

Student Killed In Auto Wreck

Serious Injuries Send Two Others To Lincoln Hospitals

One University student was killed and two seriously injured in two auto accidents last weekend.

John Spear, jr., freshman business administration student, was killed in a one-car accident early Saturday morning on Highway 6 one mile north of Linoma Beach.



JOHN SPEAR, jr. This 18-year-old University student was killed in an auto accident early Saturday morning.

Michael Van Horne, driver of the car, was taken to Bryan Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. Late Monday afternoon, X-ray pictures were being taken to determine the full extent of injuries which have placed his condition as "fair" by hospital authorities.

In the other accident, Don Oden, sophomore in business administration, was seriously injured when the car he was driving jumped a curb, hitting a bus stop sign and tree early Saturday morning, Feb. 14.

Spear and Van Horne were returning from Omaha after watching Golden Gloves boxing matches there. The car struck the railing of a bridge over a drainage ditch on the wrong side of the highway. The car landed, upright but demolished, in about three feet of water in the drainage ditch.

The accident was discovered by Don Miller of Ashland when he saw Van Horne wandering on the highway. Miller said that while he was taking Van Horne to an Ashland doctor for first aid Van Horne muttered, "I must have fallen asleep."

In the other accident which happened in Lincoln, the driver, Oden, was returning home after the annual Kappa Sigma fraternity formal dance. His car was traveling along Washington street, the accident occurring when he attempted to turn on to 13th St.

Officers investigating the accident were unable to determine its cause because Oden was unable to speak due to a fractured jaw. A check with St. Elizabeth's Hospital indicated that Oden was improving despite his injuries which included: a fractured jaw, broken collar bone, cuts, and bruises.

Spear's death was Nebraska's 17th traffic fatality of 1953. John was a pledge of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was active in the homecoming decorations committee for that organization. He also participated in the successful campaign held for the Prince Kosmet candidate of SAE.

John was not able to participate in intra-mural athletics though he did participate in prep school athletics. He was to undergo surgery to correct a dislocated shoulder resulting from his high school athletics work some time this month.

John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spear of Kearney. Mr. Spear is president of the Fort Kearney National Bank in Kearney.

Private funeral services were held in Kearney Monday, Feb. 16.

THIS IS . . .



... BROTHERHOOD Week

Five Students To Play Leads In Final Theater Production

Five University students have been chosen to play the leading roles in "Ghosts," the third and final University Theater production of this year.

The social drama by Henrik Ibsen, to be presented in the Arena Theater March 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 28 will feature Pat Loder, Al Hazelwood, Wes Jensby, Marion Uhe, and Jack Babcock as principal characters.

Pat Loder a junior majoring in

speech and drama, will play the part of Mrs. Alving. Miss Loder had the lead in the lab theater production "The Inspector Calls," played Desdemona in last year's University Theater presentation of "Othello," and last summer was a member of the Hayloft summer stock.

Al Hazelwood, who characterizes Pastor Manders, is a graduate student in speech and drama. He directed the lab theater production "Miss Julie," and was Mr.

Lingley in "Outward Bound," presented last semester by the University Theater.

Wes Jensby has been chosen to play the part of Oswald. Jensby, a senior in speech and drama, also had a role in "Outward Bound," and played Bassanio in last year's "Othello." He was in the Hayloft summer stock group, and is president of Nebraska Masquers.

Marion Uhe, a junior, will play Regina. Miss Uhe had the lead in "Street Scene," a role in "Outward Bound," and has had Hayloft summer stock experience.

Jack Babcock, who will portray Engstrand, is a graduate student in speech and drama. He directed "The Inspector Calls" and played in "Outward Bound."

Twenty-Three Speakers To Vie In Extemporaneous Contests

Twenty-three students will compete in the first preliminary round Tuesday evening of the annual Delta Sigma Rho extemporaneous speaking contest.

The contestants drew topics Monday afternoon on subjects concerning campus affairs.

Tonight's round, which includes three divisions of seven contestants each, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Social Sciences building. The entrants will draw for speaking order before the round begins.

Those competing are: Vivian Lemmer and Sandra Sick, Delta Delta Delta; Anne Lindley and Ingrid Swerre, Kappa Alpha Theta; Beth Rohrer and Kathleen O'Donnell, Chi Omega.

