

Riot Causes Much Damage



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Reinert To Speak

Class Dismissed For Convocation

More than 450 students with outstanding scholarship will be honored at the 27th annual Honors Convocation Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in the Coliseum.

The Very Rev. Carl M. Reinert, president of Creighton University in Omaha, will speak on "What Price Higher Education?" Classes will be dismissed from 10 a.m. to noon.

Students to be honored are in the upper 10 per cent of their colleges, based on accumulative grade averages.

Upper 3 Per Cent
In addition, seniors who rank in the upper 3 per cent or have appeared on the honor roll for the past three years will be honored individually.

Approximately 600 students will be honored as winners of awards and scholarships during the year. Honorary and professional organizations which have one-third or more of their members named in the program will be recognized.

Teaching Award
The University Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Foundation award for Distinguished Teaching in the Physical and Technological Sciences will be conferred to two faculty members by Chancellor Clifford Hardin and Earl Cline, Foundation president.

Directed by Emanuel Wishnow, professor of violin, the University Symphony Orchestra will open the program with the "Overture to Eg-

mont." The Rev. Harold C. Sandall of Grace Methodist Church will give the invocation.

Chancellor Hardin will preside, and Sharon Mangold, student representative of the Honors Convocation Committee, will introduce the speaker.

High School Principal
Father Reinert was appointed president of Creighton University at the age of 37. He attended the Jesuit seminary at Florissant, Mo., and St. Louis University where he received his A.B., M.A. and Ph. D. degrees.

Before his appointment to Creighton University, he was a high school principal in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and an instructor at the Creighton high school.

Father Reinert's brother, the Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, is the president of St. Louis University. Another brother, James, was ordained a Jesuit.

Father Reinert is a member of numerous civic and educational organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross and the American Association of Related Colleges and Universities.

(See page 4 for list of scholarship and award winners during past year, who will be recognized at the convocation.)

Foundation To Honor Professors

Two faculty members will each be awarded \$1,000 and a medal for distinguished service in teaching at the Honors Convocation Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in the Coliseum.

The Distinguished Teaching Awards in Humanities and Social Sciences and in Physical and Technological Sciences are made possible by a University Foundation permanent fund.

The fund was established last year, and the first recipient was Lane W. Lancaster, professor of political science.

To recognize the differences in teaching techniques of the two fields of social and pure sciences, the Foundation has decided to honor two professors each year, said Bruce Nicoll, administrative assistant to the chancellor.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin and Foundation President Earl Cline will present the awards.

The Inevitable Riot

The riotous spectacle produced at the University of Nebraska Thursday night by more than 1500 students resembled the barbaric pillaging of a group of uncivilized savages.

Just what prompted such a display of uncontrolled mob action will be attributed by outside newspapers, radio and TV as childishness and immaturity resulting from a lack of emphasis on the academics of a college education. But this year's riot was based on more than just lack of academic emphasis. It was the culmination of campus opinion on certain University methods of regulation and expressed in the most violent forms of human reaction—destruction.

Regardless of those who say a spring riot was inevitable due to tradition and human nature, The Nebraskan maintains that this year's riot could have been avoided. There was no possible excuse for the thousands of dollars worth of damage done by the rioters just as there is no possible excuse the Lincoln city police force or the University police can offer for not seeing that the initial harmless "milling" did not turn into a rampant mob.

The University Administration has no excuse for allowing the riot to happen. Precedence indicated that such a possibility existed and more efforts on the part of the Administration to curtail even the desire to stage a riot could and should have been exerted. And these should have been exerted through the STUDENTS, not the Student Council.

The Nebraskan has repeatedly urged the special committee established by the Student Council to speed up plans for an All-University Spring Event Day in the hopes that should such a Day be initiated with the right timing, the possibility of a riot would be lessened. The Nebraskan gave its opinion on how the committee should have been selected—to include as many STUDENTS—not activity people—as possible and still be small enough to work efficiently.

There is no excuse for the chaos of Thursday night and there will never be an acceptable excuse as long as the Administration and the student body maintain a disrespect for one another brought about by a mutual indifference and resulting in ignorance of each other's needs, wants and rights.

