



Officers Plan Drive

Executive officers of All University Fund discuss plans for the annual drive which will begin Tuesday with a Kick-off Banquet. Officers are (left to right) Ben Belmont, secretary; Sam Jensen, vice president in charge of publicity; Art Weaver, secretary; Jeanne Elliot, president, and Beth Keenan, vice president for solicitations.

Unicameral: Legislature Marks Twentieth Birthday

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This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Nebraska unicameral legislature. During the 1935 session of the legislature, then bicameral, several men, supporting the unicameral issue, started petitioning the state in an attempt to put the amendment on that year's ballot.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

United States Senator George Norris, Dr. John Sennings, J. N. Norton, former congressman, and James Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, were the main supporters in the unicameral issue. In the election that year the issue was put on the ballot and the people of the state amended the constitution with one hundred thousand vote majority.

The unicameral is no longer an experiment but an excellent legislative set up and more efficiency and economy can be wrought from the unicameral than from the bicameral. Hugo Srb, Clerk of the Legislature, said that although Nebraska is the only state with this kind of legislative set up there are many countries in the world that have adopted the unicameral system for their government.

Included in these countries are: Denmark, Lybia, Formosa (Taiwan), and the Virgin Islands. Nine out of the ten Canadian provinces have instituted the unicameral system of government. The main reason other states have not been able to change their systems is because their constitutions do not permit the use of the initiative or the referendum. Even if the amendment were presented in one of the houses and passed, the other house would vote it down because the amendment would mean the abolition of one of the houses.

There are many improvements in the unicameral that were not present in the bicameral. The legislative districts were set up according to population, the most democratic system of representation. The districts average about 31,000 people to a representative. By having only one representative, the people are able to concentrate their interests in the government on one person instead of spreading it over four or five people.

Under the unicameral system a bill can't be passed in less than five days. This provision is made in the constitution. In many states a bill can be rushed through in one day.

A notice of the committee hearing is given five days in advance of the committee meeting. Anyone is free to go to the committee hearings on bills and does not have to be a member of any certain organization.

The cost of operating the legislature was cut almost in half under

the unicameral and still is considerably lower than the bicameral operating cost. A one-hundred day session in the old legislature cost \$173,025.00, compared to the \$121,300.00 cost in the unicameral.

More bills were introduced in the bicameral but very few were passed in proportion to the unicameral. In 1935, 1056 bills were introduced and only 192 bills were passed. In the last session 559 bills were introduced and 354 were passed. This is good evidence that the unicameral legislature far exceeds the bicameral in efficiency, and economy.

The Committee on Legislative Processes and Procedures of the Council of State Governors which met in Chicago in 1950, made twelve recommendations to the 48 state legislatures on how to up the efficiency of their operations. Out of these twelve recommendations, the Nebraska legislature was only deficient in one. That deficiency was in the salary paid to the legislators.

In an editorial in the Kansas City Star, Richard Childs, chairman of the executive committee of the National Municipal League, stated, "Improvements in other governmental areas are leaving the legislatures as the most backward incompetent and machine ruled of our institutions. They are filled with small fry, ranging from the nice young lawyers supplementing their incomes to party hacks who do the bidding of their masters, with a few devoted senior habitues who know the business and make a small, ill-paid profession of the service."

Children urged other states to study the Nebraska unicameral system. He said members are fewer and their policies and legislative attitudes are easier for the voters to follow because the Nebraska legislature is elected by a non-partisan vote. "The combination of far more power and dignity per member with the intrinsic debatability of their highly interesting tasks can lift the members into visibility and reduce the scatteration of power", he explained.

A book, "American State", compiled by twelve members of the American Legislative Committee, praised the Nebraska unicameral legislature as one of the most democratic and efficient legislatures in effect.

AFROTC Parade

The University AFROTC held the first Wing parade on Friday at 5 p.m.

