

12 Days Remain Until Christmas Vacation

Ph. D. Thesis Becomes Book

Rosenberg Completes Work On British Poet

By PAT PECK
Feature Editor

A doctor's thesis that grew up to be a full-fledged book is scheduled to roll off the University press Jan. 19.

The book, by Dr. Albert Rosenberg, instructor of English, is entitled "Sir Richard Blackmore: A Poet and Physician of the Augustan Age." Blackmore, not to be confused with the Blackmore who wrote "Lorna Doone," was an early 18th century poet-physician who took part in all the major controversies and disputes of his time.

Rosenberg spent four years in England compiling material for the biography, two years there while serving with the army in World War II. Rosenberg and his wife spent two years in London. He is a student at the University of London and she is an elementary school teacher.

Professor James R. Sutherland, a well-known authority on 18th century literature, was Rosenberg's instructor at the University of London. Under his direction Rosenberg chose Sir Richard Blackmore as the subject of his doctor's thesis.

The book is compiled from new material gathered by Rosenberg during his study in England. Material was obtained from the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, the Cambridge University Library, the Royal College of Physicians Library, the Public Records Office, Guildhall Library and the parish records of Corsham and Wiltshire.

In his book, Rosenberg seeks to present a full account of the life of one of the foremost physicians and poets of early 18th century England. Black-

more was important and independent enough to make enemies of Dryden and Pope among the poets and Garth and Radcliffe among the physicians.

The poet was concerned in nearly every major controversy of his age. He was present on the English scene for about 30 years and his career extended through the reign of four monarchs. He served as royal physician to William III and Queen Anne, and carried on a thriving private practice.

He was knighted for his political poetry written in praise of William III and for his service to the crown.

On the side of poetry he fought immorality and wit in literature and the use of pagan deities in Christian epics. His poetry was only mediocre and he remained a minor figure in literature because of his failure to achieve. However, in the London of his time he was as well known as his contemporaries, Dryden and Pope.

Blackmore was perhaps one of the most prolific writers of the time. His works included seven or eight medical books dealing with almost every known disease, two books of essays, four epics and a volume of collected poetry. In addition to his writing he remained one of the most important physicians of the time.

The poet was a friend of Addison and Steele—most of the time, and was the co-author of a series of informal discussions on subjects of the day written in an effort to carry on the "Tatler" tradition. The series was entitled "The Lay Monk."

Blackmore, however, did not depend on his writing for financial support, and held in lowest esteem anyone who did. To him, writing was a hobby and a means of relaxation. He depended upon his private practice for financial support. On one occasion he demanded more money from Queen Anne because his constant attention to her interfered with his private practice.

The poet lived during the reigns of George I of Hanover, of whom he was an ardent supporter, and also during the reign of James II. He wrote a short history of the last Parliament and a book about the assassination attempt on William III.

The book represents the completion of almost three years work for Rosenberg, who is teaching his third year at the University. Most of the book, however, was completed before he came here in 1950. He is currently working on another biography—this one of Sir Samuel Garth, a physician contemporary of Blackmore. He is being aided in this study by a University research grant.

In between his roles of teacher and biographer, Rosenberg finds time for hobbies of photography, book collecting and stamp collecting.

Pi Tau Sigma



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING... Twelve University junior and senior men have been honored for scholastic and practical achievements in mechanical engineering. They have been selected for membership in Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary society. New members are: (L. to r., seated) Kenneth Lowin, Wilmer Herzenrader, Kaywood Johns on, William Pierce, (standing) Benjamin Rudinkow, Gaylan Hargrave, Robert Cowan, Orrin Thomas, and Edward Brong. Bill Anderson is not pictured. (U. of N. Photo.)

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULES

Students May Pick Up Copies Tuesday

Schedules of second semester classes will be mailed to all Junior Division students by Wednesday or shortly thereafter. All non-Junior Division students may pick up their copy Tuesday.

Students in the College of Agriculture will pick up schedules in the office of Doctor Hixson, 206 Agricultural Hall.

Students in the College of Business Administration will obtain pamphlets in the office of Dean Fullbrook, 210 Social Science.

