

PBK's, Sigma Xi Elect Thirty-nine Scholars

University chapters of the two major national scholastic honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, Wednesday evening awarded memberships to 39 students at a joint banquet session. Mari Sandoz, author and University alumna, was the principal speaker.

Phi Beta Kappa also granted one of its infrequent honorary memberships to Dr. Robert Goss, who retired last summer as dean of the Graduate College. Dean Goss still serves as a professor of botany and plant pathologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Two students qualified for membership in both societies. They are Allan Heeger and Melvin Thornton. For two others, Mrs. Marie Duerr Wright and Dr. Arthur Larsen, their PBK awards carried a little extra significance.

Mrs. Wright had the satisfaction of matching the scholastic performance of her husband, Charles, who was accepted by PBK last fall. Her father-in-law is Dr. Walter Wright, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Larsen received his PBK membership after graduating from the College of Medicine with an M.D. degree a year ago, and then returning to the College of Arts and Sciences to complete work on his undergraduate degree which he received in February.

The new associate members of Sigma Xi, honorary physical sciences society, were selected on the basis of scholarship and promise as research workers. They are: Kazys Almenas, John Ball, Dale Bokowski, Pearl Bremer, James Dunn, William Ehreti, Alan Heeger, Richard Kissinger, Walter Linder, Douglas Mansfield, Russell Nielsen.



Phi Beta Kappa

Newly elected members of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary arts and sciences scholastic society, are: (seated, from left) JoAnn Chalupa Newmyer; Shirley Hol-

comb; Sheryl Whitmus; Marie Wright; Polly Downs; Marilyn Wilhelms; Virginia Hudson; (standing) Beverly Deepe; Jerome Fuhrman; Nelson Jensen;

Richard Lynch; Jere McGaffey; Melvin Thornton; Ronald Hornby; Alan Heeger and Patricia McDougall Jones. Arthur Larsen is not pictured.

Beverly Pagel, Kimball Roddy, John Skinner, Charles Speak, Melvin Thornton, James Turner, Elvin Vachal.

The new members of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary arts and sciences scholastic society:

Nelson Jensen, Jere McGaffey, Alan Heeger, Melvin Thornton, Richard Lynch, Marie Wright, Jo-



New Sigma Xi Members

Newly elected members of the University chapter of Sigma Xi, honorary physical sciences society, are: (seated, from left) Richard Kissinger, William Eh-

rett, Pearl Bremer, Mary Rohse, Beverly Pagel, Alan Heeger, Melvin Thornton, (standing) Ronald Schneider, Maurice Skeith, Russell Nielsen, John Ball, James Turner, Wilfred Schutz, Kimball Roddy, Douglas Mans-

field and James Dunn. Kazys Almenas, Dale Bokowski, Walter Linder, John Skinner, Charles Speak and Elvin Vachal are not pictured. (U. of N. Photo.)

Cerf: Humor Termed 'God-Given Gift'

By FRED DALY Editor

Laughter is the one God-given gift people have in the world's present unsettled situation, Bennett Cerf told an all-University convocation Thursday morning.

The nationally-known humorist, publisher and television panelist said "Humor is the greatest propaganda device we have in this country. People today want escape; they want to laugh."

This can be seen in the trend toward humor in books and on the Broadway stage, he added.

To put something across, Cerf said, put it in the form of a story. He recounted how the move toward socialized medicine in this country was stopped by a joke brought back from London by an American physician.

Humor is also a wonderful way to do "dirty work," especially during political campaigns, Cerf said. When telling stories we should stop and look them over to see if they are little "poison pellets sugar-coated with humor," he said.

"There is a time and place for every kind of story," Cerf said. "The cheapest, easiest laugh in the world is the one you get from telling a story you shouldn't have," he added.

Individuals and minority groups often have a tough time without degrading jokes and stories being told about them, he said. "All this talk about reading being hurt by television is bunk," the president of Random House Publishing Company said. "Good books are being published every day."

Fifty years ago someone said people were too busy riding interurban trolley cars to bother with reading, Cerf said. This was said with the coming of the bicycle craze, cheap automobiles, movies and the radio, he added, but people are still reading good books.

"When you once learn to enjoy reading good books, you never get over it," Cerf said. If you want your children to read, set them an example, and don't be afraid to be caught reading a book, he said.

In speaking of his publishing career, Cerf said "at the moment there is a wave of plagiarism around the country. This happens about every 25 years." He told of how people have been caught copying stories out of old magazines and selling them to publishers.

The humorist said there are three questions asked in his trips around the country: How is it you are so much taller and younger-looking than on television? Why didn't you bring Arlene Francis with you? Are these quiz shows on the level?

