

McConnell Appointed NU Chancellor



Regents Happy In Choice

Pictured above are the members of the University Board of Regents who met in secret this week to make the final choice for chancellorship. The mem-

bers expressed satisfaction in the selection of Raymond McConnell, Jr., after the announcement was made today by Acting Chancellor John K. Selleck.

"Making the selection drove many of us to distraction," one member said, "but it's all over now but the shouting."

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Regents Unanimously Elect Lincoln Editor To High Post

'Diligent Efforts To Keep People Informed' Cited By Selleck

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Raymond A. McConnell, Jr., 38, editor of a Lincoln evening newspaper, was appointed chancellor of the University Wednesday.

Acting Chancellor John K. Selleck announced McConnell's selection at a special news conference at 6 p.m. Selleck told reporters that the Lincoln editor had been unanimously elected by the Board of Regents following an interview with the Board that morning.

McConnell was the only candidate interviewed Wednesday.

Although the Regents had scheduled a room in the Lincoln Hotel, the Board secretly convened in a conference room in the rear of the Journal-Star Building. The meeting place was changed, Selleck said, to prevent reporters from obtaining the name of the interviewee.

In announcing the name of the new chancellor, Selleck paid tribute to the "exceptional service rendered by McConnell to the University."

"THE LINCOLN EDITOR," he said, "has been of great value to the State of Nebraska in his diligent efforts to keep the people informed about the University."

The Board particularly appreciates McConnell's aid during the last few months in helping the Board search for a new chancellor. His comprehensive news stories and his well-thought-out editorials have enhanced the reputations of both the Board and the University.

THE ACTING chancellor pointed to an editorial published recently in a Lincoln evening newspaper as an example of the type of service McConnell has rendered to the University. Part of the editorial said: "They (the Regents) might

have to concede that few newspapers in the United States have any more clear, consistent and long-standing record of forceful support for a state university and for maintenance of high educational standards and a high level of public financial support.

"The Regents will concede that few men have aided the University in the manner in which McConnell has served it," Selleck said. "The Regents have expressed their desire to repay McConnell for this service by appointing him chancellor of this great Midwestern university."

Selleck added that he was confident that the appointment was "in the best interests of the University" and would meet with the approval of University faculty members, citizens of Nebraska and most newspaper editors.

McConnell has served as editor of the Lincoln newspaper since 1945. He had previously held positions of reporter, assistant telegraph editor, associate editor and managing editor of the paper. Before joining the Lincoln staff, he was reporter and staff writer for the Troy, N.Y., Record.



RAYMOND McCONNELL

HE WAS the organizer of the Nebraska All-Star Presidential Primary in 1948, for which his paper received the Pulitzer prize for distinguished public service. In 1950 he was selected as one of the ten outstanding young men of the year by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he received his A.B. degree in 1936, McConnell has attended the School of International Relations at Geneva, Switzerland, and the University of Nebraska College of Law.

IN 1943 he studied the British agricultural war effort, upon invitation. He is a member of the Gargoyles Society, American Society of Newspaper Editors, Sigma Chi and Zeta Psi. He is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and a Thirty-Second Degree Mason. He also belongs to "The Crucible," "Candle Light" and "University Club."

McConnell was married to Marion Ellen Dobson on May 31, 1940, and has three children. He was born Dec. 31, 1915, at North Ridgeville, O., the son of Rev. Raymond A. McConnell, Sr., and Anna Bell Lee McConnell. His father served until last year as pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church.

NU Actor Refuses Movie Bid

Gibson Offered 1-Year Contract

"Hank Gibson is the most talented Hollywood prospect I have seen for 25 years," said Sam Coldwyn, president of Metro-Coldwyn-Mare Thursday night after seeing Gibson perform in "The Man Who Came to Lunch."

Coldwyn said he offered Gibson a contract for a "reasonable amount of money," but that Gibson refused it because he was to portray "Og" in the Kosmet Klub Spring Show April 28 to 30. Gibson said another reason he refused Coldwyn's contract was because Coldwyn offered him only \$54,000.

Coldwyn said he was "very disappointed" that he could not go back to Hollywood with Gibson's one-year contract signed because he knew scouts for other producers plan to watch Gibson's performance in the KK show. Gibson said he was more concerned at the present time with his KK script than Hollywood scripts. He said he was "re-lieved" that the play was over because he could then devote all his time to the KK show.

Commiss Hold Meeting; 6,000 Students Attend

R. J. Phogg Describes Main Purpose Of Organization

The Young Communist Party held an organizational meeting Tuesday in the Union ballroom.

The meeting was attended by over 6,000 University students. Pledging was estimated to be around 5,680 persons.

Robert J. Phogg, a student at the University of Maryland, spoke on "The Duties of a New Communist." The main purpose of this organization will be to further our doctrine among the student body," he said.

AFTER A GREAT deal of discussion the group ratified a constitution which established a central controlling committee, investigating committee, peoples' secret security committee and a judicial committee.

Acting officers were appointed until the group can become consolidated. They are: Sally Hall, general chairman; Del Harding, vice chairman; Rocky Yapp, secretary general.

