

Lincoln Star Editor James Lawrence Dies

Mr. James E. Lawrence, 68, editor of the Lincoln Star since 1922 and professor of Journalism at the University for almost 40 years, died at a local hospital Monday evening following a brief illness.

Mr. Lawrence had been connected with The Star for 50 of the newspaper's 55 years, more than four-fifths of that time as its editor and managing editor.

He joined the staff as a reporter when he came to the University of Nebraska in 1906, working his way through university. In 1911, after receiving the bachelor of laws degree from the university, he became city editor. Named managing editor in 1914, he became editor in 1922.

He was married Dec. 11, 1912, to the former Helch Hamilton Graves of Lincoln. They had one daughter, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Klum, who now lives in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

As a leading citizen of the state for half a century Mr. Lawrence was intimately connected with a wide range of activities, political and civic.

A close associate and twice campaign manager for the late Sen. George W. Norris and an active Democrat over a long period of years, he had been strongly considered for the U.S. Senate during the thirties and again, briefly, in 1954, but always declined the importunities of party leaders.

Always a strong figure in programs for development of the state's natural resources, he was a leader in the foundation of Nebraska's public power and irrigation system, and in the early 1950s headed a Presidential commission studying the Missouri Basin.

With a strong interest in the history of the state, he served as a trustee and for 15 years as president of the Nebraska Historical Society.

A member of the University of Nebraska's journalism faculty since 1916, he was an active supporter of the university and in 1954 received the university's distinguished service award.

Mr. Lawrence was born in 1889 in Gage County, the son of an early pioneer family in that area. He was the son of James Grenville Lawrence, who came to southeast Nebraska in the early 1870s to locate near the original Daniel Freeman Homestead in Gage County.

Mr. Lawrence attended elementary and high school in Beatrice. He worked for a time for the old Beatrice Express. Leaving Beatrice he became a reporter for The Norfolk News, at a time when Norfolk was the springboard for a pioneer land rush into the Bozesteel country of South Dakota.

In 1914, the year in which Mr. Lawrence became managing editor of The Star, came the attempt to remove the campus of the Uni-

versity of Nebraska from its present site, an attempt vigorously fought by The Star during which the new managing editor worked directly with the committee which was organized to oppose the move.

It was during his tenure as managing editor also that The Star campaigned for the proposal to build a new \$10,000,000 state capitol building on a pay-as-you-go basis with a special mill levy to cover the costs.

After World War I, Mr. Lawrence served on the executive committee of a group backing American entry into the League of Nations.

It was during the early thirties that Mr. Lawrence and The Star began the campaign for a comprehensive program of water storage and irrigation from Nebraska streams and for development of the state's public power system.

As a close associate of the then-Sen. George W. Norris and as one of the three members of the Nebraska Public Works Administration advisory board, Mr. Lawrence was a key figure in what came to be called "Nebraska's Little TVA," on which \$70,000,000 of federal funds were spent creating the water storage, irrigation and public power development now known as Tri-County on the Upper Platte River.

In 1936 Mr. Lawrence and The Star actively supported an initiative proposal, sponsored by Sen. Norris, to provide Nebraska's one-house Legislature, a proposal that was overwhelmingly approved at the polls.

Mr. Lawrence's close association with Sen. Norris spanned a period of many years. He also managed the senator's campaign in 1942, and after that unsuccessful drive collaborated with the senator on his autobiography, "Fighting Liberal."

Mr. Lawrence headed the Nebraska Territorial Centennial Commission, which planned the observances across the state in 1954 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Nebraska's becoming a territory.

During this period Mr. Lawrence also served on the City-County Building Commission and on the Capitol Murals Commission, and he had recently been named chairman of the commission to plan the 1956 centennial observance of the University of Nebraska.

For half a century The Star never went to press without its quota of copy from Mr. Lawrence's typewriter. Early in 1957, when he was hospitalized, for the first time, for surgery, he allowed associates to prepare the editorial columns for a few days, and he noted that it was the first time in his long association with The Star that a daily issue had been printed that did not contain at least some of his writings.

Mr. Lawrence was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a Mason. He was a long-time member of the Lancaster County Bar Association.