All other students may pick up their books in the office of

Registration and Records, B-7 Administration Building.

The procedure in registering is as follows: On Monday or Tuesday, Dec. 8 or 9, students should go to their adviser's office. The adviser's appointment schedule will be found on or near his office door. On this schedule the student will make an appointment to fill out a program of studies between Wednesday and Dec. 19.

Worksheets will be made out and both copies will be left with the adviser.

Actual registration will be from Jan. 5 to Jan. 9. Freshman students with 26 hours or less will register according to assignment numbers, which will be picked up at the Assignment Committee in the Military and Naval Science Building.

Ag College students will pick up their assignment numbers in Doctor Hixson's office, 206 Agricultural Hall.

Students with 27 or more hours will register according to the number of hours completed as of September, 1952. The blackboards at the Military and Naval Science Building and Regent's Bookstore will announce time of registration.

Cards will be pulled at the University enrollment in 1947 reached the 10,100 mark.

University coeds: Can you imagine that in 1947 many Lincoln stores were selling pure cashmere sweaters for \$8.95?

assignment Committee between Jan. 12 and Jan. 15, according to assignment number. Worksheets will be at the Military and Naval Science Building. Students in Ag College will pull cards at their assigned time.

Fees will be paid in the Military and Naval Science Building between Jan. 27 and Jan. 30. Late fees will be charged from Feb. 2 on.

YW To Begin Nominations For '53 Officers

Wheels will begin to turn in the YWCA's election for new officers for next semester when the nominating committee meets to review filings submitted by YW members.

Deadline for filing was Tuesday. The committee will now nominate the candidates for five major offices. Committee Chairman Doris Carlson, present YW President, is assisted by Kathlene Dill, Nancy Weir, Sylvia Krasne, Virginia Cooper, Shirley Schonberg, Janice Osborn and Miss Sue Arbutnot.

Before Christmas, the list of nominees, two for each office, will be posted. Judged on ability to work with people, ability to organize, scholarship and campus respect, the candidates will be voted on by all YW members.

Desk Doodling Goes On And On Cause: Boring Class

By DICK COFFEY
Staff Writer

The favorite pastime of the college students seems to be that of "doodling" on desks. It's amazing how these etchings can be developed from a small mark to practically a ditch.

To begin with, there is the student who is rather devoted to the lecture and casually scribbles on the desk off and on. This student begins with a mere sketch of a line in pencil or ink drawn through the grain of the wood. This is called the first stage of development.

The next student who takes this seat is either wondering about his date or the test he just failed; consequently his mind drifts from the lecture and he helps to develop this line by breaking the finish on the desk and perhaps blackening it up to some extent.

Then the real "doodler" comes in and finds the lecture somewhat boring, so he casually takes out his jackknife, opens it, spies the line which is partially developed and proceeds to carve a ditch down the middle of the desk. One might call this the final stage of development, but of course other students fall into this ditch to add their technique of art.

Of course the favorite desk decorations are still the initials, nicknames and Greek letters. Greek letters seem to occupy the majority of space. Fraternity as well as sorority Greek letters are carved deep into the finish. This proves that both sexes are equally guilty of this offense of "doodling."

A few would-be artists are beginning to crowd the field of "doodlers." Sketches of "Scarface," "Magoo," "Pogo," and many other well-known characters are taking the place of that famous old character "Kilroy," however, if one looks close, often he can see the fading outlines of "Kilroy." TNE is still an old favorite that will undoubtedly never fade away.

Surprising as it may seem,

Dean Johnston To Speak In Ellen Smith Tuesday

"Goals and Values on Campus" is the topic of a speech to be given by Marjorie Johnston, Dean of Women, Tuesday, 5 p.m. in Ellen Smith Hall. The meeting is sponsored by YWCA. "Goals and Values" discussion group and is open to all students.

one often can spy the faint outline of crib notes (for shame). Wise up cribbers, notes are terribly difficult to read on marked up desks, unless you have an unusually good set of peekers.

Results from a recent poll show that students are mainly bored with the lecture. Of course there are the nervous ones, who have to sit and "diddle" all over the desk.

