

# University Celebrates 88th Birthday Today

Eighty-eight years ago today the Nebraska legislature chartered the University of Nebraska for the purpose of "affording to the inhabitants of the state the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts."

Lincoln, a raw prairie town with no sidewalks and with well water the source of supply, was designated as the site.

A check of the past Nebraskans reveal some of the life of the students in the early days of the University.

It cost \$5 to matriculate in the University in 1889. The University catalogue announced that some students could get through school on less than \$175 a year, although an extravagant youth might spend twice that much.

Rooms could be rented for 50 cents to \$1.50 and student clubs

offered board for as little as \$2 weekly.

The only available means of transportation to students, according to former students, were hired hacks or streetcars. But hired hacks were considered "snobbish" and streetcars seldom went where students wished to go and so most students walked.

Social functions consisted of all-campus dances held in the top story of the old library. Attendance at the dances were said to be "very good," the only bad part of it being that all the girls had to be in by 11 p.m. with no "late minutes" allowed.

The first students included five freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. In addition there were 12 "irregulars" and 110 students in the Latin school.

But the second year, enrollment shrank to 123 and in the third

year to 100. The faculty engaged in strenuous efforts to boost enrollment.

Legend has it that one astonished applicant for the Latin school was asked by his examiner "can you read?" Upon proof that he could,

it didn't happen at NU

Originally, the University was not located in Lincoln.

A charter was granted by the Territorial Legislature in 1855 for a University at Fontenelle.

Three years later the University opened under the sponsorship of the Congressional Association. It was the first school in the state to offer training past the high school level.

However in 1865 the building was destroyed by fire and was never rebuilt.

The present University was created by the state legislature in its first session, citing Lincoln as the new location.

the student was admitted.

The course of study for the early students included mathematics, bookkeeping, French and Latin, logic, astronomy and the Constitution of the United States.

Extra-curricular activities centered around the debating and literary societies. Whenever prominent people visited the campus, they spoke at the Palladian Society in University Hall.

But all was not dry and dull at the University in its early days, as can be seen from an excerpt from a report given by Allen Benton, chancellor from 1871 to 1876.

He said, "Hauling a cannon from the state capital to the campus, oiling the well, painting the roof of U Hall, rattling the skeletons in the museum, enticing donkeys to the third floor of the library and the common practice of sliding down the bannister" were among the pranks pulled in the "quiet" days of the University.



Early Days In Lincoln

This is the way Lincoln looked when the University opened its doors to 20 collegians and 110 Latin School students. University Hall (in background) was located in raw prairie grounds.

## Alumni Associations Honor Charter Day

The University will quietly observe its 88th birthday today, with no formal celebration planned.

But across the nation 37 Alumni Association Clubs will hold Charter Day programs during February and March.

The charter establishing the institution was signed Feb. 15, 1869. But on the University's first birthday the campus was empty of students as the first class did not begin until the fall of 1871, when 20 students were enrolled.

During its 85 years of operation, the University has conferred more than 58,000 degrees and instructed more than 80,000 regularly enrolled students.

At the charter-day programs, Arnold Magnuson, Alumni executive secretary, said that a great majority of the organizations have been furnished speakers.

A message from Chancellor

Sunday:

## Universal Prayer Day Scheduled

A Universal Day of Prayer for Students has been designated for Sunday.

It will be held at the Lutheran Student House and will begin at 7:15 p.m., according to Betty Parks, chairman.

The main speaker for the evening will be Dr. Edgar Carlson, president of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. Dr. Carlson is listed in "Who's Who in America" as an outstanding clergyman and educator. He is also a member of the planning commission for the World Council of Churches General Assembly, a representative to the Lutheran World Federation in Europe in 1951, a member of the American Church History Society, a member of Phi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honorary and belongs to Rotary International.

The Sunday service is sponsored by the religious groups belonging to the Student Christian Movement.

Students taking part in the service are: John Nelson, Bill Bush, Jan Lichenberger, Frank Lindstrom, John Campbell, Dick Tempero, Rod Clifton, Dick Weaver, Steve Everett, Donna Anderson and Mal Seagren.