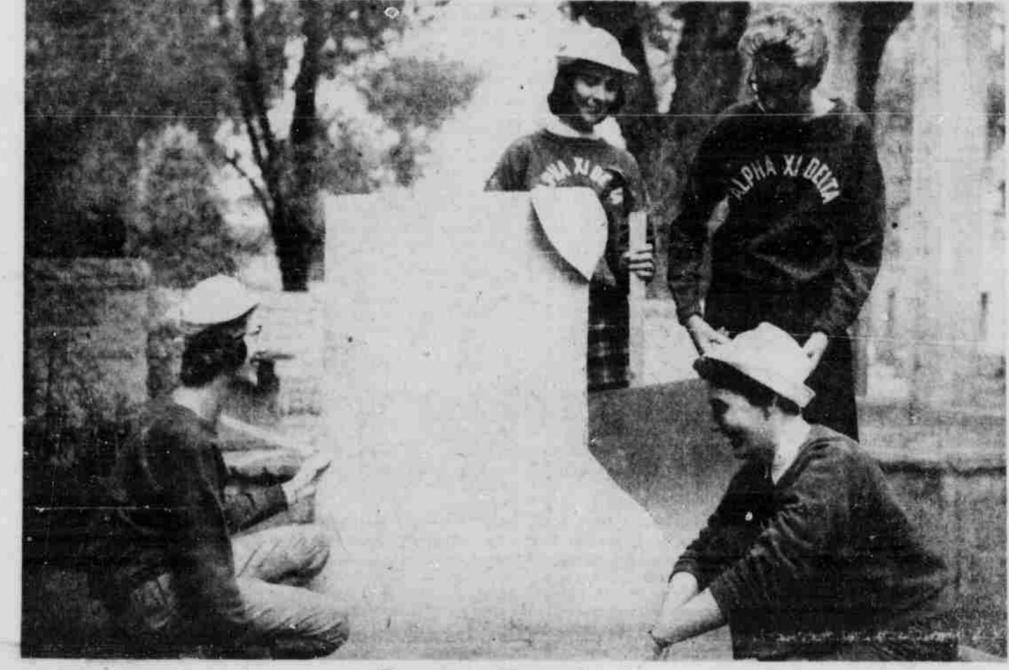
Courtesy Lincoln Star
MR. JAMES E. LAWRENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA LIBRARY
Sports Roundup SEP 17 1957
Pages 6 & 7
BINDING

the DAILY NEBRASKAN

Social Column
See Page 4

Vol. 32, No. 2 Lincoln, Nebraska Tuesday, September 17, 1957



Penny Carnival

Members of Alpha Xi Delta sorority are making preparations for Penny Carnival which is October 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Nancy Lee, Kay Miller, Kay Rocke and Shirley Chab

will begin working on their booth as soon as they hand their plans in to Sandy Kully, Penny Carnival chairman, Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in Room 313 of the Union. Each organized house will be noti-

fied of their acceptance on the 20th or 21st of Sept. There will be a meeting for all house booth chairmen Sept. 22 in Room 313 at 2 p.m. Miss Kully explained the change

of time of Penny Carnival in this way. "The girls will have more time to plan for Homecoming, and Penny Carnival won't run into four week exams.

University Plans New Buildings

... Financing Readied For New Housing

The University is arranging financing for a \$4,750,000 housing project which would provide a new 1,000-bed men's dormitory on the city campus and a 100 apartment building for married students.

Plans call for the apartments to be built on Ag campus, while the Board of Regents has indicated preference for a site at 17th and R streets for the men's dorm. Completion date is tentatively set for 1960, according to Dr. Jo-

seph Soshnik, University comptroller.

An Omaha firm was appointed fiscal agent in July to assist the University with financial arrangements.

Original plans called for the project to be financed with public funds through a bond issue.

In August, however, the University made a preliminary application to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for reservation of \$3 million in funds for use in constructing the proposed units.

Dr. Soshnik said the application was made to determine if the University was eligible for such a loan.

During the weekend the federal agency announced that it looked "favorably" upon the University application.

Soshnik emphasized that "the agency's approval merely means that it recognizes a housing need at the University and the eligibility of the University as a potential borrower."

He said the University still hopes to finance the project with private funds.

The preliminary application showed that more than 2,000 single men students lived off campus, other than with their parents, as of the fall of 1956. It also showed nearly 1,500 married students lived off campus.

Selleck Quadrangle, the present men's dorm, was completed in 1955 at a cost of more than \$2 million.

