

# 800 Students Battle 'Mighty Mo'

## No Rest For Men On Dikes

By SALLY HALL  
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Sandbags, sand boils, thick ankle-deep mud and sleeplessness. These were the main ingredients of life on the levees for some 800 University men.

Filling sandbags was the first step in the seemingly endless process of reinforcing dikes. The back-breaking monotonous work had to be done and among the workers were Art Kuhl, Larry Nordhues, Lon Dischner and Jim Jackson. They had been shoveling sand all night and in the understating manner of men engaged in heroic but dull work said, "We're awfully tired of sand."

University students were also a vital part of the chain of men passing sandbags to be stockpiled for emergency use along levee tops. Gene Eno, Pete Slusar, Pete Kaestner, Milo Brabec, Hyle Thibault, and Dean Jamison had been on the dikes Friday for 72 hours with little or no sleep.

They were to sign up for 12 hour shifts, but "most guys signed for double shifts—24 hours straight." Ira Epstein and Dan Fogel had been helping with emergency dike-building for over 24 hours at the Omaha airport, where many University students were concentrated, and were planning on going home for some sleep. They took a bus going south and soon found themselves passing sandbags again.

The whole levee is a picture in grey. The muddy Missouri, dirty sandbags, grey buildings, black mud, and grey men. Many students spent the night in sandbag "telephone booths" where telephones connect the entire Omaha levee system. The burning of carbon lamps covered them with small carbon particles and Dick Cordell's normally blond hair was as a continuation of the over-all greyness.

Jim Jones was another student working with the telephone system. His job was to help keep things running smoothly by notifying foremen of changes and supplying information to other points along the levee.

The link between dike telephones and a central office are small switchboards along the levees. At one point, Don Hewitt and Jack Heckenlively were operating one of the switchboards with no previous experience. They had been on the job since Wednesday and their only comment was, "What's been going on at school?"

Emergency work kept many students working day and night. Ed Berg, Bill Belter, Jack Gardner, Larry Nordin and Jack Warrick were rushed to a dike break Thursday night and "threw sandbags into that crazy water until we thought our arms would break."

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## Convocation To Recognize 608

### Morse Will Address Students

Six hundred eight students will receive recognition at the 24th annual Honors Convocation Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Coliseum.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon will be main speaker. The convocation honors University students and student organizations which have earned superior or high scholarship. Included in the list of honorees will be the names of

senior students who during the two preceding semesters have been in the upper three per cent of their respective colleges and of those who will have been on the Honors list since matriculation as freshmen.

The list will also include the names of those students recognized as being in the upper 10 per cent of each class of each college or school.

In addition, announcement of prizes and awards will be made. Procedure at the Convocation will not differ greatly from past years, except for one major

change in the printed programs. Students in the upper 10 per cent of their class will have their names listed only once and the organizations to which they belong will follow the name.

In the past all honorary organizations were listed and names of members included. The only honorary organizations to be listed this year will be those that have 33 per cent of their membership on the honor rolls at the convocation.

Seniors who have been on the Honor roll since their matriculation will be seated on the stage in caps and gowns. These sen-

iors will be given special certificates.

Senator Morse, Republican from Oregon, will speak on "Ethical Standards in Government." He is a member of the senate committee on armed forces.

Morse received his masters and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He earned his L.L.B. at the University of Minnesota and finished with a J. D. degree from Columbia university.

He taught as an assistant professor at Minnesota and Oregon. He became a dean at

Oregon in 1931 and served until 1944.

Before he was elected senator in 1945, Morse did several social legal assignments for the state of Oregon, the U.S. department of labor and the attorney general.

His work in the field of law has been recognized with an honorary L.L.D. from Cornell university and other honorary degrees from Drake and South Jersey universities.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson will preside at the convocation and Rev. Arthur Crisp of the United Evangelical and Reform church will give the invocation.

The University Symphony orchestra, directed by Prof. Emanuel Wisniewski, will play.

## Pat Peck To Direct KAM Work

Pat Peck was elected president of Kappa Alpha Mu, photo-journalism honorary, at a business meeting and election of officers Thursday evening.

Miss Peck, a junior in Arts and Sciences, was treasurer of KAM the past year.

Other new officers are Leonard Zajack, vice president; Wilda Weaver, secretary, and Del Harding, treasurer.

During the business meeting, Prof. R. F. Morgan, sponsor of KAM, discussed the photo competition, a feature of the national convention held at the University April 10 to 12.

Morgan gave a few pointers on making pictures suitable for publication. "Action, expression and composition are very important in making a news picture," he said.

Stanley Sohl, co-sponsor of the organization, read a list of rules for the photo portfolio to be exchanged with the University of Bengal, India, next fall.

