

Nebraska will be continued cold through Wednesday and partly cloudy Wednesday night. Temperature will reach a high Wednesday of 35-40 in the North to the 40's in the South.



At the Crib yesterday afternoon, a coed described her way of avoiding the public gaze when stuck with a disappointing blind date. "I just insist on seeing a Grade Z Western movie." A male student at the same coffee group responded, "I wondered why I saw 'West of the Pecos' twice last weekend."

## Menotti Opera: Two Days Left To Buy Tickets



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Students wishing to attend the Union's double bill opera presentation have only two days left to buy their tickets, according to Tom Olson, ticket chairman.

Additional tickets for reserved seats on the side aisles of the main floor are available at the student price of \$1.50, he said. Tickets may be obtained from Union house representatives and at a ticket booth in the Union.

"These new tickets are as good as the previous student section," Olson said.

The Union is presenting two of Gian-Carlo Menotti's modern operas Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Stuart Theater. "The Medium" and "The Telephone" will both be given in English with the original Broadway casts.

"Since an additional student section is open, the Union hopes that more students will take this opportunity to see these outstanding artistic works," Olson said.

"The Telephone," an opera-buffa, is a half-hour presentation given as a curtain-raiser. It is a comedy about a young woman who will not stop telephoning long enough for her fiancé to propose marriage, Olson explained.

Nadja Witkowska, lead in "The Telephone," has won the Grinnell Foundation Scholarship. She made her debut as Michaela with Rise Stevens in "Carman."

Marie Powers, an American-born continental opera star, will sing the lead in the feature presentation, "The Medium." She takes the part of a foredoomed spiritualist who eventually believes in her own mystic powers, he said. Miss Powers' appearance in Lincoln will be part of her first American tour. "The Medium" is her second starring role in a Menotti production.

The motion picture of "The Medium" was awarded a prize at the International Film Festival at Cannes in 1951. It is the only contemporary opera ever filmed.

Menotti, composer of both operas, has been acclaimed as the country's outstanding modern composer, Olson said. In 1954, his "The Saint of Bleeker Street" won both the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Award.

Last spring, the University Singers in conjunction with Madrigals presented Menotti's "The Consul." His other works include "The Island God," "Amelia Goes to the Ball," and "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Both "The Telephone" and "The

Medium" are similar plays, Olson said. Since they are both written in English with modern plots, all students will be able to understand and appreciate the presentations, he added.

"A cultural production of this caliber seldom comes to Lincoln, and every student should take advantage of this opportunity to see two Menotti operas presented by Broadway casts, he said.

Students who do not have their tickets by Thursday night take a chance on buying unsold reserved seats at regular prices at the door, Olson said.

## Parade: Themes Of Floats Named

Twenty-two groups have entered floats so far for the Homecoming parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 12.

The parade will consist of the floats, Homecoming Queen candidates, Pershing Rifles crack squad, Tassels float, Color Guard, cheerleaders, and the University band. Floats entered with their slogans are:

Farmhouse, "Steamed Up for Colorado"; Alpha Gamma Sigma, "Plow under the Buffs"; BABW, "Bisect the Bisons"; Selleck Quad 1, "Huskers De feet Buffalos"; Selleck Quad 2, "Let's Husk Those Buffalos"; Selleck Quads 3 and 4, "Declaration of Independents."

Delta Sigma Phi, "Husker's Crew Makes Buffalo Stew"; Alpha Gamma Rho, "The End Is Near"; Sigma Nu, "Down with the Buffs"; Kappa Sigma, "Let's Send the Buffs from Here to Infinity"; Towne Club, "Clean Up Buffalo Week."

Red Cross, "Red Cross Specs See Buffalo Wrecks"; Terrace Hall, "Shave Them Clean with Buffalo Cream"; N Club no slogan; International House, "The World's For You"; Delta Omicron, "Let's Swing A Victory."

University Rodeo Club, "Strip 'Em"; Ag Men's Social Club, "Brand the Buffalos with a Nebraska Victory"; Union, "Boil the Buffalos"; Brown Palace, "Bury the Buffs"; Howard Hall, no slogan.

The float competition is divided into three categories: honorary, including all groups with mixed membership; men's, submitted from organized and other men's houses; houses and other women's groups entering. Panhellenic ruling does not permit sororities to enter.

