

Staff Names Top 10 Stories

Riot, Suspension Lead List

The April 14 riot-panty raid and the ensuing suspensions of participating students was chosen by The Nebraskan staff as the top story for the spring of 1955.

Second choice was the cutting of exam week and the easing of activity participation by the Faculty Senate.

The dissolution of the All University Party after it planned to seek legality from the Student Council was The Nebraskan's choice for third leading story.

Stories were picked for their significance in campus events and for the play they received in The Nebraskan.

Other stories in order are the resignation of Jack Rogers from the Innocents Society, limitation of activities by the Student Council, the secret ballot limitation for the Student Council, the spring event plans, the increase in the University budget submitted by the Chancellor to the legislature, the chance for a 15th sorority and the resignation of Jerry Lee.

The riot and the resulting suspensions was carried in The Nebraskan for almost two weeks. Beginning with the first report of the riot — "starting with what seemed to be an innocent water-fight, a full-fledged riot gained momentum and grew into a leaderless mob" — stories were carried through reporting damage, legislative reaction and administrative discipline.

Resulting from the riot, a state senator introduced a resolution to the legislature objecting to it, and another senator resolved to oust the editor of The Nebraskan for an editorial she wrote about the riot and its causes.

The Nebraskan went on in the following days to report the suspension of 19 students, the fining of some of them in county court, the reinstatement of one student, Charles Doleman — and his second suspension, and the reinstatement of still another student.

The Nebraskan also started a Riot Relief Fund to help ease the \$3000 damage done to women's residences.

Action by the Faculty Senate cutting exams to one week rated second in the Nebraskan's top 10 stories. The Senate voted to cut final exams to one week, putting three exams of two and one-half hours in each day.

Allied with this movement was the vote by the Senate to ease eligibility requirements for activities by permitting a student to gain three hours of the 12 hours needed for eligibility by taking extension courses.

Editorials from both sides were

written, including a column by The Nebraskan sports editor.

The third-ranked story — dissolution of the All University Party, or "Faction" — began when a faculty subcommittee called for facts as to the legality and the position of the AUP on the campus.

The AUP voted to offer their constitution to the Council for approval, then decided the next week to dissolve. The Faction dissolved because they felt they would be too restricted in carrying on free democratic assembly if they were forced to become legal, AUP representatives said.

The resignation of Jack Rogers from the Innocents Society was the fourth story. Rogers said he resigned because he did not agree with the traditionally accepted aims and purposes of Innocents.

He said he did not believe the Innocents worked to the best interests of the University. Rogers hoped, he said, that his resignation would "shake, just a little bit," the hallowed position of the Society.

The fifth top story of 1955 was the Student Council's restrictions on activities, and the resulting move by a group of senior men to fight the resolution.

The motion passed by the Council holds that no individual can hold more than one presidency of a campus activity, nor belong to more than two organizations as a board member. The Council set minimums of a 5.0 cumulative average for a board member and 5.7 for a president.

The sixth story was the petition to the Council to prohibit secret ballots in its meetings. The petition came as a result of the Council voting by secret ballot to give a seat to the Co-op Council on the Student Council.

Organization of a spring event committee rated seventh play. The committee brought Billy May to the campus, although other activities were thwarted by the spring riot.

The request for \$3,830,000 increase in the University budget by the Chancellor, and the ultimate approval of a \$2,800,000 increase by a legislative committee was the eighth story.

The chance that Zeta Tau Alpha might be the 15th sorority on the University campus was the ninth story.

Tenth on the list was the resignation of Track Coach Jerry Lee to return to Grand Island to coach football and track. Lee said, "I find that competition for athletics has created serious problems in college coaching."

Smets, Hurst, Harvey

NUCWA Names Three New Officers

Three board positions for the Nebraska University Council on World Affairs and a member of the foreign student committee have been announced by Charles Gomoo, NUCWA president.

Karen Smets, Kappa Delta scholarship chairman, will act as program chairman for the next two semesters.

Union Closed

Union facilities will be closed over the Memorial Day weekend. Closing times are: Round Up Room, 1 p.m. Saturday; Crib, 7 p.m. Saturday and Union building, 10 p.m. Saturday.

The Union will be closed all day Sunday. It will reopen at 12 noon Monday. The Crib will open at 4 p.m.

The Round-Up Room will be closed all day Monday. The Ag Union and Dell will be closed all day Monday.

