

Housemother Fee Retires

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Mrs. O. J. Fee, Sigma Nu housemother for the past twenty-two years, has announced her retirement effective at the end of this semester. Mrs. Fee expects to make a

tour of the British Isles this summer. In the summer of 1954 she made a trip around the world and last summer she was a student at the University of Mexico. In a specially arranged interview with The Nebraskan, Mrs. Fee explained that her decision to

retire was impulsive. "After twenty-two years as a housemother I simply was tired", she said. In the summer of 1954 Mrs. Fee flew from Omaha to Malaya to visit her son who is in charge of Far Eastern operations of a large rubber company. She told of driving through the rubber plantations while bands of Communist guerrillas were in the hills. She explained that the Communists had wrecked the railroad tracks and the armies were attempting to repair them as she and her son drove through. "I wasn't particularly nervous", she said calmly, "but my son seemed very relieved when we were out of the area."

That same day, Mrs. Fee said, they dined at the rubber plantation while shooting went on around them. That evening as they sat in the living room they heard the sounds of fighting all around. "That night," Mrs. Fee related, "my son and one of the men who was also one of my fraternity boys stood guard outside so that I could sleep in peace. In the morning they showed the bullet marks on the porch."

Last summer Mrs. Fee was a student at the University of Mexico. This summer she will motor through the British Isles with friends. She will leave the last part of July and be gone about two months.

Mrs. Fee said that she expected to settle down in Lincoln upon her return to the States. But it doesn't seem that she will stay settled long. She is expecting to make another trip to visit her son soon where she might stay as long as a year. Or she may go to New York to see her grandchildren who have spent most of their lives in schools abroad.

Mrs. Fee stated that she has enjoyed her position as housemother immensely and that she will certainly miss it. "After twenty-two years as a housemother one couldn't help but miss it." But it doesn't seem that life will be dull for this woman!



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Housemother Retires

Pictured above is Mrs. O. J. Fee, housemother for Sigma Nu fraternity for twenty-two years, who has announced her retirement. The Sigma Nu's are giving a party for Mrs. Fee next Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the

Sigma Nu house. All members and alumni of the fraternity are invited as well as parents, friends, and members of the University, Charlie Gomom, house president, said.

Outstanding Nebraskan:

Four Additional Letters Of Nomination Received



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Peterson Smith Meadows Miss Katskee

The names of three more students and one professor have been submitted to the Nebraskan as nominees for the "Outstanding Nebraskan" award.

The students are Gail Katskee, Andy Smith and Marx Peterson. The faculty member is Dr. Paul Meadows, professor of sociology.

Miss Katskee was nominated as "a person respected by students and faculty alike for her many outstanding qualities as a fine student and leader." The letter also said, "she has brought new prestige to every group that she has been a part of."

Miss Katskee is a Phi Beta Kappa, past president of Mortar Board, a member of Student Council for three years, active in YWCA and an outstanding worker in radio and television.

Smith was cited as a person whose "service to the university has had a direct bearing on the success of many organizations and projects."

The nominating letter went on to say that along with his activities, Smith "has shown outstanding abilities in scholastic endeavor as is exemplified in his recent admittance to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor."

Smith, a senior in Arts and Sciences, is a member of Innocents, past president of AUF, past treasurer of Builders, a former Student Council member, past president of Beta Theta Pi, and past historian of Kosmet Klub.

In his nominating letter, Peterson was declared to have "shown a definite interest in people and has been a definite asset to his fraternity and the University."

Peterson was called "a man of high moral and religious ideals, who is honest with himself and with others."

Thacker Wins Blue Print Article Prize

Winners of the Blue Print article contest, announced Saturday, are Jerry Thacker, sophomore, Bill Daily, sophomore, and Sanford McConnell, freshman in Arts and Sciences.

Thacker won first prize with his article on Gate City Steel of Omaha, entitled, "Putting Steel To Use." Thacker is majoring in mechanical engineering and has been employed by Gate City Steel.

