

## Hansen Elected To YWCA Spring Term Presidency

Janet Hansen, junior in Home Economics, was elected as the president of the YWCA at their Tuesday election.



Miss Hansen

An estimated 150-200 YWCA members participated in the election which named the officers for the second semester of this school term. The officers were elected at this early time in order to serve as a "base cabinet."

Miss Hansen now serves as the YWCA representative to the Student Council and is the AWS Coed Follies chairman. She has been active in the University YWCA since her entrance as a freshman.

Elected as vice-president of the group was Karen Long, a junior Education major. She is a Daily Nebraskan staff writer and is a YWCA cabinet member.

Carol Vermaas, a junior English major, was elected to the post of secretary. She is a present member of the YWCA cabinet and is a member of the Coed Counselors board. She serves as secretary of Kappa Delta sorority.

Elected as district representative was Ginny Hansen, a junior Education major. She is a member of the Red Cross, ACE and is presently a YWCA group chairman.

Voting for the next YWCA officers was held in the Student Union Tuesday from 1-6 p.m. New officers will take over their respective duties at the beginning of the second semester.

### Union Workers To Have Party

Christmas spirit will be in the air tonight when 10 Christmas trees are put up and decorated in the Student Union.

Union workers will meet at 7 p.m. to decorate nine areas including the main lounge, Crib, games area, cafeteria, south hall, main entrance, Pan American Room, music room and the Book Nook.

The ballroom will be transformed into a blue, gray and silver scheme with Noel across the stage.

Kay Hirschbach is general chairman of the decorating party.

### Foreign Student Observes 'Democracy' for Herself

After hearing about "democratic principles" from other American educated Filipino students, Josefina Estolas is observing these principles for herself at the University.

The graduate student in home economics said she noticed a change in Filipino students after they had studied in the United States in their dealings and in that their conversations do not revolve around themselves.

Miss Estolas was particularly impressed with three things about the University.

First, the equipment at the University is far more extensive than that found in Philippine colleges.

Secondly, Miss Estolas said chemistry lab work is more individual here while in the Philippines labs involve more group work.



**YW BAZAAR**—Admiring a pottery plate from Turkey, on display at the YWCA Christmas bazaar, are Miss Margaret Fedde (right) and Loy Lyn Wright. Miss Fedde gathered numerous Christmas items from various countries. The collections are loaned by individuals. The plate was loaned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fox. All items are on display along with others which are on sale in 234 Student Union.

### Bridle Club Wins Honors At Convention

The Block and Bridle Club received word today that the University chapter won three honors at the National Block and Bridle Convention in Chicago.

The club won the national first place plaque for its annual report, third on activities and honorable mention on the Merit Trophy Award in competition with 32 clubs in the nation.

The annual report submitted by Tom Kraeger, historian of the Nebraska chapter, was based on activities, originality and presentation. The report included club activities and pictures of the members, officers and judging teams.

The Chapter Activities Award in which Nebraska ranked third was based on the number of activities and their value.

Ron Kohmeier received honorable mention on the Merit Trophy Award, which is based on scholarship and activities of the previous year.

Charlie Adams, graduate student in agriculture, is the national secretary of the Block and Bridle Club.

### Cornhuskers Cop Opener From Airmen

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### First Step Remodeling For Elgin

The Elgin building will get a new electrical distribution system.

An apparent low base bid of \$69,990 by Commonwealth Electric Co. of Lincoln was submitted. Other bids of \$85,847 and \$67,790 were also received.

The opening of the bids represented the first phase of the remodeling work on the six-story building which was purchased by the University last year.

Verner Meyers, director of the Division of Planning and Construction, said that the work would consist of constructing a transformer room on the northwest corner of the first floor, the placement of the transformer and the tying-in of the building's electrical system with heavy lines along No. 16th St.

Work is expected to begin immediately after the acceptance of bids by the University Board of Regents.

The next step in the proposed \$2.3 million remodeling project will be the development of the basement and first floors, such as corridors and partitions.

### Lincoln Firm Bids Lowest

The apparent low bid of \$37,200 for general construction work on remodeling of the Ag Chemistry Building was submitted by the Hirsch Construction Co. of Lincoln.

