

# University Theater Reconstruction Scheduled For Completion In Spring

## South Half Of Temple Building To Be Modern; Renamed Howell Memorial Theater By Regents

By LOWELL VESTAL Staff Writer

Reconstruction of the University Theater in the Temple Building will probably be finished sometime in the spring of 1954, according to Charles F. Fowler, director of the Division of Buildings and Grounds.

## Large Crowd Attends Carol Presentation

University Singers presented an annual Christmas carol concert to two capacity audiences Sunday.

The program, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Westbrook, professor of music, consisted of Christmas carols representing the yuletide music contributed by nations all over the world.

**THE SONGS** described the spirit of Christmas in music. The stage setting brought the concert theme out through a background of blue-lighted Christmas trees and lighted candelabra. Conveying the feeling of an altar, a table with candles and a cross was placed in the center of the stage.

Soloists with the Singers were Shirley Rasmussen, Marshall Christensen, Marian Brinkman and David Mullin. In contrast to the choral numbers, a string quartet presented a modern harmony and muted string arrangement of "Gesu Bambino." Members of the quartet are Joan Szydowski, Sheila Brown, Harold Welch and Charles Klasek.

**THE PROGRAM** finale was "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" by Williams with Dale Ganz, assistant and professor of voice, as soloist. Jan Fullerton, pianist, and Julia Turpen, organist, were accompanists for the group. The concert was sponsored jointly by the Union activities committee and the School of Music.

## Military Ball Successful; Shows Profit

The 1953 Military Ball, now history, was managed well enough by the COA and the three ROTC departments to show a definite net profit.

This profit was made in spite of expenses totalling nearly \$1,900, including a fee of \$865 paid to the University for the use of the Coliseum.

Well over 1,000 tickets were sold, including regular dance tickets and spectator tickets, and nearly 200 guests were present. All told, an estimated 2,400 people attended the opening of the formal season.

"I FEEL that the 1953 Military Ball was a tremendous success," stated Mac Balley, president of COA and over-all chairman of the Ball.

"As long as the people attending enjoy themselves, I feel confident the Military Ball has been and always will be worthwhile undertaking," she said. "At this time," he concluded in a statement to the Nebraskan, "I would also like to thank all those people who gave so freely of their time and energy for a job well done."

## AAUP To Hear Tollman At Thursday Meeting

Nebraska Chapter of the American Association of University Professors will hold a fall semester dinner meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Union.

The annual election of officers will follow the dinner. J. P. Tollman, dean of the College of Medicine, will speak on "Current Policies and Plans of the College of Medicine."

## Weather Takes Over Conversation Front

### Temperatures Puzzle Experts

By MARY SHELLÉDY Staff Writer

Simmering in 100-degree weather one week—bundling up in coats and mittens the next. Typical Nebraska weather. Or is it more than just Nebraska weather?

Weathermen say that the weather in the last year has been unusual. Tornadoes ripped up parts of the country from Arkansas to Mass. Texas and the Midwest suffered one of the worst droughts since the 30's. But New York and the east coast were bailing out from severe rainstorms. What's the deal?

**THE CHIEF** of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Francis W. Reichelderfer, in an interview in U. S. News & World Report, says that meteorologists have no real explanations for the upsets.

The atomic bomb tests are definitely not to blame. It would take three atom bombs every second to equal the energy released in a moderate rainstorm. Tornadoes are even more powerful, compared to the atom bomb. Nor do the efforts of rain-makers seem to have much effect.

The weather is changing, though. Winters have been getting warmer every year. The mean temperature has risen from 2 to 18 degrees in the Northern Hemisphere. Alaskan and Green-

land glaciers are shrinking several yards each year.

**ONE THEORY** to explain the changes is that the warm air masses and cold air masses are continually in conflict. A little change in the amount of sunlight can warm up a whole continent, or cool it off.

Dr. Harry Wexler, of the Science Services Division of the Weather Bureau, thinks that the decline in volcanic activity has something to do with it. Less volcanic ash in the air lets more sunlight get through, he says, so the weather is getting warmer.

So even the weathermen are left guessing. And it seems that no matter how much people worry about atom bombs and politics, they still talk about the weather.

**4-H Award Given To NU Freshman**

Patsy Lee Woodman, freshman in the College of Agriculture, was one of eight national winners at the 1953 National 4-H Home Improvement Awards Program.

