

# Regents Vote Offer on Elgin Property

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A structure nearly six times as large as any of the present classroom buildings, may soon become a part of the University.

This fact became evident following a unanimous vote by the University Board of Regents Thursday afternoon authorizing an offer to purchase the Elgin National Watch Company's six-story Lincoln plant and adjacent land bordering the northeast corner of the campus.

The University will now formally offer \$725,000 for the property, estimated in 1953 to be worth \$1,739,325. The offer will be placed before Elgin's board of directors sometime next week in Elgin, Illinois, company officials stated.

If the offer is accepted, the transfer of property to the University will take place on August 1.

Informal negotiations between J. G. Shennan, president of the company, and the University have been going on for the past 6-8 weeks, according to Dean Adam Breckenridge, assistant to the Chancellor. Breckenridge stated that we were "interested immediately" when it was learned Elgin would vacate

its building shortly after the first of June.

No offers for industrial sites have been received by the company for the building,

according to Elgin officials. The fact that it was originally built as a warehouse before occupation by Elgin and that it does not fit the qualities industry looks for in future

will also be necessary before occupation by the University. Chancellor Clifford Hardin stated. Hardin estimates it will take about six years for complete readaption of the

building and the accumulation of sufficient funds from the building levy.

However, he added the facilities of Elgin "will go a long way, together with other plans under the present 10-year building program, in solving the space squeeze anticipated from the tidal wave of students in the '60s."

**Enrollment**  
Estimates have put the University's enrollment as high as 15,000 at that time.

Acceptance of the offer will provide the University with a building at a cost of about \$2.50 per square foot including land, the Chancellor said. In addition to this, he said, an estimated \$7 to \$10 per square foot will be spent in revamping and equipping the building, which will be used for classrooms and laboratories.

Approximately double the cost of acquiring the building and fitting it to the students needs, or \$15 to \$20 per square foot, excluding land, would be spent if the University were to erect a similar structure, Hardin pointed out.

Land acquired with the building is valued at about \$300,000, according to University business manager Carl Donaldson. The parking lot directly south of the plant, occupying a full block, is included in the purchase offer and will be considered as a

future building site, Donaldson said.

"While it isn't the type of structure that we would erect on the campus in terms of beauty and convenience, it is a good solid building and can be adapted at a great savings in tax funds to help solve our space needs," Hardin explained.

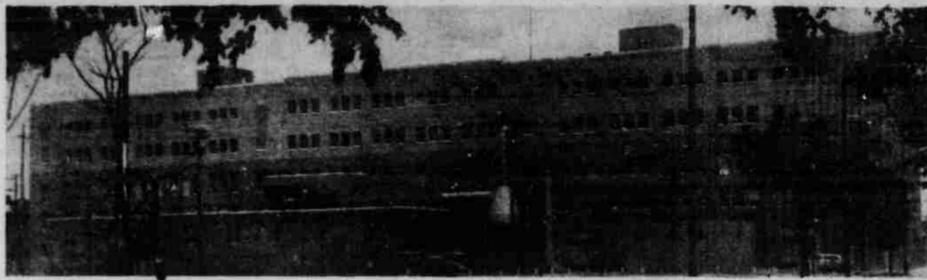
**Savings**  
"We feel that the size of the savings greatly overshadows beauty and convenience," he added.

The building surrounds University property on three sides: on the west by the women's physical education field, on the south by a newly acquired building site and on the east by a leased parking lot.

**Capacity**  
It has a carrying capacity of 300 pounds per square foot on the first three floors and basement, while the upper two floors will hold 75 pounds per square foot. Hardin stated this will be more than required to carry any type of laboratory equipment.

Usable space provided by the building will amount to 310,000 square feet. It is fully air-conditioned, humidity controlled, has its own heating plant, two elevators with a capacity of 40 passengers each and three stairways.

Donaldson stated that all present partitions are removable, allowing for little waste in renovating.



Elgin Plant . . . Part of NU?

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### Most Lincolnites OK Elgin Offer

Various opinions were expressed by Lincolnites following the authorization by the Board of Regents of Chancellor Clifford Hardin's proposal to offer \$725,000 for the Elgin National Watch Company building.

