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## 'Messiah' Concert Planned For Sunday



### 600-Voice Choir To Give Fifty-Second Presentation

Fifty-second annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Coliseum.

"The Messiah" will be sung by the 600-voice Choral Union, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Westbrook, professor of music. Dr. Westbrook first directed "The Messiah" in 1939.

Soloists are Harriet Swanson of Pierre, S. D., soprano; Mrs. Marilee Logan Amundson of Omaha, alto; Waldo Wilson of Omaha, tenor, and Conan Castle of Crete, baritone.

THE CHORAL Union will be composed of the Ag College chorus, University chorus I, University chorus II, University Singers and University School of Nursing chorus.

University orchestra, under the direction of Emanuel Wisnow, will assist in the performance. Marilyn Schultz, instructor in piano, will be organist and Janice Fullerton, graduate assistant, will be pianist.

"The Messiah" was first given at the University in 1901 under the direction of Carrie Belle Raymond. Since the arrival of David Foltz, professor of voice, Foltz and Westbrook have alternated directing "The Messiah."

"THE MESSIAH" was written in 1742. It was first sung in Dubuque, Iowa.

**Candlelight Tea To Follow Concert**  
The annual candlelight tea, following the presentation of "The Messiah," will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Union.

The tea is sponsored annually by the hospitality committee of the Union. Marilyn Biedeck, chairman of the committee, said that all students attending "The Messiah" as well as the participants in it are invited to the tea.

Serving for the tea will be Ellen Pickett, Fran Gotschall, Shannon Masters, Anne Thompson and Lucette Makepeace.

### The Outside World

## Atomic Pool Plan Rejected By Russians

The plan set forth by President Eisenhower for an international atomic energy pool for peaceful purposes was harshly rejected by Moscow and the Soviet officials.

The Soviet radio accused the President of "threatening atomic war" in the address he gave before the United Nations Tuesday.

The leading Soviet radio propaganda commentator, Boris Leontyev, said, "Eisenhower threatened atomic war and made an eulogy of this policy of force."

However, the Communists Party newspaper Pravda gave an 800-word summary of what Eisenhower said with a single comment at the end saying, "However, the President in his speech did not express his attitude to the question of outlawing atomic weapons."

### Dent Seniors Attend County Society Meeting

"Table clinic" talks were given by senior students of the University Dental College before the Lancaster County Dental Society Monday evening at the Cornhusker Hotel.

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## Annual Coed Follies Set March 1, 2

Associated Women Students' annual Co-ed Follies will be held March 1 and 2 in the Nebraska Theater.

Eileen Mullarky, AWS member in charge of the Follies, announced that all scripts must be turned in to the AWS office by Monday.

A list of participants should be included.

THIS YEAR'S theme is centered around a newspaper, although the exact title has not yet been released. "It may be centered around make-up, headlines, stories or anything else connected with a paper," Miss Mullarky stated, "and we hope every organized house will participate by turning in scripts."

Last year's theme was "Hit the Road." Delta Gamma took top honors with their production of "Hannah and the King of Siam." Connie Clark was last year's Typical Nebraska Co-ed.

Rocky Yapp, Bill Adams, Dave Noble, Jim Cederhall, Bob Wagner and Jerry Minnick reigned as Eligible Bachelors.

## Five Outstanding Cadets Announced By Army ROTC

Five University Army ROTC cadets were honored as Distinguished Military Students in a brief ceremony Thursday.

Colonel James H. Workman, professor of military science and tactics, presented red, white and blue badges to Cadet Lt. Col. Robert N. Blomstrand, Cadet Major Guy V. Ferry, Cadet Lt. Col. John F. Frost, Cadet Captain Jerry L. Jensen and Cadet Captain Donald A. Wenz.

THE DMS badges were awarded to the five for achievement in leadership, aptitude and scholarship in military and other academic subjects. Their selection qualifies them for potential eligibility as Regular Army commissioned officers.

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FERRY is executive officer of the Engineer Battalion and a member of Newman Club.

Frost is executive officer of the Army ROTC Cadet Regiment, and student in the Corps of Engineers.

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THE MALE Animal Sold Out For Friday Performance  
No additional reservations for the Friday performance of "The Male Animal" will be taken, Max Whittaker, assistant professor of speech and dramatics, announced Thursday.

