

Fire Hazards Noted in 51 Buildings



FIRE HAZARDS

A student climbs the stairs in Brace Lab (above). Deputy Assistant State Fire Marshal G. E. Eckstrand said the narrow stairway leading to the cosmic sun ray count room would "trap every student up there in case of fire."

Fire escape (below) at Agricultural Hall doesn't extend to the ground. This is one of the improvements needed, according to Eckstrand.

By Nancy Whitford
How safe is the average University student from the fire hazards in class rooms and dorms?

Four University buildings, on city and ag campuses, have been condemned by Deputy Assistant State Fire Marshal G. E. Eckstrand, and 51 need additional fire improvements.

Buildings condemned include temporary G and Engineering Mechanics H, J, Student Organizations and the Former Meat Lab which Eckstrand termed a "fire hazard to the campus."

Twenty-five have been listed as needing complete fire coverage by means of automatic warning systems in every room and hall.

Twenty-six of the more fire-resistant buildings are said to need partial detection systems in "high hazard" areas and a number of others, additional exits, electrical corrections and better storage for inflammable liquids.

Eight Approved

Only eight structures—Administration, Student Health, Men's Physical Education, Military Science, Ferguson Hall, Ag Service Building and City and Ag Power Plants—claim membership in the charmed circle "approved" by the fire marshal's office as "relatively free from fire hazards."

"This leaves the vast majority of students subject to the danger of fire during much of their college career. What happened in Chicago could happen here," said Eckstrand.

He referred to the 1958 Chicago tragedy in which 27 students were burned to death while sitting in their classrooms.

Eckstrand has recommended fire prevention improvements to the tune of \$1.6 million or nearly \$185 per student, based on the strength of a month-long inspection of the University during August.

High Cost

A similar inspection was made in 1952.

Eckstrand cited refusal to carry out recommendations made at that time as chiefly responsible for the present high cost of bringing the buildings up to standard.

University business manager, Carl Donaldson, declined further comment on the charge except to say that he "wasn't here when the first inspection was made," and that the University was "nibbling away" at the project by replacing buildings deemed fire hazards with new structures such as Lyman Hall.

Earlier, University comptroller Joseph Soshnik stated that he is "at a loss" as to how the University will finance the additional expenditures required by the inspection.

Eckstrand said the "greatest weakness"

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however, was one which could be corrected with little cost to the University.

Fire Alarm

"Students should be made aware of the difference between the fire alarm bell and the class bell. They should know how to evacuate each building in case of fire," he said.

Eckstrand told of pulling "test fire drills" on both ag and city campuses during the August inspection tour.

"Nothing happened. The students didn't pay any attention to the fire alarm. On ag, it rang five minutes before someone stuck his head out of a door to ask what was going on," Eckstrand explained.

State law requires that fire drills be held at least once a month, he said.

He noted that over half of the other schools throughout Nebraska had already complied "without arguing" to the fire code rules which went into effect Sept. 1.



CHEMICAL STORAGE

Flammable liquids stored on open shelves close to the ceiling in the Biochemistry and Nutrition Building on Ag Campus were cited as hazardous by Deputy Assistant State Fire Marshal Eckstrand.

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Students Represent 48 Lands

All Nebraska Counties Have Reprs

By Norm Beatty
Latest enrollment figures show that all 93 Nebraska counties, 47 states and 48 countries are represented at the University by students, according to Dr. Floyd Hoover, registrar.

Lancaster county leads all Nebraska counties with a total of 2,317 students followed by Douglas county with 671 students.

Following the Lincoln and Omaha students are those from Beatrice and Gage County with a total of 169.

Scott's Bluff county, although around 400 miles away, is represented with 142 students to take fifth place standing in a county by county breakdown. Rounding out the top six counties is Dodge with 139 students.

Dr. Hoover said these figures do not include the Medical College in Omaha.

Iowa has 176 students attending Nebraska with 34 of them in post-baccalaureate programs (graduate college or teachers advanced professional).

Baccalaureate

Following Iowa by total number enrolled and those in post-baccalaureate programs (in parentheses) are:

- Minnesota—60 (36)
- South Dakota—93 (20)
- Illinois—61 (18)
- California—48 (14)
- Kansas—48 (13)

Leading the foreign county enrollment is India with 35 students. Second is Iran with 21, China (free) is third with 21, fourth is Turkey with 17, Korea is fifth with 13 and sixth place goes to Jamaica with a representation of 12 students.