Phoebe Dempster and Ann Griffiths, Kappa Kappa Gamma

Alfred Todd and Beverly Blackwell, Pi Beta Phi

Lora Lee Smith and Sharon Mangold, Gamma Phi Beta

Beverly Englebreck and Amy Palmer, Kappa Delta

Allan Kenyon and Alan Crouse, Sigma Alpha Mu

John Kysan and Dennis Knopik, Sigma Phi Epsilon

James LaRue and Paul Zucker, Beta Sigma Phi

Bob Kelley and Clarence DeYoung, Theta Xi

Joe Moran, Sigma Chi

Three judges will hear each division and the upper 50 per cent will participate in the second round Thursday evening. Topics for this round may be drawn Wednesday between 4 and 5:30 p.m., Room 202A, Temple Building.

Three-Faith Ceremonies Mark Week

National Brotherhood Week, Feb. 15-22, will be recognized by organizations on the campus. Programs and ceremonies are being held to promote better understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.

Father William Cross of the Episcopal University chapel will speak to the Cosmopolitan Club Wednesday night at 7:30 in Room 316 in the Union.

The Congregational-Presbyterian Student House will hold a joint forum with the Hillel Jewish Student group at 5:30 Sunday. Hillel members will present the Passover and Jewish folk dances.

In observance of Brotherhood week, Rabbi Joshua Stanper will speak to the Cotner Baptist students at the first Christian Church at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Monsignor Hugh McMenamin, a Colorado priest, first suggested the idea of holding Brotherhood Week in 1924. Last year more than 7,000 United States communities participated with special projects, programs, and celebrations.

In the organization, the board of directors is made up of 200 members of nearly equal numbers of Protestants, Catholics and Jews. They represent most geographical areas, and many economic, ethnic and social groups of the United States.

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NU Traditions . . .

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) occasion, troubles were in sight for old U Hall. Before any students had entered her doors, the cry was raised that she was insecure. In June, 1871, three architects examined the building and pronounced her "safe for the present and probably for years to come."

Thus in September, 1871, first classes were held with an enrollment of five freshmen, two sophomores, and one junior. There were 12 "irregular students," and about 110 enrolled in the preparatory school.

Then in March, 1873 rumors of insecurity once again were raised and another set of architects declared that a new foundation was required.

As the old foundation walls were torn out, an architect under the direction of the Attorney General, examined them and found that they had not been built according to the contract.

During the construction of the new foundation walls, one man associated with the project later recalled an incident which almost marked the end of old U Hall. On a particularly stormy night it was discovered that the tiers supporting the walls were being washed away. Hastily rounding up the construction crew, and in the company of the Chancellor, they made their way by lantern light to the site. There they found the wall swaying precariously with bricks and plaster crashing down.

The construction crew responded to an order to brace up the wall without hesitation in spite of the dangers, for it seems they had all been drinking corn liquor. They probably would not have endangered themselves had they been sober, according to the witness.

In the Chancellor's report of 1877, the condition of the building

was once again called to the attention of the board of regents. On the strength of a report by four architects who examined it, it was resolved to tear down the building and erect a new one at the cost of \$600,000.

But the citizens of Lincoln were not satisfied with the report and they sent for another set of architects who reported the building could be easily repaired. Another new foundation was put in and the citizens of Lincoln stood the bill.

1877 also saw the roof repaired, but water still found its way through. Finally in 1883 a new slate roof was put on and the "leak" was stopped.

In spite of many difficulties and inadequacies of old University Hall, Will Owen Jones, later to become editor of the Nebraska State Journal, could say in the early 1880's, "The sons and daughters of the pioneers, some of them fresh from the sod houses on the homesteads, were catching their first glimpses of the ancient and modern world. It was an enchanting and inspiring time. There wasn't a foot of pavement in two hundred miles. The automobile was not even a dream. But the old red brick building was as beautiful as the Parthenon, and O street, though built of wood and sundried bricks, could not have been surpassed in attractiveness by the marble palaces of Rome."

In 1925 the building was declared structurally unsafe and the second and third floors were removed. The decapitated old building precariously held together by iron braces still housed classes and activities until 1947.