Other apparent low bids were mechanical \$22,450 and electrical \$3,345.

The building will be the new home of the department of ag information which is now housed in the 63-year-old Poultry Building and in the Ag Extension Annex.

The annex will be razed to provide space for the Kellogg Center now under construction.

### Demos To Help Kennedy Aide

Helen Abdouch, key figure in the "Nebraskans for Kennedy Campaign," will speak at the Young Democrats meeting tonight at 8 in 332 Student Union.

Miss Abdouch, who has been active in the Democratic Party as woman's chairman of the "Dollars for Democrats" drive, will discuss the "Woman's role in Politics."

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## Elimination of Hazing Urged At National IFC Convention

By Gary Rodgers  
College fraternity leaders throughout the nation are trying to eliminate that well-established campus tradition—pledge hazing.

### Regional Conference: Campus Union Reps Will Convene Here

Nearly 250 students and staff members representing 23 colleges and universities will be on campus this weekend to attend the Region Eight Conference of the association of College Unions.

The students, coming from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, will be housed in sorority and fraternity houses. Lists of those attending the conference will be posted in the Student Union for Nebraska students who wish to contact acquaintances from the other colleges.

Registration will be held in the Party Rooms of the Union from 1 to 4:15 p.m. Friday, and the opening session will be at 4:30.

Karen Peterson, president of the Campus Union and vice president of the region will extend greetings.

In the Pan American Room at 7 p.m., Union Manager Allen Bennett will preside at the dinner meeting and Colonel Harold E. Pride, Iowa State Union director at Ames, will speak on the future of College Unions. Rex Knowles, pastor of the Presbyterian Student House, will give the invocation. Vocal solos will be presented by Diane Smith, and Jane Cumming will give a humorous reading.

Following the meeting there will be a region party. Activities will include movies in the ballroom, a dance in the party rooms, bowling, billiards, table tennis, and bridge.

Discussion Groups are slated to cover nearly every phase of union work. The first morning discussion groups will cover philosophy of union, secretaries of local union boards, motivation of committee members and financial operation of the Union. The staff session will concentrate on "The Role of Unions in the Changing World."

The second session will be directed to selection of per-

at the 50th National Interfraternity Conference which urged fraternities to abolish hazing practices "as soon as is practically possible."

Attending the Thanksgiving vacation confab in New York City from the University were Bob Blair, IFC vice president; Jack Muck, IFC treasurer; and Marty Sophir, IFC secretary.

About 300 undergraduates and 900 alumni, mostly national fraternity officers, attended the conference, representing 59 fraternities with about 150,000 undergraduate members.

"Most Impressive" Blair termed the conference "most impressive." He said he learned a great deal more about fraternities.

Sophir stated the meeting was said to be the most successful ever held. He said the problems NU is facing are not dissimilar to the problems fraternities across the nation face. Fraternities at NU are probably stronger than the fraternity systems on most campuses, he said.

Reform of hazing was cited as a major concern for fraternities by Roland Maxwell, a Phi Kappa Tau from California and newly-elected president of the conference.

NU Commended The resolution passed at the convention said undergraduate leaders "believe hazing to be detrimental to the best interests of the pledges and inconsistent with the unselfish ideals of fraternities."

NU was commended by many national officers for its recent legislation reforming pledge training rules.

In October, the University IFC unanimously outlawed "detrimental or degrading" pledge training practices.

Sophir said that everyone at the conference seemed to be in favor of eliminating hazing but they were concerned about what they were going to replace it with to build unity in the pledge class and fraternity.

Suggestions brought forth at the conference included working together on community service, house projects, house parties and floats.

Strong feelings were expressed at the conference that fraternities in general had been hurt by two fatal hazing accidents in recent years, one at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and

another at the University of Southern California.

President Maxwell said fraternities were keenly conscious of the stigma caused by initiation accidents, rare as they are.

The alumni group, meeting separately, condemned hazing activities "calculated to bring embarrassment or physical or mental strain in connection with pledge training, initiation or pre-initiation procedures."

Sophir said it was emphasized at the conference that fraternities should not lose sight of their ideals, for example, many houses through out the nation were forgetting scholarship.