"Successful quiz shows must be honest," he said. Too many people would notice if a person tried to infer he didn't know something, when it was apparent he did know it.

In his undergraduate days at Columbia University, Cerf was editor of the campus humor magazine, the "Jester."

There were two ways to get to see the university's president, Dr. Nicholas Butler, he said. First, to give the school one million dollars, and second, to print something Dr. Butler didn't like.

"After due consideration I chose the latter method," he said.



CERF Nebraska Photo

Special Luncheon: Vic Raises Cerf To Nebraska Admiral

By JAN FARRELL Staff Writer

At a special luncheon in the Union yesterday, Bennett Cerf, noted humorist, publisher and columnist, was formally welcomed to the state by Governor Victor Anderson, who made him an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy.

Chancellor Hardin presented Cerf with a picture, taken as he got off the train. The picture, showing Cerf with three freezing, bathing-suit attired co-eds and a bone from a mastodon, was to be taken back to John Daly to prove that Nebraska is not the land of the blizzard. Unfortunately, the weatherman was not consulted and the ground was covered with snow.

Other guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shapiro, and Mayor Bennett Martin.

An informal discussion followed the luncheon in which Cerf lamented the "shortsightedness" of people when it came to the distribution of money. He said that he noted that, not just in Nebraska, but all over the country "li-

braries and education were at the bottom of the pack when funds were allocated."

The consequences of following this policy are noted in one instance where "Russia is graduating 60,000 engineers a year; while we graduate fewer than half that amount."

Cerf, when questioned about poet Karl Shapiro's opinion that university students "were completely devoid of intellectual idealism" demonstrated by the fact that during the Hungarian Revolution all they did was to "raise a few flags," while "twenty years ago they would have volunteered to go to Hungary to fight," he partially excused them by saying "that perhaps they remembered too vividly when the idealists of the Lincoln Brigade were sold down the river during the Spanish Revolution."

"But," he continued, "there is a pressing drive for conformity. Young people should remember that this country was built by people who said 'I object' not 'I agree'. It's very easy to ride with

Colder Temps, Heavy Clouds Expected

Heavy clouds and continued cold temperatures are predicted for the NU campus, Friday, by the weather bureau.

Highs generally are expected to range in the high 30's to the low 40's for today. No snow is reported for today despite Thursday's late spring snow showers which ranged to one and a half inches of snow in Lincoln by Thursday noon.

Northerly winds transporting cold air into Nebraska from Canada forced the mercury down to an unseasonably cold temperatures over most of the state.



Home Ec Convention

Sixteen delegates from the Home Ec Club will attend the Nebraska Home Economics Association Convention to be held Friday and Saturday in Kearney, Nebraska, according to Norma Wolf, Home Ec Club president.

The convention will open with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday. Miss Marilyn Ott, of Vogue Pattern Service will bring fashion news to the convention. The fashion presentation will feature a wardrobe called "Fashion On The Go" which will include tips on good grooming and clothing construction.

The convention will close Saturday evening with a banquet at 6 p.m.

Applications Due For 'Cornhusker'

Applications for positions on the Cornhusker, the University annual yearbook, are due Friday, according to Linda Butman, editor.

Positions open are: editor, \$65 per month; associate editors (2) \$40; managing editor (4), \$40; business manager, \$85; and assistant business managers (2), \$40.

Applications can be picked up at the Cornhusker office but must be returned to the public relations office Friday.

Elections May 6:

Seventy-Seven File For Council

A total of 77 people have entered the 1957 Student Council race scheduled for May 6.

Of these 77, 54 are vying for positions as college representatives on the Council and the remaining 23 filed from organizations.

Teachers College lead the pack with 18 candidates, 17 of them women. Election rules stipulate that three representatives (one woman and one man) are to be chosen from Teachers.

Candidates for Student Council and their colleges include: Agriculture: Marcia Ray, Carol Savener, Charles Smith, Gary Berke, Burton Weichenthal, Joyce Evans, Jane Chaney, Ardyce Harding, Lois LaRue, and Donald Ita.

Arts and Sciences: (two representatives) Ken Freed, Bob Lindell, Larry Rotert, Carol Dahl, Natalie Johnson, Carole Triplett, and Bob Harder.

Engineering (two representatives): Raymond Balfour, Gary Frenzel, Jim Quirk, and Dwaine Rogge.

Teachers (three representatives, at least one man and one woman): Pat Boyd, Jane Curfman, Sally Downs, Frances Gourlay, Eileen Santin, Suzanne Swingle, Karen Kelly, Dennis Elder, Charlene Anthony, Judy Truell, Caroline Skoper, Sharon McCormick, Ryckle Van Orman, Ruth Cartee, Marcia Boden, Kathleen Roach.

Pharmacy (one representative): Vija Uptis and Ted Lambert.