## Rain Expected; Warm Trend To Continue

Rain coats may be needed as sprinkles are likely to dampen the weekend, according to the Weather Bureau. Considerable cloudiness is likely to accompany the sprinkles and will bring hope of future moisture.

NU students will have a change in temperature from yesterday's low of 24 degrees. The predicted high for today is from 55 to 60 degrees and the weather will continue to be warmer this weekend.

The state high Thursday was in Chadron with a 55 degree reading and Norfolk had the low with a breezy 19 degrees. Lincoln's mercury topped to a high of 44 degrees.

## Edwards Named VHEA President

Carolyn Edwards was elected president of the Vocational Home-making Education Association Monday.

Other officers elected are: vice-president, Nancy Jo Woodling; secretary, Barbara Barkmeier; treasurer, Lorajane Baskin; program chairman, Pat Stalder; and publicity chairman, Jean Bennett.

Class representatives are senior, Carol Palmer; junior, Barbara Beadle and sophomore, Patsy Kaufman.

Clifford Hardin has been taped and sent to clubs whose location makes it impossible to obtain a speaker he said.

Head Football Coach Bill Jennings and Magnuson spoke at the Denver Alumni Club banquet Feb. 8, and will speak at Wichita, Kan., Feb. 20. Chancellor Hardin will address two Nebraska clubs, McCook on Feb. 25 and Holdrege on Feb. 26.

## LB 410 Debate: Carpenter Says Bill For 'Interest'

State Senator Terry Carpenter told over 100 students Thursday evening he submitted LB 410 "to create interest," not because he wants tuition doubled at the University.

Speaking before the University Young Republicans, Carpenter said, "I'm in favor of any plan to raise money for the state. I am only trying to raise tuition to help meet the difference between the Governor's recommendation and what Chancellor Hardin says he needs."

Carpenter and University law student Frank Barrett debated pros and cons of LB 410, which would double tuition at the University, beginning with the 1957-58 term.

Barrett said deserving students should not be denied an education because of economic status and recommended a graduated income tax. He said LB 410 was not the solution to the problem.

Following the meeting, the University Republicans went on record against LB 410 and in favor of the increased budget, as proposed by Chancellor Hardin. The group favored "increased funds for the University through a broadened tax base," according to Lou Schultz, NU GOP president.

\$1,000 Goal:

## Work Day Slated Saturday

An All-Lincoln, All-University Work Day sponsored by the Hungarian Student Project committee will be held Saturday.

Approximately 500 students are expected to offer their services for odd jobs in the community. They will charge no set rate, allowing employers to evaluate the worth of the job. Student organizations, sororities, fraternities and independent houses have been asked to recruit workers.

The goal for Work Day is \$1,000, according to Marjane Craig, Work Day chairman. All profits will go into the Hungarian Student Project fund which now stands at approximately \$1,600.

Persons wishing to employ students may call 2-4328 at any hour or 2-2097 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Campus Dance Salutes All Organizations

Bobby Graham and his Bel Aires will be featured at the second annual All Campus Dance at 9 p.m. Saturday evening in the Union Ballroom. The Union Dance Committee is sponsoring the dance.

Tickets will be on sale at the door, admission is 50 cents, according to Kay Nielsen, entertainment chairman.

Prudence Morrow, Dolly Swift, Helen Hockabrum, Sally Wengert, Gordon Meldrum, and Cal Johnson will perform during the intermission.

Officers from the following campus organizations will speak on the purpose of their organizations: BABW, AUF, The Daily Nebraskan, Builders, Corn Cobs, "N" Club, Tassels, Red Cross, Union, and YWCA.

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## Second Hungarian Arrives

Hungarian refugee, Karoly Nemeth, who arrived in Lincoln Tuesday night, is greeted by Sara Laszlo, also a Hungarian refugee, just after he stepped off the train in Lincoln. Both Nemeth and Miss Laszlo will study at the University. Nemeth is the second Hungarian refugee student to arrive at the University for study under sponsorship of the student committee.