The site on which plans call for the dorm to be constructed includes six private residences and land owned by the Rock Island Railroad.

The University's present married students' housing unit is a 40-apartment project on Holdrege from 43rd to 44th. It was built at a cost of \$400,000. The proposed apartments would cost an estimated \$1 million.

New Student Health Center Nearly Done

The new Student Health building will be completed during second semester, Dr. S. L. Fuenning, medical director said in an interview with the Daily Nebraskan Friday.

The new building, consisting of a basement, and first and second floors will have modern up-to-date equipment. Part of the basement will remain unfurnished until a later date. The furnished part will feature physical therapy facilities, kitchen, dining room for patients who need a special diet but are not required to remain in the hospital, storage, supply and locker rooms.

The first floor will contain offices, examination rooms, laboratories, X-ray facilities, pharmacy center, mental hygiene and public environment health offices.

The modern air-conditioned hospital will be on the second floor containing a maximum of 32 beds. Each room will have bathing facilities, closet and special equipment furniture.

Asked how the new building will compare with other university health centers, Dr. Fuenning replied, "it will rate very favorable. It may not be as spacious as other schools but it will carry on an adequate program."

The \$550,000 building will be patronized by University students who are registered for seven or more hours during the regular term and students who are registered for three or more hours dur-

ing the summer session. The program is financed through a medical fee of \$.50 per semester which is included in the general registration fee. Small fees are charged for medical supplies and the rooms are \$5 per day.

Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 to 12 a.m. on Saturdays. Emergency care can be obtained after hours by using the door bell button to call the nurse on duty.

Asked how Dr. Fuenning became interested in the University, he replied he was persuaded by Chancellor Gustavson, to reorganize and set up a new Student Health program. Dr. Fuenning, smiling, said he accepted on "a temporary basis."

The medical director took six months "to get the project rolling and by the fall of '47 the program was initiated and the building completed."

The present Student Health building was brought piece by piece by the University to Lincoln from Hastings where it had been a naval ammunition depot.

In 1948 the University recommended the nearly-completed Health Center and later as the program developed, a full-time psychiatrist and a public health engineer were added to the staff.

Dr. Fuenning estimates that "85 per cent of the student body uses the present facilities each year and the number is increasing."

Challenge Draws Weaver To Nebraska

A "challenge" is responsible for attracting Dr. John Weaver to the University as new dean of the Graduate College.

The nationally known geographer, who filled the post left vacant more than a year ago by the retirement of the University former graduate dean, Dr. Robert Gross, officially began his duties here July 1.

Dr. Weaver said he accepted the Nebraska position "because of the challenge and the opportunity of working in such a job at a good graduate college, and my life long interest in research."

In addition to his duties as graduate dean he is also the University research administrator.

As dean it will be Dr. Weaver's job to coordinate and guide the work of about 750 graduate students and approximately 300 graduate faculty members.

The graduate students fields of study cover a wide range of subjects including chemistry, economics, business organization, agronomy, botany, and numerous other subjects.

Nearly all graduate work, except medical and some educational areas will be Dr. Weaver's responsibility.

The new dean was dean of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State College for the last two years. Prior to this he served on the University of Minnesota faculty for nine years.

Council To Hold First Meeting

The Student Council will hold their first meeting of the year at Wednesday, 4 p.m. in Room 315, according to Helen Goulay, president.

An executive meeting will be held before the regular meeting in the Student Council room of the Union at 3 p.m.

The annual orientation session, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held in the Union ballroom Thursday starting at 4 p.m. Chas. A. Hardin and Dean J. Phillip Colbert, Goulay will be guest speakers.

Discussion leaders and the representatives to which they will speak include: Dr. Bruce Kendall, parliamentarians; Dean Frank Hallgren, men's social chairman; Dean Helen Snyder, women's social chairman; Dean Lee Chutfield, scholarship chairman; Mr. William Harper, fraternity and organization treasures; and Dr. Samuel Fuenning, student health representatives.

Three other projects on which the Council will be working this year are the Tribunal, book pool and parking. There will be two or three Chancellor's roundtable meetings during the year.

"The Council is looking forward to getting under way again and we hope we'll be very successful as far as the projects we will be undertaking are concerned," Miss Goulay said.