THE EDITOR

By DICK FELLMAN
News Editor

Starting with what seemed to be a friendly, innocent water fight, a full-fledged riot gained momentum and grew into a leaderless mob spreading wanton destruction over the entire campus Thursday evening.

By 10:30 p.m., the mob seemed to be heading down 16th Street towards downtown Lincoln. During the three hours of mayhem, all but two sororities had been broken into. In each case, damage had been reported, sometimes reaching estimates of "much over \$500."

Reports were given of stolen money and radios, pilfered clothing, broken windows, muddled floors and the inevitable "panties." Exact estimates of specific damage were unavailable, but approximations were given by many sorority leaders and house-mothers. Some girls claimed that individual losses of lingerie and cashmere sweaters amounted to more than \$50.

'Horseplay'

The actual riot began by "preliminary horseplay" when the Phi Psi threw water at the Theta and AOPi houses. From there, people were observed entering the crowd from all sources. First-hand reports indicated the crowd "seemed to be getting younger as time went on." Many observers said the mob included large groups of people who seemed like high school students and students from other local colleges. Towards the end of the evening many fraternity pledge groups were helping "stand guard" and cleaned up the disheveled sorority houses.

After the riot had become full-blown, the mob moved in front of the Girls' Dorm. During the next 30 to 45 minutes the Dorm was stormed twice. In each case, the participating members of the mob were encouraged by bystanders and some few occupants of the Dorm.

Kappas Stormed

From there, the mob moved to the Kappa House where they broke windows on the second floor and entered, spreading the destruction that, by this time, seemed routine to the uncontrolled group.

After going back to the Dorm and starting a fire in the street, the group moved successively to

the Chi Omega, Phi Phi, Gamma Phi, Kappa Delta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Xi, Tri Delta, Theta AOPi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi and finally back over the sorority rounds again. By this time the entire sorority "row" had been invaded.

Bus Rocked

At 9:15 p.m., a fire was started in the middle of the intersection of 16th and "R" Streets. From this point, the mob assaulted a local city bus and began rocking it and terrorizing the passengers. A woman watching the group snapped a picture. Within seconds the crowd had literally captured the bus, breaking into the car and lifting it from the ground.

Moving back to the dorm, a Model A Ford was carried from behind the Lutheran Student House to the front steps of the Dorm. Windows were broken, and the car was tipped on its top. Alcohol and oil was leaking from the engine.

'No Comment'

Thursday evening Chancellor Hardin was in York Deans J. P. Colbert and Frank Hallgren were at the scene of the riot but offered "no comment."

Campus police had jurisdiction over the area involved in the riot. City police Capt. Graves reported he had extra men standing by to be called in by the campus police when the situation went "out of control." He said there was a standing agreement to allow the campus police control over such matters.

Third Riot

Last night's riot was the third in four years. According to many observers, last year's riot was a street dance compared to what happened Thursday. In previous years, the riots have been towards the middle of May.

Currently plans are underway for a large spring activity, originally hoped to quell any chances of another display. Rumors, heard throughout the riot area, said the riot was "supposed to be next Monday evening."

Theaters Attacked

An estimated 150 to 250 persons then marched down 16th street to O street and then to the intersection of 12th and O streets. There they turned toward the Lincoln Theater where a display window was broken. The group turned down 13th street to the Varsity and Stuart Theaters. Both buildings were locked.

Dispersing at 14th and P streets, the rioters had seemingly lost a leader.

'Bloomer Girl'

KK Show Tickets Go On Sale

Ticket sales for the Kosmet Klub Spring Show "Bloomer Girl" April 21-23, are on sale at special booths and from Kosmet Klub workers.

The booths are located at Walt's Music Store, Nebraska Theater and the Union. Ticket prices include \$1.10 for upper balcony, \$1.50 for main floor, and \$1.80 for reserved seats.

"Bloomer Girl," a musical comedy about a hoopskirt manufacturer, ran on Broadway for nearly 700 performances in 1944. The original New York version starred Celeste Holm.