During discussion of the proposal, Regent President C. Y. Thompson stated that he had talked for about 20 minutes with an unidentified local citizen who stated that he was

opposed to the purchase of the plant by the University. His reason for disapproval was because it will increase taxes for Lincoln by taking the land off the tax rolls.

Regent Clarence Swanson, however, said that he doesn't believe the opinion of the anonymous phone call represents the sentiment of the city of Lincoln. He added that he had "heard nothing but favor-

able comment" regarding the proposed purchase.

**Major Step Forward**  
A joint statement issued by Lincoln Chamber of Commerce president Harold Hoppe and Emmet Junge, chairman of the chamber's business expansion committee stated:

"We of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce feel that in the long run, this would be another major step forward in Lincoln's economic development.

"We are confident that integrating this fine structure into the physical facilities of the University will permit the more rapid and greater expansion of what is truly one of the state's major industries, the University of Nebraska."

"Assuming that Chancellor Hardin's prediction that the student body will nearly double in the near future, is correct, it is obvious that this would contribute to Lincoln's payrolls and to its economic well-being.

**'Most Valuable Use'**  
"We believe that by this purchase, the Elgin building will be put to its most valuable and productive use."

Elwood Thompson, president of the Lincoln Industrial Development Corporation, a group created by the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of further working on attracting industry and business payrolls to Lincoln, said the purchase offer has the LIDC's "unanimous and whole hearted support."

"The University is one of the state's principal assets in seeking new industry. This purchase will provide space for essential laboratory and research facilities which are of especial attraction to industry," he added.

A member of the Lincoln planning Commission, Pa ce

Woods stated, "I definitely think it's a step forward for the University and will eventually be very beneficial to the city as well as the University."

Lincoln Mayor Bennet Martin said, "I think it's a very fine addition for the University to acquire as fine a building as that in the heart of the downtown campus."

### Council Adds New Officers

**Neophytes Sworn In As Representatives**

Student Council has elected three new officers for 1958-59. Jack Muck was elected treasurer; Jolaine Loseke, recording secretary; and Kathleen Roach corresponding secretary.

Muck is a Business Administration representative, Miss Loseke represents Tassel and Miss Roach represents Teachers college.

Dwaine Rogge, junior in Engineering and Architecture, was sworn in as president of Student Council by outgoing president Helen Gourlay.

Rogge in turn administered the oath of office to the incoming council members.

Outgoing council members completed their last official act as they signed the twelve original copies of the Student Tribunal Charter.

Copies of the original charter will go to the Board of Regents, Bureau of Registration and Records, Chancellor Hardin, Dean Colbert, the tribunal, and the next Student Council.

After completing the order of business for the day both outgoing and incoming council members went to Antelope Park for a picnic.

### Lawrence Waits For Algerians

**J-Week Speaker Returns To Lincoln**

While awaiting word from Gen. Jacques Massu who is attempting to establish a governmental regime in strife-torn Algeria, William H. Lawrence has returned to his old home town to take part in Journalism Week at the University.

The New York Times foreign correspondent returned from Algeria in May following a nine week stay in which he once went "guerilla hunting" with Massu via helicopter.

**Globe Trotter**  
Covering the war and the world has become a habit of the globe trotting Lawrence. Born in Lincoln, Lawrence attended the University for a brief spell. At 16 he became a staff writer for the Lincoln Star where he worked from 1932-35.

From Lincoln, Lawrence's career moved quickly—to the Associated Press, the Omaha World-Herald and the United Press in Chicago, Detroit and other cities.

Since 1941 Lawrence has been with the New York Times serving as a war and foreign correspondent. In the Pacific area during World War II he covered Guam, Okinawa and Japan.

His later assignments took him to London, Moscow and the Balkans. While he was reporting in the Balkans, he was forced to leave the country for reporting them as pro-Soviet.

**Korean War**  
His Cook's tour of the world brought him to the Pacific once again, this time reporting the Korean war. Following the war he covered the U.S. as a national correspondent before returning to his post as the Washington editor of the Times.

He will address a noon luncheon today at the Union on the foreign news correspondent. Concluding his Journalism Week activities he will be the featured speaker tomorrow evening at a testimonial dinner honoring his former boss, the late James E. Lawrence, longtime editor of the Lincoln Star.

