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Jittery Juniors Have But Few Hours 'Til Ivy Day

By Jim Forrest
To the relief of many jittery and anxious juniors Ivy Day will once again give the campus a festive air as its activities begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow north of the old Administration building, 11th and R streets.

The University band under the direction of Donald Lentz, professor of music, will open the day with a concert. At 9:15 the masked hooded Innocents will enter followed by the reading of the Ivy Day history by master of ceremonies, Dale Ganz, associate professor of music.

May Queen
Highlighting Ivy Day will be the presentation of the May Queen and her court at 9:20, preceded by the traditional ivy and daisy chains. After Dean Breckenridge speaks, the new ivy will be planted.

Following the Women's sing at 10, the May court will recess until 12:55 p.m. when the ringing of Carillon will announce the return of the court and the resumption of festivities.

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Tribunal Chooses Members

Law Post Filled, Sr. Judges Elected
Four new members and one member from this year's Student Tribunal were selected by the Student Council Wednesday to fill the positions on the next Tribunal.

Levi Goosen was elected to fill the Law School position and Rod Ellerbusch, Gil Grady, Bob Kaff and Roberta Rock were elected as senior judges. Ellerbusch was a member of the Tribunal this year.

The Council Nominating committee had preliminary interviews with an estimated 15-17 seniors.

John Hoerner directed three questions to each of the interviewees and then the floor was opened for questions from Council members.

Questions by Hoerner were: What is the composition of the Tribunal and what are the recommendations it can make? Justification for the Tribunal, considering a possible reversal of the recommended decision? Ideas for improvement of the Student Tribunal?

After some discussion on the senior candidates, John Hoerner moved that application be re-opened for senior candidates for the Tribunal. Chuck Wilson told the Council that to re-open applications at this time would be impossible due to the time involved for signing up and eligibility checks and interviews. The motion by Hoerner lost.

\$700 Sculpture Reported Stolen

The first major theft in recent years has been reported by the University Art Galleries, according to Norman Geske, Director.

The missing article, a bronze sculpture, "The Dolphins" by the late French artist Gaston Lachaise, is valued at \$700.

Taken from its pedestal in Morrill Hall Thursday noon, the statue measures one foot by one foot and weighs about 10 pounds. It was purchased in 1938.

Group visits are unusually heavy at this time of the year and the sculpture may have been taken as a "sneak day" prank, said Geske.

Ivy Hours Are 2 a.m.

Ivy Day festivities will warrant 2 a.m. hours for University women, according to AWS president Skip Harris.

Coeds are reminded that any late minutes on a two o'clock night result in an automatic Saturday night campus.

Court is opened the fraternity sing and the presentation of the IFC cup and an AAUW award will be made. Men's Glee will perform until the decision as to the

winner of the sings have been made.

Concluding the Court's activities will be the announcement of the winners of the individual scholarship trophies for men and women.

Final Recessional

After the Court's final recessional at 2:40, the Mortar Boards and the Innocents will take over and reveal

their new members by the traditional tapping and tackling ceremonies.

Ivy Day, which was started in 1898 as Senior Class Day, is the climax of the year's activity events. Soloists for this year's festivities is Suzanne Worley, who is a member of University Singers and was a soloist in this season's presentation of the Messiah.

The characteristic ivy and daisy chains, which line the path to the throne for the Queen and her court, will be carried by the following coeds:

SENIORS

Mary Ramage, Joyce Johnson, Marilyn Mead, Sally Miller, Gretchen Blum, Cynthia Hansen, Marilyn Linquist, Carl Larson, Betty James, Judy Douglas, Bobbie Jorgensen, Mary Lou Lucke, Jean Hagaman, Marcia Weichal, Sally Smiley, Gale Schiatt, Ellen Santin, Anne Nordquist, Claire Prucha, Phyllis Yoss, Ann Withoff, Marnie Gardner, Barbara Snavley, Sue Worley, Sue Johnson, Irma Kluge, Joan Nissen, Diane Russell, Joan Raitley, Diane Erickson, Faye Oelien, Colleen Christensen, Deanna Dietrich, Joyce Turnbull, Nancy Munson, Marcia Barnes, Janet Mohlman, Myra Richards, Suzanne Roberts, Marilyn Nachtmann.