Mac Serves 16 Years

Union's Head Custodian Recalls NU Experiences

By LUCIGRACE SWITZER
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For the past 16 years one of the regular features of the Union has been Mac, the head custodian. Wednesday at their annual banquet, Union student workers expressed a small measure of their appreciation by presenting him with an all-leather thermos case with two quart thermos bottles and a sandwich tray.

Mac, whose real name is G. C. McKeen, began working for the Union in October, 1939. Since then, he has seen several changes in the Union arrangement, has had a variety of experiences and has worked under all six directors of the Union.

He came here shortly after the Union was built. At that time, Mac recounted, Van Sant was the first director. Since then Joyce Ayers, Bill Marsh, Bob Scinky, Patricia Lauer and Duane Lake have served as director. Mac remembers them all well.

In addition he remembers his

acquaintance with the past two secretaries of the Alumni Association, Ellsworth DuTeau and "Frits" Daly. He can also remember the present secretary, James Pittenger, when Pittenger worked in the Crib kitchen as a student.

Mac said some of his and the Union's unusual experiences occurred during the war when 18,000 soldiers were fed there. During those days, he often worked up to 16 hours a day, because, due to the manpower shortage, there was only one student and an old man to help with the janitorial work.

For several years during the war, he said, soldiers were housed in the Library and fed at the Union. During this time Mac picked up 37 dogs which soldiers had brought into the Union to feed and then left there.

Another experience Mac remembers well is the first Union Christmas party at which foot-long hot dogs and bottled cokes were served. The students, he recalls, lined the cokes up along the sec-

ond floor landing and then took turns knocking them over by throwing the hot dogs at them. "Ever since, we have had cokes in cups," he added.

"Then," Mac remembered, "there was the morning they called me up about 2 a.m. and said there was water all over the floor of the Daily Nebraskan office. A pipe had broken and there was about a foot of water all over the office and out into the hall. We finally got it cleaned up about 7:30 in the morning."

Among the changes which Mac has seen accomplished since the Union was built have been the re-decorating of the Crib and the cafeteria and the addition of the accordion doors in the ballroom.

He also pointed out that the arrangement in The Nebraskan and Cornhusker offices was quite different. The old Awgwan magazine had its offices where the Cornhusker office is located now. At that time however, there was no wall between the two offices, only

a wooden rail. The Cornhusker office at that time was located where the card room is now.

"The thing I like best about my job is working with the kids. I like working with them in every way — building lasting friendships," Mac said. "Many of the students that I knew before the war would come back years later to see me. I've had a lot of friends."

It is in keeping with this that Mac is never too busy to help students with some projects, whether it be constructing a sign board, helping them with the construction of a booth or simply helping them to find the various odds and ends he keeps on hand for just such uses.

And so, no matter what other changes may be made, Mac is expected to be around for a long while yet, keeping things in order, helping out wherever he can and always with a friendly smile for his favorite people of all — the students.



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Outstanding Nebraskans Are Hamilton, Stromer

Chemist To Retire In June; Student Represents NU At White House



HAMILTON



STROMER

Dr. Cliff S. Hamilton, chairman of the department of chemistry and chemical engineering, and Marvin Stromer, Arts and Sciences senior, have been named Outstanding Nebraskans for the spring semester.

According to his letter of nomination, Dr. Hamilton is a "man of whom the University, the State and the Nation can be proud. Under his guidance, the University of Nebraska has earned an excellent reputation for the training of undergraduate and graduate chemists which far exceeds the size of its department."

Dr. Hamilton received his Bachelor's degree from Monmouth College, Illinois, and was awarded a Doctor's degree from Northwestern University. He joined the University staff in 1923 and has served the University since that time except for a two year period when he taught at Northwestern and another period when he was with the Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War II.

Author

Nearly 50 students have received their Doctor's degrees under Dr. Hamilton's guidance. Many of his former students are in important positions in industry. He has been the author of more than 90 papers in the fields of arsenic medicinal and heterocyclic chemistry and holds several chemical patents.

Dr. Hamilton will retire this June.

Stromer, Innocents president for 1954-55, was president of Red Cross and belongs to Nebraska Masquers chapter of the National Collegiate Players, Purple Masque, Kosmet Klub, Corn Cobs, Provost Corps, Student Council, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Kappa Phi.

Appointed to President Eisenhower's committee on collegiate problems, Stromer was one of five college students in the nation chosen to travel to Washington to confer on educational problems.

Stromer received two letters of recommendation, one of which said he was deserving of nomination because of "his unfailing interest in the University during his four years on campus and because of

his contributions to the betterment of the University."