A few seats are still available for the Saturday night performance, he said. The final performance of the University Theater production is Saturday.



Wayne Johnson



Donald Bruckner

## Johnson Named State Candidate For Rhodes

Wayne D. Johnson, University senior in Arts and Sciences College, has been announced as one of the two Nebraska candidates for the four regional Rhodes Scholarships.

The other Nebraska candidate is Donald Bruckner of Omaha, Creighton University senior.

The regional selection will take place on Saturday in Des Moines, Ia.

THE TWO Nebraska candidates will be competing with two representatives from Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Iowa for scholarships of two years each. A third year scholarship extension may be obtained for outstanding work.

Members of the state committee who made the selection include Edmund O. Belsheim, Dean

of the College of Law, and Nathan B. Blumberg, assistant professor of journalism, who are former Rhodes scholars.

Saturday's selection will be made on consideration of the candidate's scholarship record, his character and personality and his outside activities, including participation in sports.

The other University candidate for selection was Kenneth Rystrom.

## Friday AUF Deadline Set For AUF Postions

Rocky Yapp announced that filings for 18 All University Fund positions will close Friday.

Applications, which may be obtained at the AUF office, Union Room 306, should be turned in to Yapp. Any student who has been an AUF worker, has a 5 or above average and is in good standing with the University may apply.

## SC Group To Help Foreign Students In Finding Work

International student section of the Student Council student activities committee is undertaking a project to help foreign students with part-time employment.

The committee urges that the foreign students continue looking for employment on their own, however, job possibilities are being investigated by this committee.

ANY FOREIGN student interested in being employed should contact one of the following people by 9 a.m. Saturday. Joyce Benington, 2-1926 or 2-7341; Jeanne Bek, 6-4684; Gail Kat-skee, 3-5640; Hans Steffen,

## Senate Approves 1-Day Refresher

Voting to continue the present arrangement of one day refresher before and after semester exams for the 1954-55 school year, the Faculty Senate followed the recommendation by Student Council president Rocky Yapp.

At the previous Senate meeting, the Council president had explained the situation and recommended that this system be adopted, stated Dr. James L. Sellers, Senate member.

The change was necessitated by the initiation of a mid-term graduation ceremony.

A student opinion poll conducted by the Student Council had indicated that a majority of the students polled favored the abolished system of a two-day "breather" period preceding exams.

With an original active chapter of 18 members, DAPI has formally pledged 10 new members. The organization includes eleven air force, one marine, four army and twelve Navy vets.

Meetings are held every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Union.

DELTA ALPHA Pi officers are: Jack M. Clark, president; R. Wayne Schaffer, vice president; Ronald Scheerer, secretary; and Ardell Sieck, treasurer.

New pledges are: Roger Bell, Robert Brum, Holmes Downey, Harvey Engel, Dale Jacobson, Ronald Jones, Seth Shiba, Richard Stuben, K. C. Wilson and Herman Wolfe.

Actives are: Donald Carson, Bill Dally, Robert Engleton, Robert Galena, Donald Goosic, Marvin Henning, Charles Herpolshiemer, Jim Moore, William Odjendyk, Kenneth Schlichte-meier, Don Smejkal, William Van Burgh, Donald Wall and Dwight Williams.

## NU Freshmen 'Not Prepared'

### Lack Of Scholarship Motivation Cited By Seminar As Responsible

By SAM JENSEN Staff Writer

"Variance in preparatory schools" and lack of "motivation for scholarship in state high schools, reasons for the poor academic standing of entering freshmen classes was the consensus of a recent Union seminar.

"What's the Trouble With Our Freshmen" was the topic of a seminar held in the Faculty Lounge Wednesday afternoon in which faculty members participated in a panel discussion.

Panel members were: Col. C. H. Frankforter, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. C. B. Schultz, professor of geology, and Dr. J. Clifford Holmes of the Junior Division. The formal presentation was short, however, and the discussion was opened to students and faculty members present during this time.

DR. J. P. Colbert, dean of student affairs, Dr. J. M. Reinhardt, professor of sociology, Wilbert G. Gaffney, assistant professor of English, Miss Katherine Parks, head resident of Women's Residence Halls, and others entered into the discussions. Maxmillian Elias, of the conservation and survey department, was the moderator of the discussion and Lola Monia, Union worker, was chairman of the event.