Special Elections:

## Coover, Kinnier Named To Council

In two special Student Council elections Wednesday, Pat Coover was named as the new junior student member on the publications board and John Kinnier was selected as the new Council treasurer.

Miss Coover, a junior in Arts and Sciences, is past president of Zeta Tau Alpha, a member of The Sigma Phi and Gamma Alpha Chi journalism honoraries.

A junior in Engineering, John Kinnier is past president of Cornhusker Co-op, a member of the Inter-coop Council and Civil Engineering Society.

Council president Bruce Bruggmann ruled that only those students who had been nominated at the regular publications board elections would be considered for the vacancy which occurred in January.

The pub board position runs until elections next fall and the treasurer will serve until executive elections in May.

Both elections were closed to the public.

In other Council business Dave Keene, who represented the Council at a public hearing of the Legislature's educational committee on tuition bills LB 409 and 410,

## IU Student Throws Acid At Coed

Enraged because a girl turned him down for a date, a University of Indiana student is charged with throwing acid in her face so "she would have scars and marks to remember me by."

Authorities said James Sprouse, 23, has signed a statement admitting the acid attack against a girl who refused him the date.

Sprouse said he got the idea from "the case where Victor Riesel lost his eyes the same way."

Doctors at St. John's Hospital said the victim, Carol Clark, 18, was in fair condition with severe burns about the face, arms and legs. However, her glasses kept her from being blinded, they said.

The attack occurred in a downtown cafeteria where they both worked. Three other persons were splashed by the acid and suffered lesser burns.

Sprouse, an aeronautical student, said Carol had turned him down for a date last September and he had brooded about it ever since.

IFC Results:

## Dick Reische Elected Interim President

Dick Reische, senior in Business Administration and president of Beta Theta Pi, was elected interim president of the Interfraternity Council Thursday night.

Other officers chosen to fill the four IFC executive vacancies, three of which occurred by resignation and one because of University probation, were Charlie Ficke, vice president; Don Beck, secretary and Bill Dahl, treasurer.

The election of officers, who will serve until regular IFC elections are held in March was regarded by many as a compromise between the two factions of the Council.

Fike, interim vice-president, is a senior in Arts and Sciences and past president of Phi Kappa Psi.

The new secretary, Don Beck, is president of Alpha Gamma Rho, a vice-president of the Student Council, vice-president of Corn Cobs and Yell King.

Dahl, interim treasurer, is president of Acacia and a junior in Business Administration.

In a special election to fill a vacancy which occurred in Jan., Paul Walter was named as the IFC representative to Student Council. Walters, a junior in Arts and Sciences, is past president of Kappa Sigma and a member of NU-Meds.

A motion introduced by Sam Jensen, vice president of Beta Theta Pi, that the "IFC secretary

Glee Club, Band:

## Concert Slated Sunday

The University Collegiate Band and the Varsity Men's Glee Club will present a concert Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

The 80-piece band will be under the direction of Dean Killion, instructor in music. Dale Ganz, assistant professor of voice, directs the 56 member Glee Club.

A trombone octet, playing Trombone Troubadours by Bennett will be featured in the program. Band numbers include: "My Hero" by Strauss-Alfor; "Symphony No. 1 in E-Flat," by Saint Saens, "Fandango," by Perkins; "Tannhauser March," by Wagner; "Zueignung," by Strauss; "Caribbean Fantasy," by Morrissey, and "March of the Steel Men," by Beisterling.

The Glee Club program consists of "Lift Thine Eyes," by Logan; "The Constant Cannibal Maiden," by Donato, and "Soon-Oh Will Be Done," by Dawson. Harry Grassnick is Glee Club accompanist.

Said 'Lewd, Vulgar, Slanderous':

## Chicago University Gag Issue 'Seized'

The Chicago University Maroon, student newspaper, each year publishes a "Gag Issue," somewhat like the Daily Nebraskan's Pink Rag.

This Feb. 12, the Maroon came out with huge black headlines saying: "SEIZE MAROON 'GAG' ISSUE! University police confiscate, destroy entire issue press run."