Paul Laase, security chief, and Bill Devries, treasurer.

THE NEXT meeting will be held May 25, at which time it is hoped that Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) will be able to attend after his address to the Nebraska Republican pre-primary convention in Fremont May 24. If he can be present they will make him an honorary member.

Also on the docket for that meeting will be an address by Don Seitz who was a member of the F.B.I. for the Communist party.

PRELIMINARY PLANS were made for a demonstration on "O" street for May 1. A "beer bust" was planned to refresh the demonstrators. The group appointed Eldon Park head of a committee to stuff the ballot boxes at the next all-University election.

A LETTER was read at the

meeting from Alger Hiss. Hiss asked the group to remember the party doctrine and to stay away from pumpkins.

For the present, the organization is sponsored by the Pullman society and the Student Union Activities Committee.

DB&G Given Franchise To Peddle Beer In Union

Crosby Urges Lowering Age Limit

The DB&G has obtained a franchise to sell beer in the Union, it was announced Wednesday.

Reasons for granting the franchise were mostly economic. In a statement to the Board of Regents, representatives of the Student Council, the Religious Welfare Council, the YMCA and the YWCA pointed out the amount of money students could save if beer

could be purchased closer to the campus. Another reason cited was the rise in coffee prices which has forced students to seek other forms of liquid refreshment.

A BOOST to the student effort came from a joint recommendation of the professors of economics who estimated the saving to students in gas and rubber spent on the way to the DB&G would be several million dollars a year.

A further saving could be effected, they added, if the age limit for buying beer in the Union would be dropped to 18 or even 16 to eliminate the problem of students who are forced to drive to Kansas for beer.

"This would alleviate the traffic problem on major highways to Kansas no end," the state superintendent of highways announced. Gov. Robert Crosby has pledged his support in passing legislation which would permit several necessary changes in present laws prohibiting sale of beer to persons under 21.

FURTHER PLANS are under way to investigate the advantage of installing beer machines in University buildings in addition to the existing coffee and coke machines. A survey is now being conducted to determine the probable improvement in class work which such a move would bring.

One note of disapproval came Tuesday from the Coffee Growers of America who wrote: "If this means the end of the 10 o'clock coffee hour, it could well mean the end of civilization at the University."

Speaking from the student point of view, Eldon Park, vice-president of the Student Council commented with some difficulty, "I, like, think that it, hic, sounds like a, hic, very sound, hic, plan."

THE WALKIE-TALKIE was devised by Funnymann after a fateful day last May, when after he had delivered his entire lecture, he discovered he was still in bed. "I decided then and there that something must be done," he said.

"I started my experiment with nothing more than a pair of old galoshes and an atom crusher," Funnymann said.

He expressed the hope that University research will provide a better means of long-distance lecturing to pajama-clad intellectuals.

Selleck Refuses To Pay Fine As Students Riot In Protest

2001 NUers Expelled By Infuriated Ex-Chancellor

Slight chucking resulted Wednesday in the expulsion of 2001 University students, which in turn set off a riot still in progress.

The incident occurred when the forementioned students chucked John K. Selleck as he parked a ten foot wide Cad between two other parked cars separated by a mere four feet.

Removal of his two front fenders increased the tempo of laughter until in his fury Selleck remanded the students to report to their quarters to pack.

A reconstruction of the accident was demanded by the remainder of the University students in that it took place in a parking lot reserved for students.

However, the expulsion of students took a new twist as the campus "Dick Tracy's" Police and Student Council voted to levy a \$100 fine on Selleck for parking in the student area.

The riot still in progress came about when it was found that Selleck in an act of defiance said that he would not pay the fine and defied anyone to make him pay it.

Ever since word of his defiance reached the student body, they have been working in between class waves to lodge him from his apparently safe lodging in the attic of the Administration Building.

Your roving campus reporter in order to remain impartial interviewed several of the rioters, Jerry Minick, star football player and one of the expelled students, had this to say: "I'll show that guy, I won't play football for Nebraska next year." (Incidentally Jerry graduates this year.)

"I'll never sell him another beer as long as I live," said Jerry Mapes, owner of the DB&G.

Dean Hallgren, who has been rioting with fervor since the beginning of the upheaval, said, "I don't know what this is all about, but I have been so busy in the past that I never got to engage in any special functions, so I'm giving it all I have in this one."

In the interview carried on with Selleck via carrier pigeon, Selleck had this to say, "Ha, ha, they'll never get me now that you have supplied me with fresh squeak." At printing Selleck is still at



Mishap Scene

The arrow points to the spot where Acting Chancellor Selleck attempted to park his car in a parking area reserved for University students. The cars of two students were slightly damaged.



Parked Car Starts Riot

The jostling of University students over the removal of two front fenders of Selleck's car turned into a riot after Selleck threatened to expel the

students. Selleck after being fined \$100 by the campus police, said that he would not pay the fine and defied anyone to make him pay it. Cam-

pus police had difficulty in quieting down students who were attempting to force Selleck from the attic of the Administration Building.

