

Innocents Society Celebrates 50th Anniversary



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Army, AF, Grad School Planned By '53 Actives

The 13 Innocents who were tackled for membership into the senior honorary society last year and who will tap their successors during Ivy Day Saturday have the following plans after graduation.

President Don Noble is a member of the Student Council, Corn Cobs, Phi Kappa Psi and was business manager of the 1953 Cornhusker. He will graduate from the School of Pharmacy in 1954, after which he plans to attend Medical School, if accepted. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Noble of Holdrege.

Wayne White, vice-president, is a member of Student Council, the Ag Executive Board, Alpha Zeta and Farmhouse. He plans to marry Joan Meyer of Holdrege June 14, after which he will enter the Armed Forces. He will graduate from the College of Agriculture this spring. Mr. and Mrs. John White of Auburn are his parents.

Dean Linscott, secretary, is a member of the Student Council, Builders, Corn Cobs, Alpha Zeta, the Block and Bridle Club and Alpha Gamma Rho. After graduating from the College of Agriculture in June, he will marry Cecilia Pinkerton of Beatrice. After serving with the Field Artillery of the U.S. Army for two years, he plans to take graduate work. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John E. Linscott of Blue Springs.

Treasurer Arnold Stern is business manager of The Daily Nebraskan, president of Zeta Beta Tau, Kosmet Klub business manager and treasurer of the Interfraternity Council. He will graduate from Law College in June. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Stern of Omaha.

Jack Greer, sergeant at arms, is president of the Union Board,

member of "N" Club, and Beta Theta Pi and a Phi Beta Kappa. He plans to join the U.S. Air Force after graduation from Teachers College in June. He is the son of Mrs. Edith S. Greer of Chicago, Ill.

Glenn Rosenquist, publicity chairman, is a Phi Beta Kappa, member of the Interfraternity Council and Phi Gamma Delta, and a columnist for the Daily Nebraskan. He will graduate from the College of Arts and Science in June and will enter Medical School next fall. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Rosenquist of Lincoln are his parents.

Social Chairman Martin Lewis of Omaha was treasurer of Corn Cobs, assistant business manager of the Cornhusker, president of the Junior class and is a member of the Arnold Air Society, AUF Board and Sigma Phi Epsilon. After graduating from the College of Business Administration in June, he will join the Air Force. A year from this June he plans to marry Jean Bangston of Omaha. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Krause of Omaha.

Dan Tolman of McCook was the Corn Cobs vice-president, and is a member of the "N" Club. He plans to enter Dental School after graduation from the School of Business Administration in June. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nat Tolman of McCook.

Robert LaShelle is a member of the Union Board, past president of the Red Cross College Unit and member of Corn Cobs and Alpha Tau Omega. He will join the U.S. Air Force after graduation from the School of Business Administration. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. LaShelle of Omaha.

Art Becker is a member of Corn Cobs, the Ag Executive Board,

Alpha Zeta, The Farmers Fair Board, Gamma Lambda, Lutheran Student Association and Farmhouse. He will graduate from the College of Agriculture in June, after which he will join the Armed Forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Becker of Albia.

Ira Epstein is past Corn Cobs secretary, past Yell King, letterman in gymnastics and a member of Student Council, Phi Delta Phi and Sigma Alpha Mu. He plans to continue in Law School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Epstein of Omaha.

Bill Adams of West Point is Kosmet Klub vice-president, vice president of Scabbard and Blade, past junior class vice-president, treasurer of Red Cross and a member of Newman Club and Delta Tau Delta. He will work with International Harvester Company until called to active duty. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Adams.

Don Pieper is editor of The Daily Nebraskan, president of the Senior class, and member of Sigma Chi. He will graduate from the School of Journalism in June, after which he plans to work on The Lincoln Star. He is engaged to Janet Steffen of Norfolk. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pieper of Omaha.

Frankforter Lauds Society, Achievements

"There is good stuff in the members," Professor Clarence J. Frankforter, 20 years an advisor in picking Innocents, said.

Speaking of the Innocents Society, and it's alumni, the associate professor of chemistry said they have done a fine job in promoting their state and university.

"Not all of the alumni have made big names for themselves, but they are work-horses and respected in their communities and professions," Frankforter continued.

The society has been criticized many times, the advisor said, but most of it was not justified. "They try to be constructive, but regardless of any mistakes they are good, and good outbalances the bad," he said.

Frankforter said, "I literally think of the boys as I did of my own son."

"Sure we have had poor members just as any society," he said, "but I could count them on the fingers of my one hand." That is as a good record as any, he asserted.