Judging will be based on the quality and labeling of the welcome extended to the grads, appeal, originality, effort, resourcefulness, and effect. The names of the judges have not been released.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners at the Homecoming Dance Nov. 12. A permanent plaque for first place in each division and a traveling plaque for honorable mention will be given.



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## Shoe Shiners

Cathy Olds, Jan Lindquist, Mitzi Mitchell and Phyllis Cast bend to their task of shining shoes in the Mortar Board Shoe Shining Booth in the Union.

The senior women's honorary earned approximately \$30 for the All University Fund in their stand Monday, according to Carole Unterseher, chairman.

The Mortar Boards, resplendent in white smocks and levis, blacked the shoes of more than 100 customers, mostly male. Even a painter repairing the Union

took time to have his spattered shoes "retouched."

Shoe shining lessons were given to the 19 girls prior to the opening of the stand by John Gourlay, president of Innocents.

Other bootblacks seen working through the afternoon were Sharon Mangold, Shirley Dewey, Giney Wilcox, Carol Thompson, Shirley Jesse, Gail Katske, Kay Nosky, Marilyn Bideck, Shirley Rochman, Suzy Good, Barbara Clark, Joyce Taylor, Glenna Berry and Clare Hinman.

## Homecoming Dance: Corn Cobs, Tassels Now Selling Tickets

Tickets for the annual Homecoming dance, Nov. 12, are now on sale by Tassels and Corn Cobs at \$3 per couple. The dance will be held at the Coliseum.

Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra are playing for the dance. His band has been called "America's Number One Band" by the country's leading music publications ever since they played their first date in 1950, Norm Creutz, president of Corn Cobs, said.

Up to 1949, Flanagan built up a reputation as an arranger and was well known in the music business. That same year RCA Victor was looking for someone who could turn out instrumental sides with a strong instrumental dance beat

which would generate a new interest in dance music. They chose Flanagan.

During his first eighteen months with Victor, Flanagan and his band cut over 80 record sides plus a Rodgers and Hammerstein album which became the top pop album for the year.

Until March of 1950 the Flanagan band was strictly a studio recording band. Finally in response to an overwhelming demand by colleges, ballrooms, theaters, and night clubs, he scheduled the orchestra's debut. At Wrentham, Mass., the 4-day-old-band attracted one of the largest crowds in the history of New England ballroom business. Four thousand people, approximately, were turned away.

During their first year together, the orchestra grossed a half-million dollars, played to an estimated three million people, broke attendance and gross records in many of the nation's top dance band spots, had 44 weeks of sponsored commercial radio shows, was spotlighted on several television programs, recorded a long list of top selling records and the nation's top selling pop album.

The records show that Flanagan launched his band when the ballroom business was at its lowest ebb — yet he has consistently drawn capacity crowds. He says he has no secret. The public wants music they can listen to and dance to so I give it to them with no gimmicks attached, he added.

## Union Plans Arts Series Programs

The Arts series sponsored by the Union will provide a varied program of music, drama, and dance, Clare Hinman, Union Board member, said.

The Series will include dancer Paul Draper, Gloria Lan, mezzo-soprano, and "Actor's Holiday."

Tickets for the series will be on sale Friday for students and Nov. 9 for the public. Prices are \$2.25 for students, \$3.00 for faculty, \$5.00 for patron. These prices are for all three programs, Miss Hinman stressed. Membership is limited to 600, the seating capacity of the Union ballroom.

Paul Draper will be on the first program Nov. 17. Draper combines tap with modified ballet movement, and some of his numbers will be character sketches. Marge Redmond, Lee Kreiger, George Ebeling, Lillian Little and Stuart Vaughn will star in several plays and sketches when "The Actor's Holiday" is presented Jan. 18.

Gloria Lane will appear Feb. 16. She has sung in numerous operas, T.V. and radio programs, and also has appeared with The Robin Hood Dell Orchestra and the New York City Opera Company.

Each Honor Award winner has one panel representing his work. Of the 27 panels on display, five received First Honor Awards and 22 received an Award of Merit.

## Engineering Post Interviews Set

R. J. Dombrow, Recruiter for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona, Calif., will conduct interviews Nov. 17, for all seniors and graduate engineering students interested in employment at the laboratory.

Appointments for interviews may be made by contacting the placement office at 323 Social Science or Dean Colbert's office, Ellen Smith Hall.