### Law Briefs Win Awards

Six first year law students at the University College of Law received awards Wednesday morning for excellence in legal research and writing.

The winners, judged to have drafted the best appellate briefs and case notes in the first year class, are:

John Haessler, first prize; Roger Langenheim and Robert Walker, tie for second prize; Richard Huebner and Donald Leonard, tie for fourth prize; Robert McCalla, sixth prize; and Richard Petrie received honorable mention.

Preparation of the appellate briefs and case notes is a part of regular student work in the legal research and writing program at the Law College. It is designed to give students practical training in developing skill in drafting and scholarly legal writing.

This is the first year the awards have been given.

### Theater Award Winners To Be Named At Banquet

New members of Purple Masque will be announced Saturday night at the annual Masquers Award Banquet in the Lincoln Hotel.

Purple Masque, a local organization, is the highest honor a theater worker can

achieve, according to Dallas Williams, director of the University Theater.

Masquers, local chapter of National Collegiate Players, will present acting awards to players in University and laboratory shows.

Directing awards will be given for laboratory shows.

New Masquers and workers will be tapped at the banquet, and new officers will be introduced.

Awards will be presented for outstanding service in the Theater.

An award will be given to outstanding freshmen.

### Counselors Needed For Boys' State

The American Legion still has openings for counselors for the 1958 Cornhusker Boys' State.

Male University students may apply in person to Hollie Lepley, assistant professor of physical education for men.

Written applications stating qualifications and experience should be turned in when contacting Lepley.

Counselors will receive a salary in addition to room and board.

### Journalism Week Ends

Lectures, an awards luncheon, a banquet, a pledging ceremony and a Fun Fair will wrap up Journalism Week activities today and Saturday.

J-Week, first at the University since pre-World War II, features a noon luncheon today with main speaker William H. Lawrence, political writer for the New York Times, Washington Bureau. On tap tonight is a "Fun Fair" at Pioneer Park beginning at 5 p.m. sponsored by undergraduate J-School organizations.

**Pledging**  
Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism fraternity, will begin Saturday morning early with an 8 a.m. pledging ceremony at the Union.

At noon a Silver Key Awards Luncheon in the Union will honor high school winners in the recent Silver Key Awards contest. Speaking will be Jack Lough, publisher of the Albion News and president of the Nebraska Press Association.

**J-Week activities will close Saturday night with a J-Week Banquet and testimonial dinner in honor of the late James Lawrence, former University journalism instructor and editor of the Lincoln Star.** William Lawrence will again be featured speaker.

Students from three journalism classes yesterday returned from three Nebraska cities where they had gone Wednesday to publish entire daily papers. The Beatrice Sun, the Fremont Guide and Tribune and the Nebraska City News-Press were the objects of the J-School writers, editors and photographers.

**Long Week**  
Also included in the extensive week were initiation ceremonies held by Sigma Delta Chi and Kappa Tau Alpha journalism groups, a photography exhibition and a Kappa Alpha Mu photo open house, a reception for seniors at the home of Dr. William Hall, J-School director, and speeches and discussions conducted by prominent men in various fields of journalism.

**KK Smoker**  
Kosmet Klub will hold a smoker Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Union Parlor A.

All organized houses are urged to send men who are interested in being Kosmet Klub workers for the coming school year, according to Bob Smith, president.

### Jo Loseke Is Dairy Royal Queen

Jolaine Loseke, Alpha Chi Omega sophomore, was named Dairy Royal Queen from a field of five contestants at the Dairy Royal Wednesday night. Larry Ewing was chosen Grand Champion Showman.

Miss Loseke was chosen by the audience attending the show. Other finalists were: Priscilla Eckrick, Mary Anderson, Jacquelyn Beard, and Angie Holbert.

Reserve Grand Champion

Francis McCamley Burr Hall freshman in Agriculture, was honored Wednesday night for having the highest grade average among 163 men living in Burr Hall on Ag Campus.

McCumley was also high man scholastically in Smith House, a sub-division of Burr Hall. High grade average in the other houses of Burr Hall included David Berns, Gooding House, Richard Frahm, Van Es House, and Clemens Otten, Kieselbach House.