"I could not single out the best member," he said, "but Henry Schulte, who was track coach here, was one of the finest."

Any man who worked with Schulte came out a better man, Frankforter said. "And I don't just mean physically."

Of the most recent contributions by the Innocents, he thought

Riots, Lack Of Spirit Prompt Formation Of NU Innocents



Courtesy Lincoln Journal: George E. Condra

University campus in 1903.

Many active faculty members, especially interested in the welfare of the students, felt that the proper attitude and spirit was lacking in the University.

Small fights and riots broke out all over the campus and only instructors who had a great deal of authority could quiet the students.

It was felt among the students and faculty members that if a group of students was chosen to help improve the spirit and relationships, then the reputation of the University as a whole would improve.

A conference was held including Chancellor Andrews, Dean Bessey, Dean Condra and a few outstanding senior boys. It was agreed that perhaps an organization of some sort would make the difference.

Thirteen was the number chosen for membership. The members were chosen for their outstanding ability in scholarship and activities. This group formed a constitution and all the necessary details for a good sound organization.

This group introduced the idea of having cheerleaders for the University sports events, having Dad's Day and other honorary days and they helped very much in making better sportsmanship among students.

The Innocents Society has grown to include a large mem-

bership since that first initiation years ago. Many honorary Innocents have been appointed into the organization also.

The Chancellor of the University is always made an honorary Innocent. At the present time four members of the Regents Board are honorary Innocents. In all, about 200 honorary Innocents have been appointed.

Many professors who are presently teaching in the University are past Innocents.

Initiation ceremonies for the Innocent Society is a very serious occasion. Each Innocent represents a Knight of ancient history and reveals his teachings. In fact it is considered one of the finest initiation of a honorary organization.

The symbol of the head of Satan is used by the Innocents because it means to "fight at detrimental things and correct them." The purpose of the organization is to promote better relations between students and faculty.

Members of the Society help in many campus activities.

The initiation ceremony will be held this year in the Governor's Hearing Room in the Capitol Building. Out and in-going members will be present as well as several alumni. Two or three Regents and the lieutenant governor will be attending also. The ceremony will be held Sat. evening following the tacking of the new members.

Nearly Finished Museum To House State Archives

By MARIANNE HANSEN Staff Writer

"History is living, and not just something out of the dead past." This belief, according to James Olson, director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, has guided the Society in designing the modern museum which is being erected next to the Union.

The new museum, now nearing completion, will house all documents, historical objects and displays now scattered throughout two floors of the capitol building. "The museum is designed to complement the University facilities," Olson said.

The Historical Society is creating a new museum, not merely moving from one location to a more modern one. "We are creating a Story Museum, which will tell the story of Nebraska from past to present," Olson explained.

Modern ideas of design in structure, arrangement, furniture, and coloring are being carried out in the building. The first coat of paint is already on the walls, and emphasizes dramatically that history is indeed "living." Contrary to the somber walls of most museums, the splashes of color dispel traditional museum stuffiness with their vivid shades and serve, as well, the practical purpose of being restful. The second floor corridors are mistletoe green, contrasting with the first floor halls of Alpine chamois. Snappedragon yellow, cavalier red, Robin Hood green and Stuyvesant blue vie with squirrel grey, woodland rose, Parian yellow, Aztec white and chartreuse for color supremacy in the display rooms.

A curious feature about the new building is the lack of windows on the first floor. The glass block in the back provides the only natural light, Olson explained.

He said that for maximum effect and utilization of space, a museum should have controlled artificial lighting.

Welcoming visitors, two marble panels will line each side of the double glass doors opening into the museum. "The spirit of the people lives in its history" will be inscribed on the left-hand panel. The gold inscription on the right will continue, "Here, open to all, is the history of its people."

A brief introduction to the museum and the history of Nebraska will be found in the spacious anteroom. Curved glass panels encircling the room will contain representative objects from each progressive period of Nebraska's history.

The remainder of the first floor is divided into two main galleries—one representing Nebraska Indian culture, and the other the progression of white civilization from the pioneer period to the present. The primitive dark red tones in the Indian gallery contrast with the subdued, cool greens of the Pioneer room; emphasizing, even in the unfinished first

coat stage, the changes in culture between the two.

The display cases in both galleries will be arranged in continuous flexible clover-leaf patterns, specially designed to escape the stiff, rigid rows of more conventional museums. The cases are all movable, so they may be rearranged from time to time.