## Union To Present Book Discussions

The Union is presenting the first in a series of book discussions entitled "Books and Coffee" Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Union Room 315.

Mrs. W. D. Douglas, manager of the book department in a local department store, will discuss new books of the fall publishing season. There is no admission charge.

## Honor Award Architecture On Display

Architectural panels representing the best architecture in the United States last year are on display until Nov. 9 on the second floor of Architectural Hall, Linus Smith, chairman of the architecture department, announced.

The panels are part of the Seventh Annual Honor Awards exhibit of Outstanding American Architecture. The awards were given at the 87th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects, June, 1955, in Minneapolis, Minn.

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## AUF Exec Board Filings Announced

AUF exec board filings began Tuesday and will run to Nov. 9, Andy Smith, AUF president, announced.

Applications are available in the AUF office for positions on the board, which include president, vice president of solicitations, vice president of publicity, secretary and treasurer.

Applicants must have a 5.5 average and have had one year of experience on the AUF board. Interviews will be on Nov. 10 in the AUF office.

## Food Handlers

Remaining meetings of the University's annual Food Handlers Institute will be held in the Union Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 3 and 7:15 p.m.

## Survey Tabulations: Students Favor Two Week Exam

By MARY SHELLDY Copy Editor

Students favor a two-week final exam period by a ratio of 4 1/2 to 1, according to incomplete and unofficial tabulation of the survey taken Friday by the Student Council.

Approximately ten per cent of the packets, containing ten classes' opinions, have not yet been totaled, persons working on the poll said.

By Tuesday afternoon, preferences of 2342 students had been counted. Favoring a two-week period were 1922; 420 students voted for a one-week length. The survey represents incomplete returns from all colleges but Law and Dentistry.

Faculty results have not been fully tallied, Marv Breslow, chairman of Student Council committee on final exams and calendar, said.

All outstanding returns should be sent as soon as possible, Breslow said, to Prof. D. A. Worcester, Teachers College Room 309.

The survey, under the auspices of the Student Council, was sent to be handed out in all 10 a.m. classes Oct. 28. Fourteen questions were asked, resembling closely the 1950 poll taken by a special committee of the Faculty Senate.

Only the fifth and sixth questions were tabulated for the incomplete total, as they were the ones relating most closely to the issue, Council representatives said.

The fifth question on the form read:

"A. The present plan allows for a one-day reading period and 10 days for examinations for the first semester and a one-day reading period and nine days for examinations for the second semester.

"B. The tentative calendar would allow for no reading period and would provide six days for examinations. As a result of this proposed plan, at least two days for instruction could be added to the first semester, at least three days to the second semester, and the school year would close one week earlier.

"Which plan do you prefer? A—, B—."

The unofficial totals by colleges showing preference for a two-week period:

College of Agriculture: two week 250; one week, 100; a ratio of 2 1/2 to 1.

Arts and Sciences: two weeks, 435; one week, 59; a ratio of 8 to 1.

Business Administration: two weeks, 314; one week, 58; ratio preferring two weeks, 5 1/2 to 1.

Engineering: two weeks, 516, one week, 131; 4 to 1.

Pharmacy: two weeks, 48, one week, 4; 12 to 1.

Teachers: two weeks, 322; one week, 49; 7 to 1.

Unclassified: two weeks, 37; one week, 19; 2 to 1.

The poll was not a vote of the whole student body, or of all professors, Breslow said. Ten a.m.

## English: Freshman Students Exempted

Three students out of the entering freshman class of 2,200 have been exempted from freshman English courses.

They are Louis Dickinson, Fred F. Hu and Barbara Michelmann. They were in a special two-weeks English course of 43 students which met at the beginning of the year three times a week under the direction of Dr. Wilber Gaffney, assistant professor of English.

The students wrote one theme each class period and one theme each week outside of class. The three were exempted on the basis of these themes.

Two transfer students, who had been exempted from English composition at their previous schools, were also declared eligible for advanced courses at the University.

They are Charles Beans and Warren Burt.

The special exemption program was set up in 1945. Kenneth Forward, associate professor and supervisor of freshman English, said it was planned for students for whom it would be "a waste of time to take freshman English."

Approximately the upper 10 per cent of the entering students qualifying for English 3 are eligible to take part in the two-week session. Successful students may be exempted from just English 3 or both English 3 and 4.