Other awards made at the event included Ron Kahle, freshman, who was high man in Burr in overall activities. Smith House took first place in the Hall in overall athletic participation.

showman was Harold Johnson. Winners of the junior division showmanship contest were Lyle Vossler, and Wayne Minickus.

Kay Stute, Love Hall soph-

### Aggie Parade Route

The Aggie Parade scheduled for Saturday will leave the College Activities building at 12:30 according to Angie Holbert, chairman. The parade route includes: down Vine Street to 16th, south to R Street, west to 12th street, north to the Coliseum, and back to Ag on Holdrege.

more, won the cow milking contest, milking 2.7 pounds in the two minutes allotted time. Other winners were: Mary Rothell, Alpha Xi Delta, Lucille Hoppel, Terrace Hall, Joan Graf, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Eileen Hanson, Delta Delta Delta.

### Methodist Center Re-elects Johnston

Bill Johnston was re-elected president of the Methodist Student Center at the organization's last meeting.

Other officers chosen were Bob Simmonds and Barbara Breunsbach, vice presidents; Diane Russell, secretary and Gary Aten, treasurer.

New committee chairmen are Ruth Fritz, social; Terry Otto, membership; Judy Combs, World Christian Community and Ray Kjar, public relations.



Red roses, trophies go to Dairy Princess Jolaine . . .

### Aggie Royal Couple Secret 'Til Saturday

Finalists for the coveted titles of Whisker King and Goddess of Agriculture to reign over the Aggie Royal Ball Friday night have been announced.

The identity of the pair will be revealed at the dance to be held in the College Activities Building gym, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The six finalists for Goddess of Agriculture were chosen among senior women

in the college by student vote. They are: Margot Franke, Elda Broomfield, Lorajane Baskin, Evonne Einspahr, Ethel Oeltjen, and Roberta Switzer.

The Whisker King is chosen on the basis of growth and quality of the beard developed.

The six finalists are: Larry Voss, Don Herman, Terry Howard, Jerry Wagner, Roger Hubbard, and Jack Skinner.

### New Contract To Extend NU-Turkish Cooperation

A new contract for the University Turkish program was approved Thursday by the Board of Regents.

The contract will supersede the original one signed in March, 1955, which expires on May 31 of this year.

It will be extended until December 31, 1960, when signed by the International Co-operation Administration which fi-

### Marines Recruiters Visit Campus

Second Lieutenant Gary Burchfield of the Marine Corps, a 1957 graduate of the University, is back at NU for a "visit."

Lt. Burchfield, an officer with the Officer Procurement Team, visiting the University this week, said that his visit here is to interest students in the Marine Corps and to give information about officer training programs.

Located in the Union through noon today, the procurement team is under the direction of Major M. W. Snow.

Burchfield said that two programs are available to college students interested in becoming Marine officers. The first is the Platoon Leaders Class for undergraduates and the other is Officer Candidate class for seniors and graduates.

### Paleontology Scholarship Announced

The William E. Green Memorial Paleontology Scholarship, a \$250 scholarship for students interested in vertebrate paleontology, is now available according to C. B. Schultz, chairman of the William E. Green scholarship Committee.

The scholarship is applicable to a vertebrate paleontology expedition of the University State Museum for a period not longer than two months during the summer of 1958.

Applicants must be a student of the University, registered in any school or college. By the end of the current semester, at least one satisfactory year at the University with high scholarship must have been completed and an active interest in the field of vertebrate paleontology must have been shown.

Application blanks are available at the University State Museum, 101 Morrill Hall. Completed applications may be sent to Dr. C. B. Schultz, curator of Vertebrate Paleontology and Director of the Museum, on or before May 29.

In addition to the \$250, meals, lodging, and transportation for the expedition will be furnished.

The scholarship award is made possible through a fund established in 1945 by Dean and Mrs. Roy M. Green and their children in memory of their son and brother, William.

### Union Flick Features Karloff, Frankenstein

The Union movie this Sunday will be "Frankenstein." Taken from Mary Shelley's famous horror classic, "Frankenstein" is the original and uncut production which began the popularity of the horror movie series.

It stars Boris Karloff, Mae Clark and Colin Clive.

The program also will feature "The Great Heart," a Carey Wilson miniature and will begin at 7:30 in the Ballroom.