

Traditional YW Hanging Of Greens To Open Christmas Season Tonight



GATHERING THE GREENS . . . YWCA members gather pine branches for the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony at Ellen Smith hall. The program will usher in the Christmas season. Pictured are (l. to r.) Sara Devoe, Jan Fullerton, Louise Asmus, Delores Lovegrove and Sue Fortier. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

Old English minstrels, a new feature in the traditional Y.W.C.A. Hanging of the Greens, will help open the 1951 holiday season Thursday at 7 p.m. in Ellen Smith hall.

The minstrels, Gayle Roxberg and Sheila Brown, will wander from room to room during the evening playing violins.

Main portions of the program, however, will be the hanging of

evergreen boughs around the balcony of the main room and the decorating of a 12-foot Christmas tree.

The dining room, the worship room and the offices of Miss Marjorie Johnston and Miss Helen Snyder will also be decorated.

The evening's program will consist of a piano solo by Janice Fullerton, a Christmas reading by Christine Phillips and a vocal solo by Rose Mary Castner.

Hanging of the Greens committee includes Jane Jackson, general chairman; Lois Miller, refreshments; Jackie Ullstrom, publicity; Marilyn Housel, decorations; Jean Davis, program; and Judy Morgan, invitations.

Military Ball Tradition . . .

IMPROVED SINCE '95

Fifty-six years old and still going strong! That's how many years the Military Ball has been presented at Nebraska. Judging from the enthusiasm that greets this yearly formal season opener, it would seem that age only increases its popularity.

The idea of a Military ball was first conceived back in 1893, when the school paper, then called the "Hesperian," proposed the idea of a military dance saying that it "would furnish a landmark for the cadets to remember their military work."

The idea was well received by all, including the military men. In 1895, the first Military Ball was inaugurated 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, the dance was strictly a military department affair. The dance created very little campus interest; made no presentations; and had no surprises that would create campus interest.

Military balls of yesterday were like the balls of today in only one respect: the grand march. However, even then the grand march was different because the regiment colonel and his best girl, not the Honorary Commandant, led the march. The officers finally got tired of watching the colonel's lady monopolize the grand march; thus the idea of presenting a coed as Honorary Colonel was born in 1922. The first coed to have the honor bestowed upon her was Pearl Lucille Swanson.

Thereafter, the Honorary Colonel was chosen at a fall election and an air of mystery was added to the voting; the Colonel's identity was revealed at



REIGNING ROYALTY . . . Eileen Dierge was presented as Honorary commandant at the 1951 Military Ball. Her successor will be revealed at this year's ball, Dec. 7. Navy, army and air force cadet officers select the finalist from a field of seven candidates.

the night of the ball itself. This procedure has been followed with the exception of a three year period between '25 to '28 when the

winning candidate's name was revealed immediately following the election.

The Military Ball has not always been held in the Coliseum. It wasn't until 1926

that this innovation was put into effect. Even with the dance in the Coliseum, only 150 couples attended. In 1930, to add incentive, the military department engaged a big name band for the occasion.

Many ingenious methods have been used in presenting the Honorary Colonel. In 1939, 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 some 5,000 spectators.

Another year, a ramp was silhouetted against a lighted inset and the honored lady appeared through the doorway of a miniature castle which represented the engineers corps. When the Army and Navy united, Honorary Colonel became Honorary Commandant.

Last year, the stage curtains opened revealing a landing barge. As the front of the barge dropped down, Eileen Dierge was presented as the 1950-51 Honorary Commandant.

A new insignia was adopted for the Honorary Commandant last year. The insignia, which is worn on the Commandant's hat, represents the three divisions of the United States military service. The air force is represented by wings; the navy, by the anchor, and the army by three triangles.

The 1951-52 Honorary Commandant will be chosen from seven finalists. They are Dee Irwin, Jackie Sorenson, Carole DeWitt, Jackie Hess, Joan Rann, Nancy Button and Jayne Wade.

If time is the test for success, the military department has been passing the test with flying colors for the past 56 years—and have been improving every year.

Wehmer Meets With Engineers



UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS . . . Fred Wehmer (center), development engineer for the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company, spoke to University engineering students at a convocation at the Stuart theater Wednesday morning. He is shown as he was greeted by George Cebel, (l.) president of Sigma Tau, sponsoring organization, and Winfred Zacharias, (r.) chairman of the group's fourth convocation. Sigma Taus presented Wehmer a golden pyramid as a symbol of stability in engineering. (Courtesy Lincoln Journal.)