To White House

The other letter stated, "Marvin, in representing the University of Nebraska, carried with him our school's Scarlet and Cream to the White House where he conferred with President Eisenhower. It was at this hour that Nebraska was represented and Marvin contributed to our State, our University and our Country."

Other nominations for Outstanding Nebraskan included Walt Wright, Junior Knobel, Doug Jensen, Jo Knapp, David Gradwohl, Dick Westcott and Nancy Odum. Faculty members nominated were Duane Lake, Orin Stepanek, Robert Knoll, Jake Geier and Dr. Arthur Westbrook.

Last semester's outstanding Nebraskans were Jack Rogers, Arts and Sciences senior, and Emanuel Wisnow, professor of violin and conductor of the University Orchestra.

Vollmer Elected

Dorm's Governor

Ruth Vollmer, junior in Agriculture, was elected governor of the Residence Halls for Women in a recent election.

Other officers are Ellie Elliott, vice president; Mary Sue Herbek, secretary; Marian Clark, treasurer, and Jackie Kilzer and LaVera Faimon, social chairmen.

Other members of the dorm council, official governing body, will be appointed in the fall.

'Harvey' To Open

Students Form Hayloft Summer Theater Group

Single and season tickets for Hayloft Summer Theater productions are now on sale. Prices are \$1 for single admissions; \$11 for a season ticket to the 13 scheduled plays.

Hayloft Summer Theater was purchased by a group of University students who wish to see summer stock continued in Lincoln.

"Harvey" written by Mary Chase, will open the season June 8. The play concerns a gentle alcoholic, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, a tall white rabbit named Harvey.

Production of "Harvey" and the other 12 plays will be handled completely by the student owners.

Members of the Hayloft Summer Theater Corporation are: president, Kathy O'Donnell; secretary-treasurer, Jack Parris; director, Bill Walton; promotion manager, Mary Stromer, and technical director, C. T. Weatherford. Barbara Leigh, James Boling, and Marian Ralston are board members.

All members of the corporation have been active in University Theater activities. Walton directed the Kosmet Klub Spring Show, "Bloomer Girl," and will receive his Master's Degree in theater in August.

Stock in the new corporation was purchased with the students' private funds. Mary Stromer said members believed some conscious effort should be made to keep summer theater in Lincoln, after the community has had summer

stock for five seasons.

Tryouts for cast openings will be Sunday and June 4. All casting will be done from the list of 20 people chosen from the tryouts, Stromer said.

Plays scheduled for production include "Ramshackle Inn," "Dial M for Murder," "Lo and Behold," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Life with Father." The season will last until Sept. 4. Performances of the plays will be given Wednesdays through Sundays.

Marv Stromer will play Elwood P. Dowd, the main character in "Harvey." Veta, his sister, will be played by Kathy O'Donnell. The cast also includes Jack Parris, Skip Weatherford, Barbara Leigh, Jim Copp, Luanne Raun, Mary Gattis, Ted Nittler, John Forsythe, Mary Sigler and Katy Kelley.

Season tickets and tickets for "Harvey" are now on sale and may be obtained by calling 5-7659.

Bosley Receives

Physics Handbook

Rex Bosley, sophomore in Arts and Sciences, received the physics department's achievement award for 1954-55.

The prize, a copy of the current "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics," is awarded each year jointly by the physics department and the publishers to the student who makes the most outstanding progress in any beginning physics course.

The Outside World Russia Charges U.S.

By DICK RALSTON
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The Soviet Union formally accepted Thursday an invitation to a top level Big Four conference. At the same time, it charged the United States was setting up conditions "which will doom the conference to failure."

"There is only one explanation," the Soviet note to the United States, Britain and France charged, "namely that the government of the U.S.A. contrary to its declaration does not desire to settle acute international problems."

Americans' Release Seen

American diplomats are reportedly of the opinion that Red China will take steps within the next month to release many of the Americans currently imprisoned behind the Bamboo Curtain.

The belief is based on what appears to be a general easing of Red China's belligerent attitude and on the belief that Red China will want to make a favorable impression on world opinion before the United Nations' 10th anniversary meeting in San Francisco, June 20. It is believed there are 41 civilians and 15 airmen still held in Chinese Communist prisons.

Tornadoes Take Lives

Tornadoes have killed at least 100 persons and injured over 700 others in Kansas and Oklahoma. Hardest hit was Udall, Kansas, where 56 persons lost their lives. The small town of 750 was described as virtually leveled.

African Uprisings

Eleven persons have been killed in uprisings in French North Africa. The new surge of violence between the authorities and nationalist extremists left the French rulers undecided whether to use a hard or soft policy in dealing with the trouble.