During the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Miss Woodman received a scholarship check for \$300 from the president of Sears Roebuck and Co. She also received an all-expense-paid trip to the Congress from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

## Omahan's Fish Fossil Earns Museum Display

### Specimen Found Near Plattsmouth

A split-tailed fish which swam in the oceanic waters covering most of Nebraska a quarter of a billion years ago has been put on display at the University State Museum in Morrill Hall.

**THE FISH**, fossilized in Pennsylvania shale, was donated to the Museum by David Brown, 15, of Omaha, who discovered the fossil while on a field trip near Plattsmouth with the Nebraska Mineralogical Society. Brown and John E. Hufford of Omaha, society secretary, brought the fish to the Museum.

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, Museum director, said the specimen is one of the most complete and best-preserved fossil fish ever found in Nebraska. Other such fossils have been found near Plattsmouth, he said, but none which would match the completeness of this find.

Brown discovered the eight-inch long fossil after he struck a piece of shale with his pick axe. The shale split easily revealing the embedded fish. Schultz said the fish was trapped in the oceanic mud which later turned into shale.

**THE FISH** is the ancestor of today's fish in Nebraska, and the type is easily recognizable by its split tail and scales on the upper half of the tail fin.

Dr. Schultz said the find will stimulate further work in the Plattsmouth area to learn more of the little-known ancestry of modern fish.

## Thirteen Receive NU Pep Awards

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Awards for outstanding contributions to University pep were presented during the half-time of the Nebraska-Minnesota basketball game.

Cheerleaders Gary Hild, Danny Fogel, Bruce Riley, Lou Sanchez, Marilyn Eaton, Norm Veitzer, Don Orr, Joan Pollard, Judy Wiebe and Bob Kirkendall were given recognition for the season's work by Rocky Yapp, Student Council president.

Cal Kuska, president of Corn Cobs, was given a certificate for the job the Cobs did this year and Sue Reinhardt, president of Tassels, accepted recognition for the women's pep organization.

Phyllis Colbert, 1953 Homecoming Queen, also was recognized during the ceremonies.

critical construction materials, the theater had to be temporarily reclassified as a speech laboratory.

**FOWLER SAID** the Temple was built around 1905, primarily as a student activities building. In the following years, it has housed student pastors' offices, YM-YWCA offices, a cafeteria, Regents' Bookstore and other non-academic activities.

Later the speech department was assigned one room and has since been expanded to include most of the building. At the present time, the north half of the building is used by the speech department. The south half, occupied almost entirely by the University Theater, is the portion being rebuilt.

**THE THEATER** and equipment will be completely modern and up-to-date. The entrance, which will open on 12th Street, will have modern glass doors. Inside, color will be used extensively in the lobby and halls. Tile similar to that used in the halls of Burnett and Ferguson will cover the floors.

Fowler said the renovated portion of the old building will be simple, but distinctive. The first floor will contain a box office, a place to display billings of future plays, a director's office and a small coat-check room. Each end of the lobby steps will lead to the balcony and third-floor rooms.

On the second floor will be two entrances to the balcony, a

large classroom and another small room. The lobby walls will be painted yellow and contain recessed drinking fountains.

On the third floor there will be five small rooms, each with a window overlooking the stage. These windows will be above the second-floor balcony.

**THE THEATER** itself will slope sharply toward the stage to insure visibility from all points of the audience area. The ceiling slopes at approximately the same angle as the floor, directing attention to the stage. The balcony will have eight seating levels.

The total cost of approximately \$380,000 will include all equipment such as curtains, lights, light and sound controls, make-up equipment, audience seats, storage space and plumbing.

**RECENT ACTION** by the Board of Regents has renamed (permanently, this time) the University Theater the Howell Memorial Theater. Architects are now designing an appropriate sign to be placed over the entrance.

While no definite plans have been made for rebuilding the north half of the Temple, all work on the south section is being done in such a way that it will not preclude similar work on the north half at some later time. Fowler explained the building is structurally strong, but the woodwork has become badly worn through the years.

## Art Faculty Members Win Exhibition Honors

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## NU Foundation Funds Used For Microscope

### Seacrest Heads Non-Profit Group

Purchase of the new \$22,000 electron microscope was made possible through efforts of the University Foundation.

Organized by Chancellor Burnett in 1936, the Foundation is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote and maintain high standards at the University.