Dr. Hoover also indicated that the other colleges within the state are represented on campus also.

Nebraska Wesleyan has 169 transfer students at Nebraska. Second, third, fourth and fifth in total number of in-state college transfer students are Kearney State 126; Hastings College, 86; Wayne State, 69 and Peru State, 57.

Hoover said the foreign students comprise part of the 15 per cent average of out state students per college.

As a final note, the youngest students on campus are two 16 year olds. The oldest are two 75 year olds, according to Hoover.

Grad Party

A Christmas party will be held Saturday from 9-12 p.m. at the Girls' Graduate House, 464 No. 16th. All graduate students are urged to attend.

AUF Elections

Election of officers for the All University Fund will be held Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Student Union.

The meeting was originally scheduled for a later time which conflicted with the Madrigal Concert.

Ag Dairy Offers Yule Cheese Gifts

Cheese lovers who want to give the Ag Dairy's Christmas Cheese boxes as Yuletide presents will be able to buy two-pound boxes as well as the regular four-pound boxes.

During past years only the four-pound boxes were sold, said Keith Heys, foreman at the dairy creamery.

The four-ounce boxes contain either four varieties in one-pound cuts or eight varieties in one-half pound cuts, he said. The new boxes may have four varieties in half-pound cuts and two varieties in one-pound cuts.

Cost of four-pound boxes is \$3.75 and two-pound boxes are \$2.15, he said.

The Dairy offers eight varieties from which the cheese lovers can choose.

The Ag Dairy also has one, one and one-half, two, three and five-pound cuts of all varieties which are dipped in colored wax and wrapped as post-Christmas gifts. These sell for 80c per pound.

Orders will be taken at the Dairy Husbandry department on the Ag campus.

All Must Turn In Worksheets

All students must turn worksheets in when registering.

Business Administration and Ag students may turn their sheets into their respective dean's office.

All others must take their worksheets to the registrar's office according to the schedule. Mrs. Irma Laase, assistant registrar, said Tuesday.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

- Wednesday: Alpha Tau Alpha coffee hour, 6:30 a.m.; meeting, 8:00 a.m.; TV, 10:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas program, College of Agriculture, 7:30 a.m.; at agriculture building, 7:30 a.m.
- Lecture, Dr. Jacob Lovitt, "Active Water Absorption by Plants," 7:30 a.m., Biology Hall auditorium.
- "Streeter Named Leader," 8 a.m., Howell Memorial Theater.
- 8:30 a.m., Nebraska Theater.
- "Star of Bethlehem," 8 p.m., Bales Master Planatorium, Merrill Hall, Theater.
- Thursday: Alpha Zeta meeting, initiation, 7:00 p.m., Regis Hall.
- German Club Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m., Student Union.
- "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Madrigal Singers, 7:30 p.m., Student Union, Ballroom.
- University Nurses meeting, 7:30 a.m., Student Union.
- "Streetcar Named Desire," 8 p.m., Howell Memorial Theater.

'Amahl and the Night Visitors' To Highlight Madrigal Concert

By Nancy Brown
"Amahl and the Night Visitors," the well-known Christmas opera, will be presented by the Madrigal Singers at their traditional Christmas program.

The production, written by Gian-Carlo Menotti, will be presented in the Student Union ballroom Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is the story of a poor crippled shepherd boy and his widowed mother. One evening, the Three Kings come to their humble home to rest, on their journey to find the Christ Child.

While the Kings are resting, the mother notices the gold which they are taking to the Christ Child. She takes some of it to care for her child, Amahl, and is caught.

Amahl is then miraculously cured of his crippledness, and goes with the Kings to visit the Christ Child.

John Moran, assistant professor of music, will direct the Madrigals. Accompanist is Mary Haight.

In addition to "Amahl," the Madrigals will sing a selection of Christmas carols. Featured will be three Spanish carols edited by Noah Greenburg and played with percussion accompaniment.

Derived from the customary 16th century Madrigal style, the program will be presented with singers seated around a table covered with white cloths and set with candles, globes and a punch bowl. Because of the size of this Madrigals group (39 members) the women

will be seated at the table with the men standing behind them.