JUNIORS

Jane Luchsinger, Jan Burgess, Rosemary Kuhl, Sharon Olson, Nancy Anville, Lois Muelle, Jan Jurgens, Gail Gray, Carolyn Whitney, Mary Lofke, Sharon Jamieson, Judy Varvao, Madge Hautmont, Annie Olson, Loraine Hadley, Rosemary Balmforth, Joan Schulte, Nina Hudson, Thelma Christensen.

SOPHOMORES

Judy Hamilton, Angela Lutz, Anne Walker, LeNette Wiese, Janet Hoepfner, Kitty Shearer, Sharon Mocerlet, Bobbie Tanner, Sharon Hooper, Diane Tinsman, Mary Knolle, Jessie Johnson, Bernice Hodde, Virginia Saeghorn, Bev Rook, Gladys Hofmeier, Kay Masters, Raita Janssens, Alfreda Stutze, Pauline Hill.

FRESHMEN

Helen Lamb, Phyllis Francis, Corrine Newton, Suzi Moffitt, Judy Hansen, Cynthia Holmquist, Karen Muehlich, Kay Meyer, Sue Isaacson, Lana Norris, Ruth Ann Reed, Sue Swanson, Margaret Toof, Jane Price, Jan Fletcher, Kay Anderson, Linda Scarlett, Beth Derine Sherry Barb, Trina Habel.



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY—So outside may be our Ivy Day, chants Frosh Jan Fletcher. Spring rains have been dependably returning on Ivy Day for the past four years.

—Spring Day—

Faculty Baby Contest Featured on First Day

By Jerry Lamberson and Linda Jensen
All University classes will be called off this afternoon for the fifth annual Spring Day events.

Activities will begin at 1:15 p.m. and will extend until the close of the Student Union birthday party at midnight.

Became Reality
Spring Day became a reality in 1956 and also showed faculty participation. Contests open to the faculty were the baby bottle, softball throwing, egg catching, three-legged racing and peanut pushing.

Baby bottle contest contestants in the first Spring Day included Chancellor Clifford Hardin, Adam Breckenridge, Lee Chatfield, Phillip Colbert, Marjorie Johnston, James Pittenger and Helen Snyder.

The Union parking lot was closed and transformed into a carnival which included a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, tilt-a-whirl, spit fire, roll-plane, doggem, boat ride, army tank ride and kiddie auto ride. There were also refreshment and novelty stands.

The Ag campus sponsored a barbecue and a street dance was held in the evening.

Tug-of-War

The first two events of this year's contests will be the men's and women's tug-of-war and the men's pushball contest. The tug-of-war events will feature the mud pit into which the losers will fall, and the pushball contest will show action with an oversized Nebraska ball.

The bucking bronc contest in which contestants must be dressed in western apparel begins at 1:30 p.m. Following the bronc contest at 1:45 will be the women's obstacle race. Each entry in the race will be required to carry a basketball while following the obstacle course of truck tires and bales of hay.

A new event this year is the men's bicycle race. The

ten mile course (40 times around the track) must be covered on the contestant's own American-made bicycle. The winner's prize for this event will be two tickets to Ben Hur, dinner for two at an Omaha restaurant, and a date with any girl on the university campus. This event will begin at 2.

Beginning at 2:15, the women's egg-throwing event will include two members from each organized house. The winners will be the team which is able to throw the egg the longest distance without the egg being broken.

Shot Put

The shot put event for women will begin at 2:30 and will allow only one entry from each women's organized group. The contestants will be instructed by N Club members on the proper way to heave the eight pound ball.