The number exempted is usually very small, Prof. Forward said. The largest group totaled 10 in 1951.

Friday classes were picked for the survey because the greatest number of students could be reached then.

Aiding the Council committee on exams and calendar are Worcester and Mrs. Ben Alpuerto, graduate student, who is conducting the poll as part of research for an M.A.

Results of the survey of student and faculty opinion on exam period length will be presented to the Faculty Senate Nov. 8 in connection with the minority report opposing the tentative calendar providing for one week.

The poll was authorized by Council

vote Oct. 19. Complete and final results of the poll will be printed in subsequent issues of the Nebraskan.

## The Challenge

"The Challenge," a weekly series of columns written especially for The Nebraskan, begins today on the editorial page. The column, written by world famous personalities, today features Harry Truman, Herman Wouk, Doris Fleece, Roscoe Drummond and E. B. White.

## Sophomore Coeds: Five Finalists Announced For AUF Activity Queen

Finalists for Activity Queen are Nancy Salter, Barb Sharp, Beverly Buck, Marilyn Heck and Sara Hubka.

The Queen will be selected from the finalists on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 315. She will then be presented at the AUF auction Nov. 16.

Nancy Salter is the representative from YWCA. She is a member of Builders, Red Cross, president of Alpha Lambda Delta and Pi Beta Phi.

Barb Sharp is the representative from the Nebraskan. Her activities include Red Cross, NUCWA, YWCA, Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Zeta Delta.

The representative from the Union is Marilyn Heck. She is a member of Coed Counselors, Builders, Alpha Lambda Delta, Cornhusker and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Beverly Buck, who represents Builders, is a member of AUF, Alpha Lambda Delta, Coed Counselors, Cornhusker and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Representing the Cornhusker is Sara Hubka. She is on AWS Board, and Builders and Delta Gamma.

Judges for the interviews were Miss Bernice Slot, assistant English professor; Wesley Poe, Director of Junior Division and AUF advisor; Rev. Rex Knowles, pastor House and AUF advisor; Andy Smith, AUF president; and Gail Katske, AUF vice president.

Other candidates and the organization they represented are the following:

Marge Copley, Coed Counselors; Marie Gerdes, Home Ec Club; Ann Olson, Red Cross; Elaine Sack-Schewsky, Tassels; Lou Selk, BABW; Janice Schrader, WAA; June Stefanisin, NUCWA; Nancy Wilson, Ag YW and Karen Dryden, AWS.

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## A-Energy Use To Be Probed At Conference

National authorities on the peace-time and practical use of nuclear energy will be featured in a Nuclear Energy Institute to be held Dec. 1 and 2 at the University, Chancellor Clifford Hardin, announced Tuesday.

The Institute, directed primarily to Nebraska management, will present up-to-date information on the immediate and future use of nuclear energy.

The conference, one of the first of its kind to be held in the Midwest, will be sponsored by the Nebraska Resources Division, Associated Industries of Nebraska, and the University Extension Division.

Hardin said the topics for discussion will include the use of isotopes and their application in food processing, food preservation, and in many other manufacturing fields.

Efforts are now being made to obtain speakers who participated in the recent Atomic Energy Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, Hardin said.

Nathan Gold, of Lincoln, chairman of the Nebraska Resources Foundation, said although the Institute is being especially planned for Nebraska management, its results will benefit the entire state.

"The Institute will not be highly technical. It will present practical, interesting, factual data on what is being done today and what will be accomplished tomorrow," he said.

"We believe that management will be challenged by the new opportunities presented in this conference, and we feel confident they will find expanding horizons for their business and its future profit," Gold said.

## Lessons Feature 'Beep Boop' Step

The "Beep Boop" step will be featured at the dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night in the Union Ballroom. The jitterbug step will also be featured.

The dance instructor is E. C. Gass, manager of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

"We've been having a good turnout although we do need girls," Diane Major, secretary of the Union dance committee, said.



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## 'Youngster' Honored

When the Lincoln Rotary Club planned a luncheon Tuesday honoring members' oldest employees, Chancellor Clifford Hardin (right) invited Prof. Herbert Davis, 66, (left) of the dairy husbandry department. Davis, however, is a member of the Rotary Club, so he and Hardin invited Dr. Leroy Laase, (center), chairman of the speech department, as their guest a "youngster" of 50.