The parade was reviewed by Col. Carten Duncan, acting professor of Air Science and Tactics. Cadet officer of the day was 1st Lt. Robert Killey.

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5:30 Here's to Vets
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6:00 Concert Hall
6:55 KNUS Radio News
7:00 Sports Picture
7:15 Big Show

Democracy: Breckinridge Emphasizes Leadership

American democracy needs bold leadership, Dr. A. C. Breckinridge, Dean of Faculties, told members of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society, Wednesday.

He said the people of the United States put more emphasis on the spirit and philosophy of democracy and less on the mechanics. Dr. A. C. Breckinridge spoke on "Making Democracy Responsible".



Courtesy Lincoln Star

"The totality of imagination, the force and power of our ideas, the products of our creative endeavor, all should be mobilized if we are to realize the dream of harmony, peace, and a good life."

He added: "Our great task always will be to reconcile diverse interests, and when there are no diverse interests it will be a signal that democracy is waning or has gone down the drain."

Dr. Breckinridge said this circumstance has always disturbed the politician, the administrator, and also the individual member of the society.

But he asked: "If it seems aggravating to us now, what turmoil and confusion may we expect in 20 or 50 years as our society becomes even more complex?"

"Even today we are fraught with attempts through majority rule to reconcile and integrate social interests long and continuously in conflict."

Dr. Breckinridge said that to suggest status quo is "to deny the force of man's greatest power, his power to think, to create, and to search into the unknown."

Ag Policy: University Couple Compiles Handbook

With the exception of agricultural economists, a University of Nebraska student and his wife may be the best informed persons in the state on the farm problem. Jere and Ruth McGaffey have read in the last year nearly 1,000 articles on the subject in magazines, books, and government publications.

This prodigious amount of work was not strictly for pleasure or enlightenment, however. It was for profit since they contracted to prepare "A Complete Handbook on Agricultural Policy" for the National Debate Research Company.

The handbook is being used by high school students whose national debate and discussion topics this year deal with the farm problem.

The factor of distance in addition to the necessity for detailed research complicated the couple's task in preparing the handbook. Although most engaged couples carry on a lengthy correspondence when separated by a few hundred miles, last year Ruth and Jere were as concerned with their research as they were with plans for their late summer wedding.

Jere was then a junior at the University majoring in economics. In addition to carrying more than 20 credit hours and maintaining a superior scholastic record, he was an outstanding member of the debate team.

He met Ruth Michelsen in 1954 when she was working toward her

master's degree in speech at the University. Last year she was teaching at Concordia College in Moorehead, Minn.

During Thanksgiving vacation the couple prepared a preliminary outline of probable arguments on both the three debate and the three discussion questions.

Throughout the rest of the year they each did research compiling a bibliography on the farm question from Readers Guides for the last five years and from lists of government publications. They read most of these articles and prepared more than 800 summaries or quotations.

As soon as school ended in June, Ruth and Jere started compiling the information. They prepared both an affirmative and a negative brief for each of the three debate questions. Then the 800 "bits of evidence" were numbered and noted at the proper places in the briefs. They also drew up a suggested outline for each of the three discussion questions.

Their handbook contains two other important sections. The first of these is devoted to background material. It explains terms and concepts such as "parity prices" and "production payments" used in discussing farm programs. It also summarizes recent agricultural acts and proposals. The last section is a "who's who."

The mountainous research task done, Jere and Ruth were married in August. Ruth now is teaching at Southeast High School in Lincoln and Jere is completing work toward his bachelor's degree at the University.

Applications: NATO To Sponsor Scholarship Study

For the second year the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will sponsor a scholarship program to further the study of the common traditions, historical experience and present needs of the North Atlantic community.

Competition in the United States opened Aug. 1 and closes Nov. 1, 1956. Candidates who have applied for United States Government foreign study grants under the Fulbright Act may also enter the NATO competition.

Awards for the 1957-58 academic year will be announced April 4, 1957, the 8th anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Applicants for the NATO scholarships must be United States citizens in good health. Preference will be given to candidates with some graduate training.