The second floor is dissected into many parts, each with a special purpose. In the main corridor, pictures depicting scenes from Nebraska's past will line the walls. Across the front of the floor is the main library reading room. Its spacious windows overlooking 15th Street provide an excellent view of the capitol building. The built-in bookcases around the walls will yield manuscripts, newspapers and history books from the Historical Society's specialized collection.

The Society's business offices will also be on second floor, with a photograph and map collection room, librarian's office, and a newspaper room where every newspaper published in Nebraska will be kept and microfilmed. A special exhibits room will include replicas of the interior of a sod home and a Brownville home.

The rare book room, where the most expensive and irreplaceable copies and documents will be kept, may be entered only through the librarian's office upon special permission. Another of the many rooms will be utilized next fall as a classroom for Olson's course in Western History.

In the back half of the museum are the library stacks, where the state government records, valuable books, newspapers and manuscripts will be stored. The six stacks, arranged in two layers on each floor, will not be open to the public except with a permit from the librarian. On each stack there is a private study room, which graduate students may use while doing research in the stacks.

A modern museum needs plenty of storage space, and the new building has been amply equipped. The basement contains several work and storage areas, a complete photo lab, and an archeological lab. A small lecture room, containing a movie projector, recording device, and small stage, was included to supplement University conveniences.

The "Story Museum" will be open to students and the public at the beginning of the fall semester, although it will not be formally dedicated until September 27, the 75th anniversary of the Historical Society. Olson hopes the organization will be able to begin installing the exhibits and displays in early June.

Achievements Vary Among Alum Members

Throughout the 50 years of its existence, the Innocents Society has produced many leaders in civic, state and national life. Representatives of the achievements of alumni of the Innocents Society are:

Guy D. Reed, president of the Alumni Innocents Association, executive vice-president of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, and a past chairman of the Chicago Crime Convention.

Professor George E. Condra, Director of Conservation and Survey Division of Nebraska, who was instrumental in founding the Association.

Percy Spencer, president of Sinclair Oil Company, past president of the Innocents Alumni Association, and a recipient of the Distinguished Service award of the University Alumni Association.

Andrew Schoepel, Senator from Kansas, past Governor of Kansas and past University football star.

Wendell Berge, former assistant Attorney General of the United States in charge of the anti-trust division.

Frederick Hunter, former chancellor of all Oregon State educational institutions, former president of Denver College.

Outstanding honorary members of the Innocents Society include Roscoe J. Pound, Dean Emeritus of Harvard Law School; Dwight Griswold, United States Senator from Nebraska; William J. Glassford, head football coach at the University; and Chancellor Reuben G. Gustavson.

Kehr To Head NU Alfalfa Investigations

Dr. William R. Kehr has been appointed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to take charge of the cooperative alfalfa investigations at the University's College of Agriculture.

Dean W. V. Lambert of the Ag College, in making the announcement, said that Dr. Kehr succeeds Dr. Hugo Graumann who now heads the U. S. Department of Agriculture's alfalfa investigation work at the Beltsville, Md., experiment station.

Dr. Kehr received his doctor's and bachelor's degrees at the University of Minnesota and his masters degree at Kansas State College.

He was research assistant in corn work at Kansas State College and worked on oats breeding at Minnesota. Before coming to Nebraska, he was on the plant breeding staff in the Midwest division of a large packing corporation.

Dr. Kehr, a Navy veteran, is married and the father of three children. He and his family are now living in Lincoln.

Moody Elected Chancellor Of Honorary Ag Group

Wayne Moody was elected chancellor of Alpha Zeta, men's agricultural fraternity, at a meeting last week.

Other officers are: Don Lees, censor; Kenneth Stone, scribe; Ward Lingo, treasurer; and Leon Riepe, chronicler.

Moody's other activities include: president of Farmhouse Fraternity, vice-president of Ag YMCA, Ag Executive Board and Block and Bridle Club.

Alpha Zeta is a national honorary, located on 47 land-grant colleges.

Home Demonstrations Highlight Extension Work

National Home Demonstration Week is now being observed by some 29,000 Nebraska women.

The week, using the theme of "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World," is a period in which accomplishments of Home Extension Work are being highlighted. Demonstrations will end Saturday.

The week is also in observance of expressing appreciation to the volunteer leaders of the "Extension Work," said Florence J. Atwood, state home extension leader.

NuMed Banquet

Dr. R. O. Garlinghouse, Lincoln surgeon will speak on "Abdominal Surgery" at a NuMed Society banquet May 8.

The banquet will be held in the Union at 6:15 p.m., and tickets may be purchased from officers and advisers of the organization for \$1.25 each.

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