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### Christmas

## Cosmo Club Card Sales Advancing

Carillon Tower Motif Featured

Campus Christmas cards using the Mueller Carillon Tower as a motif are being sold by members of the Cosmopolitan Club and the speech and hearing laboratories.

Profits from the sale of the cards will go to the Nebraska Crippled Children's Society, which subsidizes in part the Speech Clinic and the Cosmopolitan Club.

CARDS ARE available at Room 102, Temple Building and Peden's Book Store. They are priced at eight for \$1, or 12 for \$1.50.

The Nebraska Crippled Children's Society has contributed funds to the Speech and Hearing Laboratories which have made it possible for them to continue their work with handicapped children.

Sale of the cards will enable the laboratories to partially reimburse the Society for its help.

THE SHARE of the profits going to Cosmopolitan Club will be used to cover expenses of activities planned to further friendly relationships between foreign and American students.

Lucille Cypreans, Cosmopolitan Club sponsor and supervisor of the speech and hearing laboratories, reported that over 800 cards have been sold in three days; an additional 500 have been ordered.

## Temperley Series To Begin Jan. 5

"Underwater Explosions" will be the topic of professor H. N. V. Temperley's second series of lectures. Temperley is with the Brace Laboratory of Physics.

Temperley's former lecture series dealt with a specialized set of lectures on the theory of liquids while the talks on "Underwater Explosions" will be entirely from the laymans point of view and a knowledge of physics will not be necessary to understand the lectures.

The new talks will be in a series of 3, the first to be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 5, 1954. They will be in Room 114 of Ferguson Hall.

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## Attitudes Of Panel Dissimilar

### Frosh Deplored By Frankforter

"More freshmen don't seem to care than ever before," stated Col. C. H. Frankforter, opening a discussion of "What's the Trouble With Our Freshmen?" held Wednesday in the Union Faculty Lounge.

Of 218 freshmen who started his chemistry A course, only 200 still remained, Frankforter said. "I'm not those who dropped are not there any more, because almost without exception they would have failed the course," he added.

HE DEPLORED the frequency of "answers that are completely crazy" in examination papers.

"What hits me hardest," Frankforter said, "is the attitude of this year's freshman class. I have literally begged students who don't understand the lectures, the text or the course to come in and see me, but few have come in since down slips were sent out."

DR. J. Clifford Holmes, Junior Division guidance consultant took a more favorable view of the current freshman crop. He believed that there were "many factors we should consider before we can compare" this year's freshman class. Since there is "more value being placed on education, more people are coming to college because of a cultural pattern," he added.

"Since more students are coming to college, more poor students are coming too," Holmes said, "and naturally more would experience scholastic difficulty." He told of the many favorable comments he had received concerning the conduct of the incoming freshmen during New Student Week.

In the eyes of many people," Holmes said, "the attitude of this year's freshman class is better than any we have had for several years."

THIRD SPEAKER on the panel was Dr. C. B. Schultz, professor of geology, who said a "trend made up of a better attitude is on the way up and we are getting away from this previous G.I. attitude." He voiced optimism based on personal experience that "freshmen now desire more responsibility."

Schultz wondered if the college freshman was mature enough to cope with the responsibilities he faced. He felt that more college students would have to "mature in high school if they were to become mature college students." He concluded, "on the whole I am quite optimistic."

## Nurserymen To Request Ag Research

The College of Agriculture will be asked by the Nebraska Association of Nurserymen for a research program designed to increase the number and varieties of trees and shrubbery adaptable to growth in Nebraska.

The group's research committee will meet with W. V. Lambert, dean of the College of Agriculture, to discuss the need for such research, according to president Duard Cronn of North Platte.

PLANS WERE made during the business session Monday to secure greater research on a co-operative basis. Action was similar to that taken by the Nebraska Federation of Garden Clubs in a meeting last month.

## Ag Union Movie

"Thunder on the Hill," starring Claudette Colbert and Ann Blythe, will be shown in the Ag Union Lounge Saturday night.

The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. No admission will be charged.

## Pershing Armory Dedication Exercises Scheduled Sunday

### Son Of World War I General To Attend Ceremony

Dedication exercises for the General John J. Pershing Armory, in whose honor the new armory is named, was a second lieutenant at the head of the military department at the University for four