Language proficiency will be essential for placement in non-English-speaking countries. Scholars will be selected on the basis of their scholastic record, the institutions at which the propose to pursue their studies, and their subject of study. Grants will be 500,000 French francs for one academic year of study plus travel expenses.

NATO will sponsor a series of exchanges among the NATO countries in two categories: scholarships and research fellowships.

All-American candidates will be chosen by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, ten leading educators and educational administrators appointed by the President of the United States. These candidates will be submitted to the Department of State to NATO's international selection committee which will make the final awards from among applicants from all NATO countries.

Candidates for the limited number of NATO scholarships should apply to the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City.

Scholarship Committee Nominates

Marvin Breslow senior in Arts and Sciences has been recommended for a Rhodes Scholarship by the University of Nebraska committee.

He will appear before the state Rhodes Scholarship Committee in November or early December. This group will recommend two students to the six-state district committee which will name four Rhodes scholars.

Breslow is vice-president of Sigma Alpha Mu, senior member of Student Council and member of the Interfraternity Council.

Wayne Johnson, a 1954 University graduate, has been recommended as a Rhodes candidate from Iowa this year. He formerly was recommended to the Nebraska state committee. He is now a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

Each year 32 Rhodes Scholarships are granted to young men in the United States for graduate study at the University of Oxford, England. Each of the eight district committees names four recipients.

Marines Tell Of Officer Commission

Captain M. W. Snow, in charge of Marine Corps Officer Procurement for this area, will be on the campus Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Captain Snow may be contacted at a booth set up in the Union.

Accompanied by two Marine sergeants and a Navy Chief Hospitalman, the Captain will be available to discuss several Marine officer training programs available to college students.

The Marine Corps will commission a college student after he has attended two six-week summer training periods in Quantico, Virginia and has received a baccalaureate degree.

The Inside World

All students interested in working on The Nebraskan, and particularly those who signed up at the Activities Mart should attend a reporters meeting Monday at 4 p.m. in the Nebraska office in the basement of the Union. Procedures and schedules will be discussed. Those unable to attend may contact Luci Switzer at the Nebraskans office.

Union Social Hour

Punch and cookies will be served at a Union social hour following the Indiana game Saturday. It will be for both parents and students, and will be held in the Union Main Lounge, according to Jan Chatfield, chairman.

Theta Sigma Phi

Theta Sigma Phi will meet Friday at 4 p.m. in Room 306 of Barnhart. Plans for the reception for Col. Barney Oldfield will be at this time.

Farmer's Formal: Ag Dance Scheduled Saturday

The Farmer's Formal will be held Saturday from 9 to 12 p.m. at the Ag Union. The music of the Collegian's Orchestra will be featured.

Tickets are available to all University students at \$1.50 per couple and are on sale at both the City and Ag Unions.

A Farmer's Formal Queen will be chosen from among six finalists, who were selected by popular vote at ag campus last week. The six Queen finalists are Margaret Edwards, Marion Janda, Ellen Ann Jacobsen, Shirley Richards, Kay Skinner, and Marian Sokol.

Voting will be held from 9 to 10 p.m. and anyone presenting an ID card may vote.

The Queen will be presented in a special ceremony at 10:30. Bill DeWolf, president of the Ag Executive Board, will crown the Queen.

Committee chairmen for the event include Bob Lannert, Publicity; Carol Smith and Bob Weimer, Decorations; Carolyn Edwards, Queen Presentation; and Dick Hagemeyer, Ticket sales. Mary Sorensen will serve as general chairman.

Classified Ads

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WANTED: Part time office help for motel. Read, sleep, study and watch T.V. Must be able to meet public. Hours 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, five days per week. Write P.O. Box 521 for further information.

Wanted: 1956 Corvair. Call Mrs. Robert Gordon, 4-2623 or 2-4733.

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