Daily discussed a revolutionary method of cutting extra-hard metals by electric spark machining. McConnell's third place article was entitled "Halting the Jet," and detailed several approaches industry is attempting to solve the problem of slowing down jet aircraft for landing.

Roy Green, Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, presented the awards to the three winners. Green commended the prize recipients on the "excellent writing they displayed."

"His fine leadership in student activities sets an example for all who know him," the nomination stated. The letter lauded Peterson as "not only a good leader, but an excellent follower."

A senior in Agricultural College, Peterson is a member of Innocents, past secretary of Corn Cobs, past president of the AG Union Activities Board, former member of Student Council, former president of the Lutheran Student Association, and a member of several honorary agricultural fraternities.

Dr. Meadows was said to conduct "lively and stimulating lectures." Professionally, the nominating letter said, "he is keenly aware of human interpersonal relationships and has readily volunteered his time and services to the communities of Nebraska."

The letter continued that Dr. Meadows "has held and now holds many executive posts in various national sociological organizations and is a thoughtful and prolific writer." Dr. Meadows publications include six books and many articles.

Others nominated for the award include, Carole Unterseher, Dick Fellman, Ray Morgan, professor of photo-journalism, Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, Dr. Edgar Johnson, Mike Shugrue, Janet Gordon, Dr. Lane Lancaster, and Dr. Carl Georgi.

Concert To Premier NU Music

Original compositions by Robert Beadell, instructor in composition and theory, and Jack McKie, a graduate student, will be featured in the annual spring concert Thursday of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national professional music fraternity.

The Glee Club and Sinfonette will perform Beadell's song, "Lilacs," which was written especially for the concert, to be held at 8 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

Beadell has received national recognition for his instrumental and choral works.

McKie's number, "Carnival Suite," will be performed by the society's brass quartet.

The Glee Club will sing, "Unknown Warrior Speaks," by Kennan, with William Bush as director; "Holiday Song," by Schuman, with Wendell Friest director; "Norse Lullaby," by Sowerby; "Pianola d'Amore," by Fine; and "Simon Legree," by Moore, with Rod Walker, baritone, and Roger Schroeder, tenor as soloists.

The Glee Club and Brass Choir will play "Carnival Song," by Piston. Also on the program is "String Quartet No. 1 in D Minor," by Thompson.

The concert will be directed by Wesley Reist, instructor in music. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Government: New Course Scheduled Next Fall

A new course in modern government, Political Science 10, will be open to students registering next fall, according to Robert Morgan, associate professor of political science.

The new course is not open to any student with credit in Political Science 1, 2, 4 or equivalent credits transferred from another college.

Political Science 30, foreign governments, will also be offered with same prerequisites as the present Political Science 2, according to Morgan.

Any student who is a sophomore or above by the first 1956-57 semester may take 100 level courses, Morgan said.

Students who have had 12 hours of Political Science or the equivalent in related fields may take Political Science 199 and 200 level courses, Morgan stated.

Applications Due For Scholarships

Students who wish to be considered for LaVerne Noyes scholarships for the fall term should make application promptly to Lee Chatfield, assistant to the dean of student affairs.

Only blood descendants of World War I veterans are eligible for the Noyes scholarships which are worth \$75 a semester.

Chatfield emphasized that students who are attending the University with benefit of a Noyes scholarship must re-apply if they wish to be considered for another Noyes award. Reapplications should be submitted by June 1, and all applications are due prior to July 1.

Building Plans:

Students Urged To Examine Proposed Union Enlargement

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Displays of the various plans proposed for the new Union building will be set up in the Main Lounge of the Union Friday, according to Duane Lake, Manager of the Union.

Students are urged to observe the displays and comment upon them so that the Union will know which plans met with greatest student approval, Lake said.

The Union has been working with several plans in mind and now wishes an expression of student opinion on which plan should be final. Questionnaires will be provided near the exhibits so the students may express their reactions, according to Lake.

Tentative plans include a million and a half dollar addition to be extended over the present parking area.

According to present plans, the new addition will turn the Union so that the main entrance is on "S" street. Bricked terraces, glassed-in rooms and sunken gardens are proposed parts of the addition.