The foundation is incorporated in the state of Nebraska and is headed by J. W. Seacrest, class of 1919 and publisher; Earl Kline, Lincoln lawyer, and John K. Selbeck, acting chancellor; Perry W. Branch is director-secretary.

**HERB POTTER**, assistant to Branch, said that over the 17 years the Foundation has been in existence, it has purchased many outstanding pieces of equipment—one of the most recent being the electron microscope. He said that it has given outstanding students in every field scholarships for further education and study.

The Foundation receives its funds from solicitations from graduates of the University and from gifts by other interested groups.

**POTTER WENT** on to say that the gifts are usually of three basic types. First is the unrestricted gift that is given the Foundation; second, with the understanding that the Foundation will invest the principle and use only the income from it to spend, and third, a gift given for a specific purpose and use. Many gifts of property are also given to the Foundation.

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**French Club To Hear Moon At Tuesday Meef**

Mrs. Margaret Moon, instructor of French, will speak to the French Club following a business meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Union Room 316.

Mrs. Moon will speak on "Christmas in France—Variation of Customs and Adaptation of German customs in Alsace-Lorraine." She studied and taught in Bordeaux, France, and served on the U. S. Education Program in New York and Louisiana.

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Robert W. Gross, Dean of the Graduate College, has been appointed to his second term on the State Fulbright Commission by Governor Robert Crosby.

Dann Goss, with the three other members of the state commission, will screen the two applicants recommended by each college and university in Nebraska and select the top four. These four applications will then be screened on a national basis and be subject to foreign approval.

**FULBRIGHT GRANTS** are given for study abroad and are open to graduating seniors and first year graduate students. Each state is entitled to at least two awards. Two nominees from each college and university within a state are submitted to a state commission, and the four recommended by each state are subject to approval by committees in New York, Washington, and abroad.

## NUers Entertain At Vets Hospital

### RCCU Sponsors Talent Show Radio Program, Card Games For Patients

By NAT KATT Staff Writer

Entertainment in the form of talent shows, ward recreation, radio programs and card games is provided each week at the Veteran's Hospital by 125 University students.

The students are members of the Veteran's Hospital Committee sponsored by the Red Cross College Unit. Fran Locke, committee chairman, is responsible for all entertainment presented at the hospital by college students.

**EACH WORKER** visits the hospital at least once a week to talk to and entertain ward patients. Twenty-five girls are present at the hospital on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Ward heads on these evenings are Rosemary Fehr, Tuesday; Miss Locke, Wednesday; and Virginia Wilcox, Thursday. Sunday afternoon 15 other workers visit the hospital. Ruth Kleiner is in charge of this group.

Workers tour the wards where patients are bed-fast and unable to attend the auditorium shows and entertainment. Talking, playing cards and writing letters are the major activities of these workers.

**HALF-HOUR** and fifteen-minute radio shows are broadcast for the patients by University students every afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The program, broadcast on the exclusive Veterans station, includes quiz games, disc jockey shows, interviews, musicals and request programs.

Don Rosenberg directs the shows and is assisted by both radio majors and non-majors. Acts from the Union Talent Show were presented last week as part of the auditorium entertainment. Future plans include stage shows, wrestling matches and a ping-pong tournament.

"These shows are well attended by both the walking and wheel-chair patients," Leigh Cartwright, director of the auditorium entertainment, said.

**TUESDAY EVENING** a special type of ward entertainment is presented to bed-fast patients. The entertainment consists of individual and group acts which travel through the hospital.

Some of the acts are: Pat Syfert, soloist; Janet Murphy, Mary Ann Vosit and Donna Heinz, trio; Phi Delta Theta quartet consisting of Ron Smith, Bob Knappe, Howard Thropp and Pete Anderson; Alpha Omicron Pi song and dance trio, and Nick Amos, soloist.

Nancy Kiger is ward entertainment director.

**ALL THE ACTS** are well received by the patients," Miss Locke said, "and the students enjoy performing for them."

The traveling acts are composed of volunteer students. Any individual or group interested in performing at the hospital should contact either Miss Locke or Miss Kiger.

Veteran's Hospital committee was one of the original projects of the Red Cross College Unit and has grown in number each year. The committee now has a sufficient number of workers, Miss Locke explained. She emphasizes, however, that more workers may be needed at the beginning of next year.

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