In the spring of 1948 tradition gave way to progress and the gallant old building was leveled. Ferguson Hall now stands on the site.

Charter Day Named

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breath had been postponed until spring. Even the commencement exercises were dropped. The day was forgotten.

The day revived in 1923, however, when the alumni of Lincoln sponsored a radio broadcast and clubs in other cities held Charter Day meetings.

For a time there were regular student convocations with speakers on a variety of subjects. The faculty had long given up arranging the program with educators speaking to the students because of poor attendance by students but the other type program did attract from 2,000 to 3,000.

The Charter Day programs became less and less important in the eyes of students as time passed until programs on the University campus were practically non-existent.

NU Grads . . .

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) Karl Umanis, former president of Latvia, was among the graduating class of 1909 and a would be '09 graduate, Richard C. Patterson, is now Chairman of the RECO Board.

Kenneth Wherry and Dwight Griswold graduated with the class of 1914 to become Nebraska's representatives to Congress. Griswold was also a former governor of Nebraska.

The University has produced many men who are now in government positions in Washington, D. C., among the foremost being Herbert Brownell, present Attorney General. His political companions include such Nebraskans as former governor Val Peterson, J. Lee Rankin, and Clarence Davis.

Grad Of 1906 . . .

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) that Miss Smith was, "A hard worker and expected everyone else to be so too."

He went on to add that, "All executive offices of the University centered around just three rooms at the time he was in school." The offices were those of the Registrar, Purser, and the Chancellor with Miss Smith's, "Probably the most avoided of all."

Dale said in the Fall of one year, some upper classmen thought of an idea to make things "tough on the new freshmen." The upperclass men printed cards stating that the bearer was able to use the library and other University facilities. Normally such cards were given only after the student had completed his registration.

"The hitch to whole thing was that the cards were simply given to the new freshmen with a note to have them signed by Miss Smith. When she saw the cards she almost exploded—to the comic dismay of the bewildered freshmen."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: reproductions of the card are shown in the 1907 "Arrowhead" magazine produced by University students.) Dale said that the "Arrowhead" was a widely read piece of literature or the campus. It was a magazine printed by students in much the same manner as is the Daily Nebraskan.

"The best part of the magazine were the cartoons in it," Dale said. "Some of the cartoons were drawn to depict the wild stories printed by the World Herald concerning the Junior-Senior fight. The Omaha paper was called the 'Whirlwind' in the 'Arrowhead' and the cartoons showed bodies with huge knife wounds and endless 'Pools of blood.'"

Dale said that the registration process was much more simple when he attended school than is

the process today. He noted that Miss Smith handled all registrations, and after paying a \$5 registration fee, the student was ready to begin his college career.

"An extra \$1 fee was included later to cover expenses from a Student Health Center, but I can't remember if the center ever functioned while I was in school," he added.

When asked about the methods students used to finance their college careers, Dale said, "Most of the fellows had some sort of job while they were going to school, but girls did not work."

Dale said that a girl who dared to accept a position would be ostracized because "It simply was not done. Of course, some girls did take positions as secretaries," he added, but "if they were found to have jobs they were looked down upon."

The Junior-Senior fight was a big occasion of the year, Dale said. All freshmen and sophomores watched the battles between the two classes, but did not take an active part. "Naturally it wasn't all fighting he added, there were all kinds of contests such as track meets, military drill competition, spell downs, and just plain rough-housing."

Asked what he remembered most about his college career, Dale said, "I think I remember Miss Smith the best of all."

He said that she was much feared, but kind to incoming freshmen and did her utmost to see that they did well in college. Dale added that she was the protector of the freshmen and, "There are probably many other people who attended school when I did that remember Miss Smith."

Dale entered school in the fall of 1896 and remained for two years. He then left school, but returned in 1904 graduating in 1906. He later received a B.S. Degree in Agriculture in 1922.

TASSELS ELECTION

Susan Reinhardt Selected Head

Susan Reinhardt, junior in Arts and Sciences, was elected president of Tassels Monday.

Serving as vice president of the women's pep organization will be Norma Lothrop, junior in Arts and Sciences.

Secretary of the organization is Connie Clark, junior in Home Economics.