These rutted desks make it terribly difficult to write. A student is writing merrily along when all of a sudden his pencil drops through the paper into a hole. Oh well, there are worse things that can happen.

College students come and go but these decorated desks stay on and on.

Spanish Club Plans Comic Play

Christmas Party IS Scheduled Tuesday

A short comedy will highlight the Christmas party of the Spanish Club Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 316, Union.

In the Mexican Christmas tradition, a pinyata will be hanging from the ceiling. A pinyata is a large earthen jar which is filled with such delicacies as candy, popcorn and peanuts. To get them out, the jar is struck from below, spilling the contents out on the floor. In order to get something to munch on everyone scrambles after the delights.

In addition, Christmas carols will be sung in Spanish. Beginning and second year students of Spanish will present a comedy entitled "El Amante Corto de Vista," which, when translated into English, is "The Near-Sighted Lover."

Mauricio, the near-sighted lover, meets Matilde, a young Spanish senorita, at a dance. Later he confuses her with her mother and sister. Matilde's father desires to thrash everyone, but forgives everyone in the end and marries his daughter to El Amante Corto De Vista.

Frank Wells plays the part of Mauricio, Mary Ann Bieber is cast as Matilde, and the mother, sister, and father are played by Anne Thompson, Kay Yeiter, and Herbert Hughes respectively.

While Spanish music is played, refreshments will be served. All those interested in Spanish are invited to attend.

Beauties . . .

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Alpha Lambda Delta, Red Cross and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Marilyn Mangold, a junior in Arts and Sciences, Daily Nebraskan columnist, Nebraska University Council on World Affairs, Coed Counselor and a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

Kathleen Kelley, a sophomore in Teachers College, a member of Builders, W.A.A., University Theatre and Chi Omega.

Schultz Will Address Sigma Xi Meet Tuesday

How scientists are learning to tell accurately the dates of sediments left in the Great Plains region during the "Ice Age" will be discussed by Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz before the Neoraska chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific research society, Tuesday evening.

Schultz, professor of geology and director of the University State Museum, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Bessey Hall auditorium. The meeting is open to the public.

Union Recreation . . .

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at this time in the lounge. The Union has a great deal of expense keeping the present furniture in good condition because it receives

NU Judging Team Places In Contest

The University meats judging team placed 11th in a 20-team contest at the International Livestock Exposition.

The team, composed of Dave Jones, Tom Liesy and Delbert Merritt, placed 16th in beef, 16th in mutton, 11th in pork and fifth in lamb grading.

High individual for the team was Delbert Merritt who placed fourth in lamb grading.

The coach of the team is Prof. Charles Adams.

Pepsters To Attend Big-7 Convention

Selected members of Corn Cobs and Tassels are to attend a convention of pep clubs of Big-Seven schools held in Columbia, Mo., at the University of Missouri Student Union Saturday.

Church Council Begins Point-4 Essay Contest

A contest on Truman's Point Four Program is being sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Any person living in the United States, and born between March 31, 1930, and March 31, 1938, may enter. The essays of 1,000 words or less must be in before midnight, March 31, 1953, to National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Ill.

"The United States and the Under-developed Areas" is the theme of the contest. President Truman's plan includes economic aid and technical assistance to the less developed areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The essays should deal with the over-all theme of the plan or with some important aspect, and the moral responsibility of the U.S. and of the areas receiving aid.

Judging will be based on mastery of the subject, originality, composition, readability, and interest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,800 will be awarded May 15, 1953.

For more information those interested are to contact the University YMCA or YWCA.

Directories Left Unclaimed By 21

Those persons who bought Student Directories at the Union booth and have not picked them up may get their copies in the Builders Office, 308 Union.

They are Murray Backhaus, Carolyn Becker, Mrs. E. Lomere Burchard, Jim Clark, Thomas Cummings, Dean Connitt, Robert Crowley, Marcelyn Dedrick, Paul Douglas, Marjorie Eriksen.

Tom Grigsty, R. E. Garner, Odell Haller, Kathy McCandless, Jim McKee, Jo Ann Nelson, Jim Olsen, Richard Seeley, Harlan Spaulding, Darrel Stender and Norman Veach.

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