Another new feature of this year's Spring Day events is the greased pole contest. This event will begin at 3. The 20 foot slippery pole will be imbedded upright in the ground and will have a bell at the top. Contestants must climb the pole and ring the bell with their hands without touching the pole below the ten foot mark. Helpers may form pyramids in order to get the contestant to the ten foot mark.

Starting time for the tricycle race is 3:30. Each girl must wear a costume appropriate for a five year old or under. Special trike riding skills will be included in the race.

All Spring Day events will be held in case of rain. "Dizzyland"

Following the planned Spring Day events, the Student Union will host its twenty-second birthday party. A carnival theme of "Dizzyland" will be carried out by game booths set up in the Pan-American Room.

The booths will be open from 7 until 10 p.m. and will feature such attractions as the mouse race, a miniature golf course, weight lifting and a baseball throw. Prizes will be given in each of the booths.

As this is the first year in the new Student Union, the committee believes that "this twenty-second birthday party will be better than the others because of the new facilities."

The Cell Block 7, a group from Texas, will play on the terrace of the Union from 8 until 12 p.m. for the street dance. They have made numerous television appearances, among them the Ed Sullivan show. The group also played for college night during New Student Week.

Spring Day trophies and prizes will be awarded at the 10:15 intermission. Bill Connell will be the master-of-ceremonies. During the break the Union birthday cake will be cut by Dean Breckenridge and Miss Mary Jane Mulvaney. N Club members will carry out the cake and present it to student body.

The street dance, ending the Spring Day festivities, will continue until 12 p.m.

Alpha Tau Alpha Initiates Members

Fourteen vocational education agriculture students were initiated into Alpha Tau Alpha, national honorary fraternity last night.

They include Gallard Longmore and Chauncey Nelson, seniors; Edsel Bartels, graduate; Donley Henning, Gerald Huntwork, Stanley Lahm, Donald Olson, Carl Roberts, Allen Wellman, Errol Wiges and Willard Wittie, juniors; Dwight Heng, Robert Mason, and Donald Simonson, sophomores.

AAUW Plan Outstanding Coed Award

A new presentation has been added to Ivy Day this year.

For the first time the American Association of University Women Award will be presented publicly to an outstanding senior coed.

The award according to Dean Helen Snyder, has been presented annually for the past several years, but was never publicly presented.

The award consists of a certificate of membership in the AAUW which lasts for one year after graduation, Miss Snyder said. The purpose of the program is to improve education on a national level through such means as study groups and legislation, Miss Snyder added.

Women eligible for the award are recommended to the dean's office by faculty members. Recipients are then chosen on the basis of scholarship and citizenship.

Area winners will be honored at a May 14 luncheon held at the University Club.

Ivy Day Reaches 62nd Birthday

... Traditional Weekend Was 'Senior Play Day'

By Ann Moyer

Ivy Day Weekend, hailed by Nebraskans as the most traditional custom of the school, will observe its 62nd anniversary this weekend.

Known as Senior class day, the predecessor of Ivy Day began in 1898 and was largely a "senior play day."

Three years later in 1901, the name was changed to Ivy Day derived from the ivy which the presidents of the junior and senior classes planted during the ceremony. Also at the time of the planting of the ivy, the senior class president presented the Ivy Trowel to the junior president as a symbol of passing the responsibilities to the upcoming senior class.

The Innocents Society was inaugurated in 1903.

The 18th hooded mystics were originally only a Nebraska campus group for the purpose of promoting spirit. Later they became a men's senior honorary whose membership was service and activities.

Sixteen senior women were honored by selection for the May Pole dance but in 1905 this custom was abandoned and the Order of the Black Masque of Motar Boards was founded.

The Schiller Linden tree was planted in the year 1905 as part of the Ivy Day ceremony. It was a memorial to the German poet, Schiller,

and still stands in the area known as the quadrangle north of the old Administration building.