Romantic Leads

The romantic leads in the play, Evalina and Jeff, will be played by Cecilia TeSelle and Monty McMahon. Evalina, the only unmarried daughter of the Applegate family, joins up with a woman emancipation movement, being led by Dolly Bloomer, played by Kathy O'Donnell.

Evalina's father, Marv Stromer as Horatio Applegate, does all he can to bring Jeff and Evalina together, to marry off his last daughter and to try to prevent her from abandoning her hoopskirts for bloomers.

Despite Horatio's obstinacy Evalina is not easy to coerce, and, in fact, more of the Applegate clan are recruited into the Bloomer movement.

Civil War

The play takes place during the period at the beginning of the Civil War. Horatio's grand presentation of his newly modelled hoopskirt is upset by the Bloomer Girl agitation and an attempt to catch a runaway slave belonging to Jeff and his brother Hamilton, important hoopskirt buyers from the South.

"Bloomer Girl" songs are written by popular composer Harold Arlen. Familiar songs are "Evalina," "Right as the Rain," "Grandma was a Lady" and "Welcome Hinges on the Door."

Ellie Guillik plays Mrs. Applegate, Peggy Larson will be the maid Daisy, who also joins the Bloomer movement, agitating from woman suffrage. Forrest Stith is Jeff's slave Pompey, who followed his master to the Applegate home, Hamilton is played by Jim Boling. Supporting these principles will be George Hunter as Gus, Skip Weatherford as the Sheriff and Cecil Hatcher as Alexander. The Applegate daughters are played by Diane Kozak, Jane Stevens, Norma Brossard, Katy Kelley and Muriel Pickett. Sons-in-law of the Applegates are played by Morgan Holmes, Dick Harvey, Fred Allen and Gene Scranton.

Cosmopolitan Club Plans Saturday Dance

The Cosmopolitan Club Spring Dance will be held Saturday in Union Rooms 313 and 315 from 9-12 p.m.

Uve Kapsi, chairman of the event, has invited all interested students to attend. Admission is free. Dancing, games and refreshments will be featured.

AWS Selects Three Topics For Workshop

Three discussion groups will be held for the AWS Workshop, April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Topics for discussion are "Coed Follies," "Making the Most of College Opportunities" and "AWS and Its Responsibility to the Campus."

Paula Broody and Kay Nosky, AWS president and vice president, will give a brief report on the national AWS convention held at the University of Kansas during Spring vacation.

All coeds may attend the Workshop, said Mary Domingo, Workshop chairman.

NU Legacy Weekend Scheduled

A Panhellenic-sponsored style show will be the main feature of annual Legacy Weekend, April 15-17, according to Mary Ellerbrock, style show chairman.

The style show is the only activity of the weekend which will include legacies of all sororities at one gathering, Miss Ellerbrock said. The event will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Ellen Smith Hall.

House presidents and rush chairmen will attend the style show with the legacies. Each house selected one girl as a representative in the style show.

Models are: Mary Huston, Kappa Alpha Theta; Phyllis Waybright, Alpha Xi Delta; Roma Lundstrom, Gamma Phi Beta; Sharol Erick, Alpha Omicron Pi; Gretchen Paul, Chi Omega; Joyie Wiederspan, Alpha Chi Omega.

Carolyn Spahn, Pi Beta Phi; Grace Chudley, Delta Delta Delta; Marilyn Heck, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Pat Menke, Delta Gamma; Judy Whittaker, Alpha Phi; Barb Sobrin, Sigma Delta Tau, and Mary Ann Burcum, Kappa Delta.

Bridge Lessons

Beginners bridge lessons will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Union Parlors Y and Z. The lessons, part of the free series sponsored by the Union, are taught by James Porter, assistant professor of architecture.

12 Residences Entered

'Serious Damage Done' Sorority Houses Reveal

By FRED DALY
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Early estimates from the various sorority houses could reveal no actual figures as to the cost of the damages, but losses due to theft and destruction were said to be "considerable" from many sources.

Incomplete reports gathered by the Nebraskan were as follows:

Kappa Kappa Gamma: Slight damage, broken windows, vases, stolen lamps.

Alpha Chi Omega: First floor water damage, muddled carpets, stolen drapes. Rioters entered through a third floor fire escape and a front window.

