Colonel. A sign then fell from the ceiling bearing her name.

In 1946 the Honorary Colonel slowly descended from above in a golden parachute to the amazement of 5,500 spectators.

Another year a ramp was silhouetted against a lighted inset and the honored lady appeared through the doorway of a miniature castle, represented the engineering corps.

In 1949, with the unification of the army, navy and air forces, the Honorary Colonel became the Honorary Commandant. She sponsors not only the ROTC but also NROTC and AROTC.

Last year the tradition of the first Friday in December theme was broken when it was switched to the first Saturday. The Honorary Commandant, Eileen Derieg Raun, was presented by stepping from a landing barge.

This year, for the first time, there are seven finalists instead of the usual six. This year's finalists are Jackie Hoss, Jayne Wade, Jackie Sorenson, Carol DeWitt, Nancy Button, Jo Raun and Delores Irwin. One of these finalists will be presented in a spectacular way in accordance with this year's army theme.

## All Engineers To Meet Nov. 1

All engineers are invited to attend a conference in Richards Lab auditorium Thursday Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

According to George Cobel, faculty and the Dean of the Engineering college will be at the meeting. Sigma Tau is sponsoring the conference.

Engineers are expected to bring their "gripes, grems and suggestions" said Cobel.

Discussion of several topics has already been planned. The group will talk on "College Days vs. Engineer's Week," engineering inspection tours, the parking problem and possible curriculum changes.

Cobel emphasized that this is an open meeting of Sigma Tau and all engineers are urged to attend the meeting.

## 'Homecoming 1951' Composite Of Ideas, Traditions Developed By Nearly A Half-Century Of Cornhuskers

In tradition and anticipation, Homecoming is a great event.

The event was born almost a half century ago by faculty members. They believed some time should be reserved during the school year when alumni and parents could come to the University to see its facilities, programs and school spirit. On No. 16, 1912, 500 alumni invaded Lincoln to start the tradition of "homecoming."

And now, 39 years later, the alumni are still reserving one week end during football season to return to their alma mater. Since 1912 the growth and fame of Nebraska's homecoming has continued.

The first homecoming was planned by George W. Kline, alumni secretary in 1912. As part of the program an informal banquet was held after the Kansas-Nebraska football game. Nebraska won that first homecoming game. The game and the banquet were the sole constituents of that weekend.

House decorations did not appear until 1923. The first homecoming dance was held in the old Armory in 1915, and students and alumni succeeded in drinking 200 gallons of cider. Fireworks and a band concert were also added that year, and about 2,000 alumni and students attended the celebration.

During that beginning period different organizations on campus contributed to the celebration by presenting entertainment and special programs for the visiting alumni.

In 1923 the most colorful tradition was introduced—homecoming decorations on fraternity and sorority houses. It was on this homecoming that Memorial Stadium was dedicated.

In 1923 another idea was introduced—homecoming spectators saw the first Nebraska card section depicting the Cornhusker twisting a tiger's tail. At this time decorations were getting better and bigger.

In 1928 homecoming decorations disappeared on campus until 1934. In 1935 the old standards were again revived.

By now Corncobs and Tassels had been formed. Rallies and a pep band also entered into the celebration. The burning of the effigy of the opposing team became an annual homecoming event, and Tassels went to every fraternity house on Friday night to sing songs and inspire spirit.

In 1926 cups were presented to the houses with the best decorations, and in 1926 classes were dismissed for a rally.

In 1929 the homecoming dance was held in the Coliseum from 4:30 to 6 p.m., but even the early hour didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the crowd, for a record number of grads attended.

In 1940 Nebraska's Rose Bowl team was the inspiration for a vast all-out campaign on decorations. That was the last spurge, for in 1941 the war began and things quieted down.

Now we are about to witness a celebration as the modern day generation can produce. This weekend will see all of Nebraska's organizations swing into action.

The floats in the parade, rally and bonfire, house decorations, ROTC marching band, halftime pageant, the homecoming dance, groups of excited students, thousands of alumni, countless luncheons and get-togethers, ringing of the Carillon bells, frosh-sophomore tug war, homecoming royalty, the game, and, of course, most important of all, the team itself; all of these and an indefinite number of other small, unknown parts will make up what has become "Nebraska's greatest tradition."

## Rallies To Sacrifice KU Jayhawk Wednesday

The Kansas Jayhawk is in for a fiery reception Wednesday night.

A moonlight rally will kick-off Homecoming festivities which will be limaxed by the Husker-Jayhawk game Saturday.

"Burn the Jayhawk" will be the slogan for Wednesday's rally when Nebraska cheerleaders, Peppers, Corncobs, Tassels, and students escort the luckless bird to a funeral pyre where he will be reduced to a smoldering pile of ashes.

Cornhusker cheerleaders vow that the Jayhawk will be burned.

**Jane Mapes To Head Modern Dance Group**

Pre-Orchestra, modern dance group, under the direction of Mrs. Lois K. Weaver, met Oct. 24 and elected officers for this year.

Officers: Jane Mapes, president; Agnes Anderson, vice president; Joan Yeager, secretary-treasurer. The meeting included dance practice and plans for an informal swimming and dinner party.

## NU Movies Selected For ECA Showing

Farmers and agriculturists around the world are going to see how Nebraska farmers irrigate.

The University has been notified by the U.S. Department of State that its motion picture, "Irrigation in Nebraska," was selected for distribution in foreign countries by the Economic Cooperation Administration.

The film's commentary will be translated and re-recorded into several foreign languages.

The film was made possible by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben of Omaha, when they granted \$3,600 to the University of Nebraska Foundation. The film was written and directed by John Mercer, production supervisor of the University's audio-visual instruction bureau. The University's photography laboratory photographed the film. A production advisory committee of staff members of the University's Agricultural extension service was composed of: D. L. Gross, M. F. Waldon, John F. Schurink, J. C. Steele, H. F. Rhoades and George Round.

The production crew traveled over 10,000 miles in the state during three seasons to obtain scenes for the film. Locations photographed include areas near Mirage, Platte, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Mitchell, North Platte, Kearney, Gibbon, Wood River, Minden, Hastings, Bradshaw and Schuyler.

## Nebraska-Missouri Tradition



ONLY TO RETURN . . . The traditional Nebraska-Missouri victory bell is taken to Missouri by (l. to r.) Bob Reichenbach, George Wilcox and Al Benjamin. The bell was returned to the Huskers during the game halftime. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

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