Union Schedules Dancing, Chess, Movie Programs

Are you a chess fiend, football fan, old-time movie lover, or dancing enthusiast? The Union schedule has room for you.

From 9 to 12 p.m., Friday the Union will hold its last dance of the fall schedule. Bill Albert's combo will furnish music with entertainment at 10:30 p.m. The cost is 44 cents.

Nebraska's football fans will enjoy the last Pigskin Party of the year Saturday afternoon with a play by play description of the Miami game.

The Union will also be the site of a "Boots and Saddles" square dance at 9 p.m., Saturday in the ballroom. Ed and Lois Weaver will call the dances, and a square dance combo will play.

Sunday evening is "Flicker

Night" at the Union. At 7:30 "A Charlie Chaplin Festival" a silent movie with titles will be shown. Bob LaShelle will play the organ during the show.

Starting Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m., Dick Keely will teach all comers to play chess. Keely will lecture on the game from 4 to 5, and 5 to 6 there will be individual instruction and assistance.

Lessons will be held at the Union in Room 313 and will last for 6 weeks. At the end of the course chess players will form a chess club. A chess tournament will also be held with Big Seven schools at the same time as bridge tournaments.

NU Alumnus Uses Football Play In Korea

Lt. Robert E. Cooper, formerly a substitute quarterback on the University's 1940 Rose Bowl team and now with the Fifth Regimental Combat Team in Korea, used an old football play to break up a Chinese attack on his company.

The play called for the fullback stemming through the middle of the line while the ends, running wide to the left and right, served as decoys. In duplicating the play, Cooper called for supporting fire from two flanking companies and sent two platoons through the center of the Chinese lines.

Later Cooper explained, "Don't tell me there's a lot of difference between football and combat. The only difference is that this game was more important than any I played at the University of Nebraska."

Ag Union To Hold 'Backward' Dance

"Backward" is the theme of the Ag Union dance Friday night from 8 to 11 p.m. in the College Activities building.

Decorations will follow a backward style and students should wear their clothes backwards, according to Wayne White, chairman of the Ag Union dance committee. White added that those attending would enter the Ag Union by the back door.

Miami Migration A Week Premature; Reason: Arnold Society, Not Football

Going to Miami is a good deal even when Nebraska isn't playing football there.

That was the opinion of Phil Alberts, junior and Jim Downey, senior, both of whom migrated to Miami during Thanksgiving vacation. Their migratory reasons were not that of football, however, Downey and Alberts were the two University Arnold Society representatives chosen to attend the national Arnold Society convention in Miami.

Unlike most migrators, both Downey and Alberts had all expenses paid by the Arnold Society. This included travel, banquet and hotel expenses. Downey and Alberts were flown via an air force C-47 plane. Their traveling companions included approximately 18 other representatives from the west and midwest.

Though they spent their Thanksgiving away from home, Alberts stated that they received

a Thanksgiving dinner "with all the trimmings" at the Scott Air Force base, Belleville, Ill.

Alberts said that the convention itself included representatives from Arnold Society chapters all over the United States. He added that Arnold Society is one of the largest military honoraries in the country. He commented that even though the society now has over 100 different chapters existing today, their goal is to have a chapter at each college and university that features military training.

The setting for the convention business meetings was the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Alberts said that some of the important items discussed included west and midwest area squad division and the standard of insignia. He commented that even with the time consuming meetings, he and Downey found time to sight-see and swim—outdoors.

"One of the highlights of the convention," Alberts commented, "was the main banquet." He explained that at the banquet the Arnold Society Honorary Colonel and her "court" were presented.

Both Alberts and Downey are giving convention reports at the Arnold Society meeting 7:30 Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the main lounge of the Military and Naval Science building. All AROTC men are invited to attend.

'US Suicide'



WARNS ON ATOMIC RACE . . . Rep. Henry Jackson, Washington, warns that intelligence reports reveal that Russia is making an all-out effort to surpass the U.S. in atomic weapons. He says it will be "national suicide" for the U.S. to fall behind.

Ag Students To Decorate Union Tree At Cabaret

Students attending this week's Saturday Night Cabaret in the Ag Union will get a chance to decorate the Ag Union's Christmas tree, according to Mary Lou Huse, Ag Union activities director.

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