Chi Omega: Broke into locked chapter room, disrupted sleeping dorm, overturned bunks, damaged electric blankets. Large amounts of personal belongings were taken from second-floor rooms.

Pi Beta Phi: Lingerie wardrobes stolen, five cashmere sweaters taken. House was broken into through basement window. Rioters locked themselves in the house-mother's quarters to escape the girls and broke out through a window.

Kappa Delta: Housemother's door broken down. Clothing was taken and feathers were spread throughout the house from pillows.

Delta Gamma: Broke down screen door, pushing the house-mother down. Boys trying to keep the rioters out of the house fought them on the second floor balcony, finally causing them to leave. All rooms on second floor were entered, causing the pilfering of large amounts of clothing. One of the defender's noses was broken in the fight, spilling blood.

Alpha Xi Delta: Only one rioter entered the house, being immediately turned away by the house-mother who shined a flashlight in his face. Screens were removed from dining room windows and panes were broken as rioters attempted to enter only to be turned away by the light.

Delta Delta Delta: Many windows broken, some by boards. Rioters entered through a basement window and the back door. Carpet damaged by water from a

SC Platforms

Statements of platform and policy from all students who have filed for the Student Council college elections should be submitted to Glenn Berry Friday.

Statements may be left in the Council box in the Union Basement. The statements should include the individual's stand on matters of Council policy in 25 words or less.

For more information, students may contact Miss Berry at 2-4896 or 2-7875.

hose. Rioters were turned back by six men defending the front door and by hot water thrown from windows by the girls.

Gamma Phi Beta: Doors were broken down, some rioters entering by a third floor fire escape and a basement window. General clothing stolen.

Kappa Alpha Theta: Not much damage to the house other than a weakened stair railing. Heavy losses reported in lingerie, other clothing. House president knocked aside by the mob, which entered through the front door.

Alpha Omicron Pi: No damage. A few rioters entered a third-floor sleeping dorm and left immediately.

Alpha Phi: Doors and windows broken. Mob entered through back door, third floor dorm. Clothing, lingerie, jewelry reported missing. No water damage. Beds torn apart.

Women's Dorm: Heavy water damage. Clothing pilfered, stuffed animals lifted. Mud splattered, front sidewalk covered with oil from overturned car.

Tassels To Select Members

The Tassel Tea for the selection of new members will be April 24 at 3 p.m. at the Alpha Chi Omega house, Shirley Rosenberg, president, said.

Organized houses have nominated two candidates each to attend. Houses will receive one membership, except Alpha Xi Delta which receives two due to graduation of both members.

Candidates are: Kappa Alpha Theta, Sandra Kadlecsek and Beverly Buck; Pi Beta Phi, Sara Alexander and Janet Shrader; Delta Delta Delta, Donna Sawwell and Joanne Bender; Alpha Phi, Nancy Tucker and June Stefaajns.

Sigma Delta Tau, Ruthann Chudacoff, Gloria Reisbord; Alpha Chi Omega, Charlene Ferguson and Mary Laura Prindler; Alpha Xi Delta, Patricia Shaller, Sheila Scott, Karen Newton and Sally Lasse; Gamma Phi Beta, Kay Gleason and Judy Ramsey.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Holly Hawke and Carolyn Carter; Love Memorial, Helen Bishop and Elaine Sackschewsky; Terrace Hall, Nancy Johnson and Laurel Morris; International House, Janet Felt and Doris Erickson; Loomis Hall, Mary Fritts and Evonne Einsphar, and Kappa Delta, Barbara Millnitz and Barbara Conrad.



Courtesy—Lincoln Journal

How It Started

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi are besieged by buckets of water at approximately 7 p.m.

Thursday night. The resulting riot spread to all houses on campus where thousands of dollars

worth of personal property was taken. Water fights began on 16th and S Sts.



And How It Ended

The riot ended with a final demonstration on 14th and P Sts. where a trash can was set on

fire and pushed into the street by the car on the right. The car nearly turned over. Follow-

ing this, the mob disbanded at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Courtesy—Lincoln Journal