Sohl said prints for the portfolio must be on double-weight paper 8"x10" or larger. "If the prints are mounted they should be on single weight mounting board with no border showing," he explained.

The portfolio will contain ten prints with not more than one print from each individual. "Only members of Kappa Alpha Mu are eligible to enter prints in the portfolio," he added.

## PBK's, Sigma Xi's Elect New Members

Forty-eight outstanding University students were named members of Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi Friday evening at the annual joint meeting of the two top-ranking campus honorary societies.

Dr. Douglas Merritt Whitaker, provost of Stanford university, was the principal speaker. Dr. Whitaker, who is widely known as a biologist and zoologist, spoke on "Science and National Defense."

Five students were elected to memberships in both Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, and Sigma Xi, national honorary scientific society.

They are William A. Barrett Jr., Ralph B. Emmons, Chris E. E. Kuyatt, L. Bonney Varney, and Jerrold M. Yos.

Three others who had previously been named to Phi Beta Kappa were elected to Sigma Xi. They are Richard Cutts and Ralph W. Kilby and Andrew T. Sheets.

New members of Phi Beta Kappa, all of whom rank scholastically in the upper tenth of the senior class and have completed basic group requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, are as follows:

Lyle D. Altman, Barrett, Marjorie E. Bratt, Andrew P. Boris, Ladd L. Duryea, Ralph B. Emmons,

Joe N. Gifford, Mrs. Lois Bryson Griffith, Alice J. Heiss, Dick H. Holze, Nancy B. Koehler, Kuyatt, Jean E. Loomis, John E. McReynolds, Raymond G. Marvin, Marilyn Moomey, Albert M. O'Dell Jr.,

Marilyn R. Olson, R. Thomas Rische, Dorothy E. Smiley, Jacquelyn Sorenson, Ruth C. Sorenson, Donald E. Thackrey, Miss Varney, Marilyn Weber, Miriam Willey, Yos and Patricia Wiedman

Dr. W. K. Pfeiler, chairman of the department of Germanic languages and literatures, was made an honorary member of the organization, and Dr. W. H. Werkmeister, chairman of the department of philosophy, an alumnus member.

Associate members of Sigma Xi, all of whom have shown "marked excellence in pure and applied science courses" are:

Buele Balderston, Barrett, George E. Cobel, Cutts, Ralph B. Emmons, Harvey W. Headley, M. James Holm, Kilb, Kuyatt, Narendra P. Loomba, Richard J. McManee, Richard K. Mohler, Richard B. Murray, Lyle W. Nilson, Roger S. Norall, Marvin B. Rhodes, Eugene E. Robinson, Robert F. Sand, Sheets, John F. Stone, Janice E. Teter, Miss Varney, Roy E. Walker, Yos and Winifred C. Zacharias.

## Flood Donations

Contributions to The Daily Nebraskan Flood Relief fund totaled \$23 Saturday morning. Donations were received from the following:

Anonymous \$3  
Maud Melick \$5  
Ted Durst Ward \$10  
Mabel Strong

The drive will continue through Wednesday. Cash or checks made out to Daily Nebraskan Flood Relief should be brought or mailed to The Nebraskan office, basement, Union. Names of donors will be printed unless otherwise specified.

## NU Sandbag Fillers



TIRELESS WORKERS . . . Among the flood workers in Omaha Thursday and Friday were approximately 1,000 University students who filled sandbags, passed them along the dikes and filled in dirt dikes. Shown here are (kneeling, l. to r.) Joe Beber (not a student) and Harold Wallace; (standing, l. to r.) Ward Hansen, Wayne Faber and Richard S. Skamser.

## Ag Students To Vote Tuesday For Goddess Of Agriculture

Thirty Ag college senior women will vote Tuesday for the title of Goddess of Agriculture in an all-Ag student election.

The Goddess of Agriculture will be presented at the Cotton and Denim dance Friday. The dance is a feature of annual Farmers Fair, which will be Friday and Saturday.

The election will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Ag Union. Ag students are to vote for five candidates in order to have their vote count.

Ag seniors eligible for Goddess of Agriculture are: Patricia Achen, Alice Anderson, Mary Ellen Anderson, Mary Jane Barnell, Nita Bellinger, Mary Ann Buck, Dorothy Cappell, Luella Cooney, Joan Engelkemier, Eleanor Erickson, Dolores Estermann, Clarice Fiala, Mary Ann Grundman, Jean Hargreaves.

Myrna Westgate Hildenbrand, Ruth Hoffmeister, Donna Hyland, Betty Kelso, Lois Larson, Annette Luebbers, Carrie Pederson Mes-ton, Shirley Miles, Lavonda Murdoch, Darlene Podlesak, Rita Renard, Bernadine Robb, Joan Raun, Joan Sharp, JoAnn Skucius and Jane Wendorf.