Kosmet Klub

There will be a meeting of Kosmet Klub Fall Revue skit-masters in Room 313 of the Union at 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to Morgan Holmes, president. Holmes stated that all fraternities who plan to enter a skit in the pre-Revue competition should have a representative at the Tuesday meeting.

Ataturk U To Open Next Year

The University's sister institution Ataturk University, will open its doors to students next fall, according to Dr. A. C. Breckenridge, dean of faculties.

Dr. Breckenridge returned recently from a 10-day inspection tour of the institution, which is located in eastern Turkey.

Dormitories, a parlor, classrooms and classroom buildings for the colleges of agriculture, engineering and letters and sciences are the first to be constructed, he said.

"The University mission Breckenridge and an Ataturk committee are jointly working out details for a new teaching staff," Dean Breckenridge reported.

He commended the work of the University mission, headed by Dr. Otto Hoiberg, now on leave as coordinator of community services. Chief of the mission for the past two years was Dr. Marvel Baker, who returned to the campus this summer.

The Mission was established in 1953, when the University signed a contract with the U. S. International Cooperation Administration providing for the University to render technical advice and assistance to the Ministry of Education, Ataturk and Ankara Universities, and the Ministry of Agriculture in Turkey.

University Theater Play Tryouts Start

"Want Every Woman Knows" is that she makes more of a man's success than he knows but never lets him realize it.

It is also the name of the first University Theatre production of the 1957-58 season.

Dr. Dallas Williams, director of the University Theater has announced tryout dates for the play today from 3-5 and 7-10 p.m. and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.

Dr. Williams said the play, the first of J. M. Barrie's works to be produced at the University Theater in at least 14 years "is a warm drama in which 'a man grows up.'"

Dr. Charles Lown, new to the University's Speech Department this year, will be in charge of the technical end of the play. He comes to the University from a variety of experience at the University of Georgia, Drake University, where he has taught for 10 years, Louisiana State University and Black Hills Teachers College in South Dakota.

He earned his doctorate from Stanford University and has worked at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Lown noted that the "charm of the play is hard to catch in scenery. It should present some interesting problems."

There are five male parts in the play and four women's roles. Williams added that it is a linguistic play. "Some of the characters speak with French accents, some with Scotch and some with English."

The action of the play is set in Scotland around the turn of the century. "It's a charming and delightful comedy with serious under-

Kernels To Hold Mass Meeting

The Kernels, freshmen pep organization, will hold a mass meeting on Wednesday, at 7 p.m., in the Union Ballroom, according to Donna Sawvell, Tassel's Vice-President.

The freshmen workers will be given football tickets and assigned their seats for the games at this meeting.

All Kernels must bring their identification card to be punched, according to Miss Sawvell.

The cheerleaders will lead the Nebraska songs and yells, and all the Tassels and Corn Cobs will be there, Miss Sawvell said.

Fresh Beans On Sale Now

Freshmen beanie tickets will be on sale in Room 201 Administration building all this week.

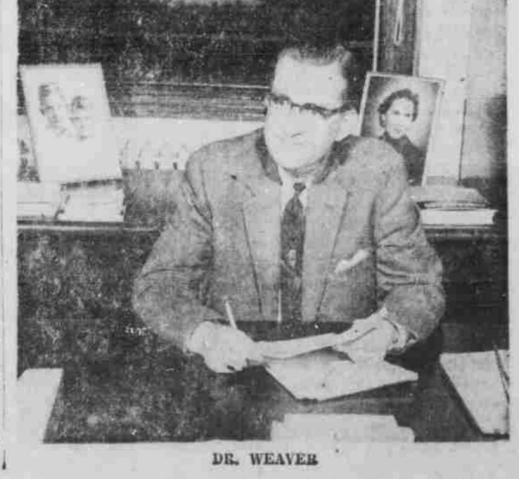
The ticket entitles the student to a beanie which can be picked up at Ben Simon's department store.

The tickets are 75 cents. It is traditional to wear the fresh beanies until the first snowfall.

NU To Hold Institute For Lawyers

A two-day law institute dealing with practical and legal problems of interest to practicing lawyers will be held at the University College of Law Friday and Saturday.

Dean Edmund Belsheim will preside Friday morning and U.S. District Court judge, Robert Van Pelt, will preside in the afternoon. Nebraska Bar Association president Barton Kuhns, will preside Saturday.



DR. WEAVER