The entire paper was dedicated to stories on how the issue was destroyed. The Dean of Students was quoted as saying the issue was "lewd, vulgar and slanderous to the University."

The Maroon editor, Ronald Grossman termed the confiscation "Gestapo-like tactics on the part of the administration."

The University was also charged that University police had "absolutely no authority" to destroy the paper. The editor was quoted in saying he would consider launching legal action against the University, possibly a civil suit for recovery of the value of the papers, estimated at approximately \$500.

write a letter to Dean of Men, Frank Hallgren, telling him that he is persona grata in Interfraternity Council meetings," was passed unanimously.

In a Jan. 16 meeting of the IFC, a motion was passed asking Hallgren to leave the meeting.

In other business the IFC passed a resolution authorizing the executive council "to meet with the office of student affairs on the possibilities of having an IFC Ball."

Bill Krommenhoek, president of Delta Upsilon, stated the such a dance "would have good benefits." Jensen, who introduced the resolution, said that the administration should know that the "IFC wants to cooperate."

The Council also passed a motion calling for the executive committee "to report on the status and advisability of retaining the Junior Interfraternity Council for future years."

## Board Says Alcohol Policy Not Involved

In a special interfraternity Council meeting Thursday night, Dr. William Gilliland, IFC faculty advisor, read an official statement from the Interfraternity Board of Control concerning its review of the Jan. 16 executive council resignations.

The Board of Control's action followed a Wednesday night report of a special fraternity Alumni advisors committee which was formed to investigate the resignations of three IFC executives Jan. 16.

The following is the Board of Control statement:

The Interfraternity Board of Control has completed its inquiry concerning the recent actions of the undergraduate Interfraternity Council. Results of this inquiry indicate the following:

1. The use of alcoholic beverages on the University of Nebraska campus has no part in this controversy. This fact is contrary to many published reports. State law and the University's policy of enforcement is clear to all and has no basis for association with the present incident.

2. Willingness of all fraternity leaders and their alumni advisors to adjust on basic differences is most encouraging for it reaffirms the Interfraternity Board of Control's sincere belief that fraternities have an integral part in University life.

3. The Interfraternity Board



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of Control feels that it was unwise for the Interfraternity Council to remove their leaders in the manner in which it was done; and that the constitution of the Interfraternity Council has made it extremely difficult, and in some cases impossible, for the fraternity leaders and the faculty advisors to administer their offices with any degree of continuity.

4. The Interfraternity Board of Control recognizes that fair competition between fraternities is basically sound and should be encouraged. Each fraternity has a fundamental responsibility and challenge to conduct its affairs with dignity and fairness. Unity of purpose and adherence to fair and workable rules of a revised constitution will in the Interfraternity Board of Control's opinion eliminate the basic grievances.

Interfraternity Board of Control Thurston Phelps, President

On Jan. 16 Sam Ellis, Bob Schuyler, and Ben Belmont submitted their resignations as president, secretary, and treasurer respectively of the IFC after a majority of the Council members requested they do so.

Neither Ellis, Schuyler, or Belmont could be reached for comment on the Board of Control's statement.

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An editorial charged the University of Chicago administration with falling prey "to the pressures

It Happened At NU

An innocent young freshman Air ROTC student was walking along to class one day when he spotted a bus driver approaching. Some what doubtful as to what he should do, the freshman saluted the surprised bus driver. The Air ROTC officer who was immediately behind the young student reciprocated the salute with five demerits.

of an 'age of conformity.'" "By its action, the University has impugned the integrity of itself and its students," the editorial added.

All in all, the issue of the Maroon was full of such news and outraged comment.

However, in the masthead of the paper, where usually little more than publishing information and staff rules are related, the perceptive reader found the following statement:

"Issued every Friday throughout the school year and intermittently during the summer quarter by the publisher, the Chicago Maroon, which takes pleasure in announcing that you are reading its annual gag issue. No issue appeared yesterday, no papers were confiscated, and this issue hasn't one word of truth in it (except for the ads).