Sophomore officers are: Jo Johnson, treasurer, Arts and Sciences; Norma Westcott, notifications, Home Economics; and Marilyn Brewster, publicity, Teachers College.

Miss Reinhardt is a Coed Counselor Board member, Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman scholastic honorary, and Delta Gamma member.

Miss Lothrop is 1953 Homecoming Queen and a member of Alpha Phi.

Miss Clark is vice president of Home Ec Club, Alpha Lambda Delta and second vice president of Alpha Chi Omega.

Miss Johnson is on the Coed Counselor Board, Builders Board and a member of Alpha Xi Delta. Miss Westcott is a member of Home Economics Club, Ag Builders, Ag YWCA and Love Hall.

Miss Brewster is an AWS board member, Coed Counselor and a member of Alpha Phi.

Past Tassel officers are: Mary Ann Kellogg, president; Cecilia

Pinkerton, vice president; Jo Folmer, secretary; Sue Reinhardt, treasurer; Connie Clark, notifications; and Norma Lothrop, publicity.

Billoni

By BILL DEVRIES Staff Writer

BMOC: "What would you do if I kissed you?"

Coed: "I'd yell."

Silence—a Kiss—then more silence.

BMOC: "Well."

Coed: "I'm still hoarse from last night."

"Really Bill, your argument with your girl was most amusing."

"Wasn't it though? When she threw the axe at me, I thought I'd split."

WORDS OF WISDOM: Just remember, whether you're rich or poor, it's nice to have money.

Dorm girl: "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

Date: "Your lips?"

Dorm girl: "No, my liquor."

CAMPUS TRUISM—Gals don't care what wears you trade in—Just what year your car was made in!

Six Faculty Members Started University Classes

The first faculty, described as "not men of genius, but good workers" held the first day of classes which began in the fall of 1871.

The original faculty was: Allen R. Benton, chancellor and professor of intellectual and moral science; S. H. Manly, professor of ancient languages and literature; Samuel Aughey, professor of chemistry and natural sciences; George E. Church, principal of the Latin school; H. E. Hitchcock, professor of math; and S. R. Thompson, professor of agriculture department.

Courses available for first students were listed in the single College of Literature, Science and the Arts as: The Classical, The Scientific and The Selected. The latter two were but slight deviations of the Classical Electives were not permitted until 1880.

The six colleges included: A College of Ancient and Modern Languages, Mathematics and Natural Science; College of Agriculture; College of Law; College of Medicine; College of Fine Arts, and College of Practical Science, Mechanics, and Civil Engineering.

In an interview with Professor Clarence J. Frankforter, associate professor of chemistry, he told of the instructors, classes, and the celebration of charter day.

Frankforter entered the University in 1903 and graduated in 1908.

The instructors that Frankforter recalled are: R. G. Clapp, athletic director, who coached the wrestling and basketball teams; Howard Caldwell, American history; Professor Fling European history; Professor W. G. L. Taylor, political science; Professor Ross, economics; Professor Foster, German; Dr. Barbour, geology; Professor Barber, Latin; Professor Richards, engineering; Professor Stout, engineering; Professor Bessy, science; and Professor Davis, mathematics.

Most of the lecture rooms had platforms for instructors to stand on, Frankforter said, and Professor Davis, in one of his many classes, was writing on the blackboard and fell off the platform, size and importance. His recollection on his back. No one dared laugh, Frankforter said.

On Charter Day, we used to for far reaching expansion.

Charter Day in 1933 received little attention on the University campus because Nebraskans were worried about keeping their heads above bankruptcy—depression lay heavily on the State.

To remind Nebraskans of Charter Day, Chancellor E. A. Burnett wrote in the "Nebraska Alumnus" a note of hope and encouragement to all citizens of the state.

Burnett said, "Today we are at a crossroads much like the one faced by the founders of our University. People are in a distressed frame of mind. Things look rather black. But history will show, I believe, that we are only at a resting place and 10 years from now will see the University forging ahead."

The year 1943 found Nebraskans again facing a crisis—fighting in World War II, but the Chancellor's prediction of 10 years before proved to be very accurate. The University had increased in size and importance. Its resources were far greater than in 1933 and the scene had been set for far reaching expansion.

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