The most interesting proposal from the point of view of the student, according to Lake, is the fountain-lounge area.

"The union has decided that the present system of separating the fountain and the lounge area is unsatisfactory, Lake said. The new addition will combine the two so that the expanded Crib will provide different types of seating around low circular tables.



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Aeschbacher Named To Head State Society To Succeed Dr. Olson At Museum



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'Outstanding': Dinner Honors W. Burr

W. W. Burr, dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture, was honored at a banquet Friday night by the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement as an "outstanding researcher, teacher, and administrator."

Dean Burr came to Nebraska from Indiana graduating from the College of Agriculture in 1906. At that time he accepted a cooperative position with the University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture as an agronomist at the North Platte Agricultural Experiment Station.

His work at the station led him in 1913 to be assistant agronomist in the Office of Dry Land Agriculture in Washington, D. C. He came back to Nebraska in 1916 as head of the agronomy department and was later appointed assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. He became dean of the College of Agricultural Experiment Station in 1928; a post he held until his retirement in 1948.

"We called upon Burr and colleagues to assess the past, to contemplate the present, and to chart a course for the future at a time when agriculture was undergoing a profound revolution," Senator O. H. Liebers, Lincoln, told those attending the banquet. "And, as we can all testify, our society does not always provide men like Burr with all of the tools required to accomplish the mission."

"Yet, I believe it is a marvelous thing that men such as Burr persevered. Our agricultural progress would be much less than it is today had they not persevered. This calls for something more—much more—than technical competence, as important as that attribute is," Liebers continued.

"It also requires a warm heart, an understanding spirit, sound judgment, courage, responsibility, insight, and humility. These are the qualities that not only helped Burr understand and appreciate the dynamics of agriculture, but the men and women who earn their livelihood from it" Liebers stated. "We have come a long way in Nebraska agriculture and a generous share of credit for this achievement belongs to Burr."

Other speakers on the program who told of Burr's accomplishments were L. L. Zook, retired superintendent of the North Platte Experiment Station and W. H. Brokaw, retired director of extension at the University.

Dr. William Aeschbacher, associate professor of history at Kentucky State College, Murray, Kentucky, has been named Director of the State Historical Society to succeed Dr. James Olson, who will become chairman of the department of history at the University.

Dr. Aeschbacher attended the University and received his bachelor's degree in 1940, a Master's degree in 1946 and a Ph.D. in history in 1948.

Prior to beginning his graduate work, Dr. Aeschbacher taught one year at Madrid in Perkins county. During World War II he served in the Army in the Pacific, he enlisted as a private and was discharged as a first lieutenant.

Dr. Aeschbacher's doctoral dissertation was a history of the cattle industry in the Sandhills. He has published two articles on the subject in "Nebraska History," the quarterly journal of the State Historical Society.

He is a member of the American Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the Nebraska State Historical Society. During the past year he has been membership chairman for Kentucky of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Arthur Carmody of Trenton, president of the State Historical Society's executive board, said that the board felt very fortunate in being able to secure a man of Dr. Aeschbacher's professional preparation and standing who at the same time is intimately acquainted with Nebraska.

"We feel that with Dr. Aeschbacher we can continue to develop all aspects of the Society's work,"

expanding its services to the people of Nebraska and maintaining its position as one of the nation's leading historical societies," he said.

Dr. Aeschbacher will assume his duties August 1. Prior to that he will teach during the summer session in the department of history at the University.



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Key Winners

Recipients of the "Nebraska Glee Club Testimonial Keys" named Thursday night include, left to right, seated, Ernest Eng-

lish, Bruce Martin, Ronald Bath; left to right, standing, Burton Johnson and Harry Grasmick.

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Glee Club Members Honored

The University Varsity Men's Glee Club recognized five of its members Thursday evening for outstanding contributions to the success of the newly organized musical group.

At the Glee Club's first annual banquet, Dale Ganz, director and assistant professor of voice, presented the "Nebraska Glee Club Testimonial Keys" to:

Burton Johnson, assistant student director and a junior in the College of Engineering and Architecture.