Dental (one representative): Erik Olsen, Jim Witter and Steve Leeper.

Law (one representative): Ken Friedman, and Alfred Kortum.

The 23 students who have filed as candidates for representatives from organizations include:

Inter Co-op Council: Gerald Cushing, Gary Ryder, and Jeff Vandenberg. Coed Counselors: Marjane Craig and Carolyn Williams.

CCRC: Bryan Ericson, Charles Keyes, and Dave Rhoades.

Builders: Judy Chapman, Don

Rushing: IFC Deletes Spiking Clause From Rules

By BOB IRELAND News Editor

The Interfraternity Council voted 16 to 8 Wednesday night to delete from proposed Rushee rules a clause prohibiting "spiking," and then adopted the rules with two dissenting votes.

The spiking prohibition clause, listed as rule number two, had

been recommended by the IFC rush committee on May 3 and read:

No rushee may accept of wear a pledge pin until he is duly pledged by a fraternity during a bona fide date with that fraternity or during the period from 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7. The rushee must file a pledge assumption card at the IFC's booth immediately after pledging.

The Council also voted to adopt a substitution measure to rule number two which had been recommended at the Wednesday meeting by a committee, consisting of IFC vice-president Jack Pollock, members of the Council rush committee, and 15 fraternity rush chairmen. The clause supplanting rule number two is:

A rushee is not bound to any fraternity by accepting a fraternity pledge pin, nor officially recognized as a pledge of any fraternity, until he has filed a pledge assumption card with the IFC.

Pollock stated that the special rush committee had met Monday

and voted nine to six to delete the rules and to replete it with the above clauses.

The 1956 rush rules did not include any mention of a penalty against spiking but also did not mention anything about the unofficial status of a rushee who has accepted a pledge pin before legally filing a pledge assumption card.

In adopting the 1957 Rush Week Rules the Council approved of the following procedural change: Rushees must attend four rush dates before officially pledging. Last year's rules called for only three dates before pledging.

In other business the Council voted unanimously to price the tickets per couple to the May 18 IFC Ball at \$2.

Bill Tomsen, chairman of the dance, announced that there will definitely be a jam session the afternoon of the Ball by the Jay McShane band from Kansas City. Tomsen is investigating possible places to stage the jam session.

The Council voted unanimously to send three delegates, the president, another member of the executive council, and one council member at large.

English Majors: Shultz, Bernd Take Writing Awards

A sophomore and a graduate student, both majoring in English, were revealed Wednesday afternoon as the winners of the major writing awards at the University.

Stephen Schultz, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, was awarded the \$50 first prize in the Ione Gardner Noyes poetry competition. The winning entry was entitled "Brady's Soldiers."

Daniel Bernd received the \$50 first prize in the Prairie Schooner Fiction competition, for his story entitled "Decisions."

Mari Sandoz, noted author and Nebraska who is sponsoring the fiction contest, presented the Prairie Schooner awards.

Other winners in the Noyes Poetry contest, judged by Prof. Karl Shapiro of English, Associate Prof. Peter Worth of art, and Assistant Prof. Gene Hardy of English, are:

2nd prize, \$25—Jerry Petsche, a junior in College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in journalism, for "What Shall the Bells?" Mr. Petsche was first prize winner in the 1956 contest.

Honorable Mention: Mr. Petsche; Barbara Millnitz; Beverly Chloupek; Ralph Lloyd and Richard Kelly.

The Ione Gardner Noyes Poetry awards, now in the fourth year, were established by Laurence Noyes of Waterloo and Mrs. Harold Meier of Omaha in honor of their late wife and sister.

Other winners in the fiction contest, judged by Professors Walter

Wright of English, and Shapiro and Associate Prof. Reino Virtanen of Romance Languages:

2nd Prize, \$30—Vernon Bloemker, a graduate student in English, for "Not Paid Enough to Worry."

3rd Prize, \$20—Jane Hill, a junior majoring in English, for "The World of Mrs. Hampton."

Honorable Mention—Abraham Dash and Ervin Krause.



Awards Presented

The Noyes poetry awards and the Prairie Schooner fiction awards were presented by Mrs. Harold Meier (at left) and Mari Sandoz (at right) to the following University students: (left to

Corn Cob Awards Info Available

Applications and information sheets for the Corn Cob grant-in-aid awards can be picked up from Dean Marjorie Johnston in Ellen Smith Hall.

Three scholarships are available and each is worth \$100.

Deadline for returning applications is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24.

Participation in at least two activities and a cumulative average of 5.5 or above are among the requirements necessary for application.

right) Jerry Petsche, second in poetry; Stephen Schultz, first in poetry; Vernon Bloemker, second in fiction, and Daniel Bernd, first in fiction.