One of his lines of poetry, "a deep meaning often lies in old customs," expresses the thought behind the Ivy Day traditions.

The Ivy-Daisy chain joined the ranks of tradition in 1910, two years before the May Queen and her court first appeared.

TNEs To Stage Big Blow-Out

Alums of Theta Nu Epsilon, campus sub-rosa society, are sponsoring a dance at Kings Ballroom tonight, according to invitations sent to students and organized houses.

Several hundred invitations have been received, it was learned upon a rough poll of various houses and students.

The invitations carried a skull and cross bones, symbol of TNE, plus the words: "The alumni of Theta Nu Epsilon request the presence of yourself and date at a party Friday, April 29, 8:30 to 11:30 at Kings Ballroom. Admission by presentation of this card only. Semi-formal dress."

Rumors circulating around campus have it that the party may be a hoax.

The first May Queen was presented on Ivy Day 1912 in a red and white rickasha donated for the purpose by William Jennings Bryan.

The influence of World War I affected the Ivy Day proceedings of 1918. A flag was presented to the University bearing 1413 stars which commemorated the students and alumni military men.

The idea that the Queen should have a Lord became reality in 1919 but proved unsatisfactory so the Queen returned as sole ruler of the Ivy Court the next year.

1921 marked the first year that Motar Board functioned as a member of the national Pi Sigma Alpha-Mortar Board. Also in that year Kosmet Klub entered the festivities and initiated their first honorary member. Two years later the Klub began the fraternity Ivy Day Sign which was joined in 1927 by the AWS Sorority sing.

One of the biggest weekends in Ivy Day History was celebrated in 1938 when the Farmers Fair, E-Week and the opening of the new Student Union were combined with the usual activities of the weekend. The Student Union's annual birthday celebration has now become part of the Ivy Day weekend.

The most recent addition to the Ivy Day celebrations is Spring Day which occurred for the first time in 1956.



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MBs, Innocents Have Worries On Ivy Day

By Nancy Brown

Tomorrow a small number of juniors will receive what is commonly considered one of the highest honors on the University campus—the honor of becoming a Mortar Board or Innocent.

Although the festivities may all seem to be part of a well-established tradition, there are quite a few things—and worries—that go on behind the scenes.

First, what motivates people to go to watch the tapping of Mortar Boards and the tackling of Innocents?

Dave Godbey, Innocents president, feels "it is the widely recognized honor surrounding it which makes people curious to see the ceremonies." Mrs. Katherine Willis Coleman, former national president of Mortar Boards, felt that it is all part of the traditional interest in Ivy Day.

Has anyone ever been scheduled to be tapped or tackled who was not there at the ceremony?

Last year in Innocents, one newly elected member had to be retrieved from the baseball field to be tackled. Another year, the entire group of Mortar Boards left the Ivy Day grounds to tap a girl who was sick in Student Health. If the newly-elected member cannot be found, an announcement is made that the junior has been chosen to membership in the society.

How do the Mortar Boards and Innocents spot their new members in the large crowd watching the ceremony?

Karen Peterson, president of Mortar Boards, explained that as the Mortar Boards go through the crowd ahead of time, they watch for the chosen juniors. If the girls move, the search just begins again. Godbey's only explanation was, "It's all very mystic."

Has anyone ever resigned from Mortar Boards or Innocents?

In 1955, Jack Rogers, a former president of the Student Council, resigned from Innocents and stated that he did not believe the Innocents' existence works to the best interest of the University.

Rogers stated that the Innocents were traditionally thought of as a specially privileged group over and outside the law. He thought that the society receives too much respect for what it actually accomplishes for the University.

Mrs. Coleman stated that in her memory, no one had ever resigned from Mortar Board.

What happens if weather is bad?

Usually the ceremonies move inside to the Coliseum. But, as Godbey stated, "If it's all mucky, we'll tackle them in the muck!"