Officials To Extend Coed Closing Hours

New Late Minute Penalties Listed; Men To Pay If Dates Break Rules

A special committee composed of the dean of men, the dean of women and the acting chancellor decided Wednesday to extend closing hours for women.

Week-day closing hours have been set at 12 a.m. with 15 late minutes reasonable if the coed is unavoidably detained Friday and Saturday closing hours are 1:30 and 2:30 a.m., respectively. Acting Chancellor Selleck said this program was decided upon because of the success of the "Ladies Late Night" sponsored by Mortar Board.

THE CHANGE in hours brought comments from various sources. The president of the University of Chicago said that "Nebraska's extension of closing hours will undoubtedly pave the way for similar extensions on other campuses." The dean of Vassar and Stephens' Colleges are reported to be "watching the Nebraska experiment very carefully."

AMS Board, however, was disappointed in the program. Previously the board had hoped that a policy of no hours would be set up. Marilyn Brewster, newly

elected president, said, "This policy came as a blow after a 'no-hour' policy had been proposed by the special committee."

JAN STEFFEN, former president, said, "Perhaps next year a more liberal policy can be adopted." Clure Hinman, notification chairman, was "very disappointed" that the "no-hour" policy did not pass. She said, "It's just too much trouble checking those sign-out sheets."

Penalties will be imposed on men when their dates are late. The dean of women stated that "Men are the cause of a coed's not conforming to University rules." She proposed "and it passed" that penalties be imposed on men when rules are broken. If a rule is broken, the man whose date breaks the rule must entertain Miss Parks for an evening at the Hobnob.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED penalty can also be imposed on these occasions:

(a) A man's bringing his date back to her place of residence before closing hours.

(b) A man's refusing to kiss his date in an "inconspicuous" place. The steps of the dorm were suggested.

(c) A man's refusing to take his date to "cultural" presentations. The Boston symphony, now playing at the Stuart Theater, and the current "Love and Marriage" series were suggested.

The faculty seemed quite pleased with the new program. The chairman of the Board of Regents said he thought it would make the University much more "progressive."

Red Cross Sets Friday For Annual Beer Bust

The Red Cross College Unit will hold its annual beer bust at 7 p.m. Friday on the Bessey Hall steps. Joan Knudson, treasurer, is in charge of the event. "We'll really live it up," Miss Knudson stated.

Mary Stromer, president, will speak on "The History of Red Cross Beer Busts." He invited all interested students to attend.

June Graduation Speaker To Predict Senior Futures

Woman Professor Of Voodoo To Hypnotize Students

Madame Zolanda Zenda, internationally-known practitioner of voodoo and witchcraft, has been announced as the principal speaker for the 83rd Annual Commencement Exercises June 7.

Her subject will be "A Look Into Your Future." She has selected several prospective graduates to aid her in presenting her address. Mac Bailey, Sue Reinhart, Ernie Bebb, and Laurie Harden will submit to hypnosis. Madame Zenda will attempt to learn secrets of their past lives and predict their futures.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS based their choice of speaker on the belief that such a dark future lies ahead of most college seniors that they would receive more benefit from a speaker of this type than from any other. All University students will have the opportunity to visit Madame Zenda in Union Room 516, June 1 to 6.

Since she received her PhD in Witchcraft and Related Subjects from the University of Xivudlist in Zanibar, she has astonished audiences throughout the world with her amazing demonstrations in the fields of hypnosis and the supernatural.

ALTHOUGH Madame Zenda admits 106 years, she is remarkably well-preserved. She attributes her long life to the faithful use of a large assortment of native drugs and medicines. She will sell small amounts of these at the Campus Inn several days prior to Commencement. If a sufficient number of students become addicted she will grant the Inn a monopoly on sales for this area. Sterilized syringes will be furnished by Dirty Earl.

This reporter, who was admitted to her presence by her secretary, a half-witted pigmy, was admittedly quite apprehensive at first, but under her hard, stony glance soon became oblivious of the fact that her pet python was coiling around his

wrist. After dispatching the snake with a poisoned dart, she reminisced a bit about her past life.

Madame Zenda had pleasant memories of the year she spent on the University campus as house mother of Tau Nu Epsilon. She remembered Ted James, Bob Hasebroek and Rocky Yapp as the most outstanding members of the pledge class that year.

OF HER late husband, whom she met on her triumphant tour of Ireland in 1876, she says, "He

was the most willing subject of hypnosis it has ever been my pleasure to associate with. He committed suicide after coming out of his trance and finding that he was married to me."

Of Nebraska's football hopes for next fall, she said, "I could guarantee the team a winning season." She referred in vague

and general terms to such things as factors contributing to mass hysteria, head shrinking and ancient Chinese methods of mental torture by proxy. An extremely anxious man, later identified as Bill Glassford, could be heard attempting to engage her secretary into granting him an appointment with her.



Speaker Named

Graduating seniors need have no worries concerning their future. Madame Zolanda Zenda, internationally known practitioner of voodoo, witchcraft, etc., promises to lead them over the dangerous abyss of the cruel world—via hypnosis.