The presentation will be made at intermission of the dance by the service committee of Home Ec club. Jo Meyer is in charge, with Cathy Melvin as assistant.

The Farmers Fair Whisker King will also be presented at the dance, and will reign over it along with the Goddess of Agriculture. Whiskers will be judged Thursday night in the Ag Union. Mortar Boards will judge the beards, starting at 7:30 p.m.

and Denim dance Friday. Students are to wear cotton and denim the

Barbecue Tickets  
Ticket sales for the Farmers Fair barbecue have been extended to 4 p.m. Monday. They may be obtained in the Ag Union.

The Farmers Fair rally Monday night will start at 5 p.m. in front of the College Activities building. All Ag students are urged to attend.

full week before Farmers Fair according to Frank Sibert, Fair board president. Sibert announced that Thursday and Friday have been declared as jeans days, and girls may wear jeans to classes if they like.

## Parrot Tracks

By CHARLES KLAISEK  
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Brigands demand your money or your life. Women require both.

Dear old April is holding true to its reputation. There will be more showers today, but it is expected to get warmer with the temperature reaching a high of 66 degrees.



Two recent graduates of the University were interviewing applicants for the job of private secretary. One Amazonian creature had excellent references, but the two men were not enthusiastic after she waddled out.

"I don't think she'll do," said one. "There's too much of her in the first place."

His colleague added, "That goes for the second place, too!"

## Waiting On The Levy



REST TIME ON THE LEVEE . . . At the level of five sandbags above Missouri flood waters, these men Friday were passing sandbags along a levee south of the Ak-Sar-Ben bridge. Sandbags were being stockpiled in case of dike breakage and rest periods were few. University students are (l. to r.), Sally Hall, Daily Nebraskan news editor, Pete Slusar, Milo Brabec, Ira Epstein, Hyle Thibault, and Dean Jamison. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

## Matzke Predicts Sellout For 'Girl Crazy'



LOOK OUT . . . It looks as if man-crazy Betty Lester is pulling a reverse on the title as she tries to capture Hank Gibson during practices for Kosmet Klub rehearsals for the spring show, "Girl Crazy." (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

Tickets for the Kosmet Klub production of George and Ira Gershwin's "Girl Crazy" are expected to be sold out when the show opens at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"Tickets are going faster than they did last year," according to Gerald Matzke, KK member in charge of sales. Matzke said people are buying tickets more readily because "they know what the show is and that it will be better than last year's production."

The show runs three nights—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—at the Nebraska theater. The theater capacity is approximately 1,200, Matzke said. Of these, 750 will be used each night for reserved blocs in the main floor and upper and lower balconies. About 350 individual reserved seats will be sold for the first 15 rows for each performance.

## AUF Appointment

Sally Jo Speiker has been appointed as faculty solicitation chairman for the All University Fund. She replaces Sandra Walt on the AUF board following Miss Walt's resignation.

## Student Workers Praised

By DON PIEPER  
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OMAHA—An angry Missouri river is clawing and hammering at dikes around Omaha today — dikes which an estimated 1,000 University men helped to build.

Those men sloshed over muddy levees, manned radio telephones, filled sandbags and directed traffic with volunteers from Omaha as a record 30.24 foot crest swept southward.

Their efforts, which had the sanction of University administrators, received unqualified praise from flood officials.

Mayor and chairman of the flood steering committee, Glenn Cunningham, told The Daily Nebraskan that the participation of University students in the flood fight was the "grandest gesture" he had ever known. He said that it was the "duty" of the people of Omaha to help in the battle, but citizens from all over the state were represented in the student action.

He added that he "would always be indebted for your help in this period of crisis."

"Our fresh workers did a good deal to put the job over the hump at a time when we were really worried," Russell A. Hand, director of the labor battalion, told The Daily Nebraskan. He explained that the labor pools were desperately low when the men arrived from Lincoln.

Hand also pointed out that men of university age were the best for flood work because they were in the best physical condition. They can, and have, worked more than twenty hours at one stretch, he added.

The Big Seven flood fighting championship was awarded the University by James Green, personnel director, who added that he was proud to live in the same state with men who would leave everything to help fight another city's battle.

Hand and Green both said that students will not be needed after Monday. They agreed that local workers would be able to handle the job after that time.

However, a bulletin from the mayor's office urgently requested all flood workers to remember that the crisis would not end when the crest passed. In fact, the bulletin warned that "this desperate situation may continue another week."

Although the Omaha trouble is under control, men are still needed to control the river as it rolls south. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, who promised every assistance and consideration in making up missed school work for flood volunteers, said that this offer still stands for any student who is scholastically

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