"They impressed upon us that fraternities must try even harder to uphold the ideals they are built upon," Blair said.

"They gave us the idea that fraternities must change as times change. We need to re-evaluate our programs, and that is just what we intend to do, and have been doing at Nebraska," he added.

Panel Discussions Panel discussions were held on pledge training, rushing, hazing and general interfraternity affairs. The delegates were divided into discussion groups on the basis of the number of fraternities on their campuses and discussed the same topics.

Blair met with all Big Eight IFC delegates at the conference. They plan to hold a conference on April 10. All the deans of men will be invited to attend in order that a better understanding of fraternities and administrations may be gained, he said.

Dr. Herman Wells, former president of the University of Indiana and U.S. delegate to the United Nations, concluded the conference with the statement: "The primary purpose of a college student and definitely a fraternity man is to learn."

### Poetry, Jazz Form Seminar

Readings Set With Music

A jazz poetry seminar, called the newest thing in the entertainment field, will be presented in the Student Union Dec. 10.

The seminar features poetry read to the background accompaniment of modern jazz. The Union program will be one of the first public appearances of such a group.

Music for the seminar will be provided by the John Marshall Sextet. The reading will be done by Bona Tebo Hayes, Ernie Hines and John Marshall.

The seven poetry selections were chosen from the works of Hopkins, Yeats, Skelton, Sandburg and Shapiro.

They include Sandburg's "Tales" read by Hines; Yeat's "When You Are Old," read by Mrs. Hayes; and Shapiro's "Nostalgia," read by Mrs. Hayes.

The sextet will present nine jazz selections in addition to the poetry-jazz readings.

The seminar will be presented in the Pan American Room at 4:15 p.m. Tickets will be available at the main desk of the Union beginning Monday. There is no charge for the tickets but seating is limited.

### Reporters' Meeting

There will be a meeting of all present and prospective Daily Nebraskan reporters at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Daily Nebraskan office.

### Sigma Tau:

## NU Home of Engin Honorary

The University was the founding place of Sigma Tau, one of the nation's best known honorary engineering fraternities.

Sigma Tau was founded on Feb. 22, 1904, when a group of upperclassmen of NU's Engineering College held a banquet and announced the organization of a new honor society in engineering.

This formal introduction, however, was not the real beginning. It represented the culmination of preparations extending over a period of more than a year.

During this preliminary period, charter members had been meeting frequently, discussing objectives, outlining principles and ideals and perfecting the mechanism of the organization.

The founders worked towards the formation of Sigma Tau with a desire to be of service to engineering education at NU. The initial workers were civil engineering students.

Ideas Presented After several meetings in the fall of 1903, they decided

to present their ideas to the other engineers at the University. They also invited certain members of the faculty to advise.

The original group of 14 men then started weekly meetings in which details of organization were worked out.

Sigma Tau adopted as its symbol a pyramid pierced by a rail. A large replica of the symbol stands in front of Stout Hall on Engineering College campus as a tribute to the founding.

National Magazine A provision was made at the 1914 National Conclave in Lincoln for the establishment of the "Pyramid," the fraternity's national publication. Each of the chapters has a correspondent for the magazine.

Membership for Sigma Tau is selected from men who rank in the upper one-third of the junior and senior classes of a recognized college of engineering.

Selection of members from those who qualify scholastically is made on a further basis of practicality and so-

ciability. The approval of at least three members of the engineering faculty is required.

Honor Societies In 1925, as a result of endeavors to clarify the situation regarding honor societies, the Association of College Honor Societies was formed.

The original members were Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Omega Alpha and the Order of the Coif.

The association, after an extensive survey, extended an invitation to Sigma Tau to become a member. On March 3, 1930, the fraternity was admitted to full membership as the first honor society so recognized after the formation of the association.

Sigma Tau has initiated more than 24,000 members. A partial list of the alumni who have advanced to positions of responsibility have included the presidents of such firms as U.S. Steel Co., Western Electric Co., Link Aviation Corp., the Ford Foundation and the New York Central R. R.

# 1959 MILITARY BALL-FRI., DEC. 4

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TICKETS ON SALE IN THE UNION \$3.50 per couple-\$1.00 per spectator