Harry Grasmick, accompanist and a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ronald Bath, a junior in College of Agriculture.

Bruce Martin, a senior in the College of Business Administration.

Ernest English, freshman in Junior Division.

The recipients were selected by members of the Glee Club, who based their voting on musical contributions, cooperation and interest.

Ganz told the group that the Glee Club performed before 18,000 people during the past school year, the group's first complete year of concerts. The organization sang before groups at David City, Newman Grove, Stanton, Omaha, Plattsmouth and Malcolm.

Panhell: Seventh Rush Date Favored

The Panhellenic Council voted to continue the seventh party during Rush Week next year, according to Mary Lou Pittack, president.

The seventh party, which was instigated last year in order to give the rushees a chance to see more houses, has been the subject of much controversy. Many sororities maintained that seven parties, were too many.

A poll was taken in all of the houses as to desirability of continuing the seventh party. It was almost unanimously in favor of its continuation.

The Panhellenic Council also announced a Rush School for alumni and active rush chairmen to be held May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Also suggested at the meeting was an all-pledge party to be held next fall for the pledge classes of all fraternities and sororities. This would probably be in the form of a dance, with a name band, according to Miss Pittack, who said that this had been tried with great success at Iowa State University.

A Panhellenic television show was also proposed. The various sororities would alternate in putting on the show which would be both a talent show and a documentary.

Colleen Oshlund was appointed chairman of the handbook committee, which is sent to all rushees.

Theater Awards: Masquers Recognize Outstanding Actors

Josephine Margolin and Bonna Tebo tied for the best actress oscar award given by the University Masquers chapter of National Collegiate Players.

Jack Parris was presented the oscar for the best actor, at the 12th annual Masquers award dinner Saturday.

The three top actors all received awards for their performances in the University Theater production of "Mary of Scotland." It was the second year that Miss Margolin received the award.

Miss Margolin portrayed Mary Stuart. Last year she won the award for her performance as Countess Aurelia in the "Madwoman of Chailot."

Miss Tebo portrayed Queen Elizabeth and Parris did Bothwell.

Presented Oscars for supporting roles were Miss Trudy Scriven and Jerry Carlson. Miss Scriven played Edith in "Blithe Spirit" and Carlson was John Knox in "Mary of Scotland."

Winners of the Purple Mask, highest honor bestowed by the University Theater, were James Tomasek, a graduate student; Jim Copp, junior; and Norman Leger, a 1949 graduate and director of the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

Named as honorary members of Masquers for their contributions to the organization and to University Theater were Mrs. Della Ken-

ny, theater business manager; Jerry Bass, technical director and Earl Jenkins, assistant professor of music who served as musical director of "La Boheme."

Named as new associate members of Nebraska Masquers were: Doris Growcock, Don Dick, Gene Hare and Don Auld.

New student members are, Tom Adams, Linda Beal, Phyllis Chard, Karen Peterson, Dolly Rejda, Scriven, Sondra Sherman, Stephanie Sherdeman, Charles Weatherford, Miss Tebo and Bernard Skalka.

Joe Hill and John Madden were presented the Masquers Award to Outstanding Freshmen.

Jacquie Miller and Weatherford received the Laboratory Theater Acting Award.

Other awards include; Parris and Copp, Masquers Service Award; Miss Scriven, University Theater Technical Award and Copp, Laboratory Theater Directing Award.

University Composers Given Awards

Four awards for outstanding original compositions by University music students were given Thursday evening by two national professional music societies.

Receiving the Phi Mu Epsilon Sinfonia awards were: William Bush for his composition for a piano, "Fugue in G Major" and Wendell Friest, for his song composed for an oboe.

Winners of the Pi Kappa Lambda awards were: Jack McKie for his fantasy for a woodwind quintet, "Mr. Magoo" and Charles Palmer for his string-quartet composition, "Allegro Moderato."

The awards were presented at the University's annual concert of original compositions.