The type of Madrigal singing done at the University, according to Ken Scheffel, a past member of Madrigals, started in England around 1550. It was the custom for families to sit around the tables after a meal and sing.

In some families, suitors joined in this singing to court their sweethearts into marriage. The ability to carry a part was almost a prerequisite for acceptance, according to Scheffel.

Madrigal singing then became a lost art, and was not revived until the beginning of the 20th century. The Madrigal group was begun here at the University after World War II.

Soloists in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" include Claire Roehrkasse as Amahl; Carolyn Rhodes as the Mother; Ken Scheffel as King Kasar; Gene Dybdahl as King Melchior; John Gillilan as King Balthazar; and Rod Gibb as the Page.

'Nebraska Place Names' Have Varied Origins

What's in a name? Plenty, according to "Nebraska Place Names," a new paperback book of the University of Nebraska Press. Written by Lillian Fitzpatrick and J. T. Link, two Nebraska scholars, the book deals with Nebraska city, town and place names.

For instance, the book cites the meadow an honest Nebraska pioneer chose to name Poorman's Bottom. Later, settlers changed it to Sunshine Valley.

There is also the intriguing town name of Wynot in Cedar county. One version of its origin, according to the 227-page book, is that a pioneer suggested, "Why not name it Why Not?" So they did.

Most Nebraska names can be traced to six general sources, writes Miss Fitzpatrick—personal names, local features, transfers, Indian names, original or coined and miscellaneous.

Personal names include such oddities as Florence in Douglas County, named

for the niece of the wife of Territorial Councilman Mitchell; and Coleridge and Hartington in Cedar County named for a couple of English lords.

Scottsbluff, Table Rock, Box Butte and Grand Island are towns named after local features, while Albion, York and Madison are examples of transfers.

Albion comes from Albion, Maine; York from York, Pennsylvania and Madison from a town in Wisconsin of the same name.

Indian names are represented by Omaha, Red Cloud, Ponca, Arapahoe and Ogallala. Tamora, a suggestion that the name would come tomorrow, is an example of an original or coined name.

Bee, from its location in "E" township, Smartville, after Mr. Smart who operated the crossroads store there, and Eagle, once called Sunlight when the town was moved a few miles, can all be included in the miscellaneous file.

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Christmas Spirit

The Christmas "giving" spirit is beginning to take effect as five NU eligibles have given up pins and the balance of their bank accounts in order to buy rings for their sweethearts. Page 4.

'Big Chris'

John Elise moves the calendar ahead to the year 2160 for the setting of his "Chris Mass" story. Editorial page.

Cagers Score Easy Win

Nebraska's cagers had little trouble disposing of Denver University, 77-52, Tuesday night at the Coliseum. Page 3.

'Streetcar' Is Ready To Roll into Action

By Phil Boroff
"A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams will begin a four night run this evening in Howell Memorial Theatre in Temple Building.

Curtain time for the second production of University Theater's 1960-61 season is 8 p.m.

Williams Directs

Under the direction of Dr. Dallas S. Williams, associate professor of speech and dramatic arts and former director of University Theater, "A Streetcar Named Desire" has been in rehearsal since the first week in November.

The Pulitzer Prize winning play was first produced in 1947. Since, many touring companies and a 1951 motion picture have added to the play's popularity.

Considered by many a classic of American theater, "A Streetcar Named Desire" centers around four characters—Blanche DuBois, Stanley and Stella Kowalski and Harold Mitchell.

Blanche DuBois, a former school teacher raised on a plantation, arrives in the French Quarter of New Orleans to visit her sister Stella. Stella has married Stanley Kowalski, a Polish laborer. Blanche suffers from nervousness, and when she sees her new surroundings and clashes with Stanley, the situation is increased.

Unwinds Past

Stanley begins to unwind Blanche's past, and, by doing so, destroys her. Harold Mitchell, Stanley's friend and a mama's boy, is strongly attracted to Blanche, but completely changes his feelings when Stanley tells him about Blanche's past.

On the evening when Stella is at the hospital having a baby, Stanley rapes Blanche and completely sends her into insanity. The final scene shows a physician and matron from an asylum taking Blanche away. Stella has reluctantly consented to commit her sister. Blanche finally

takes the physician's hand, saying she has "always depended on the kindness of strangers."

Blanche DuBois is played by Leta Powell, Stanley Kowalski by Dennis Schroeter, Stella Kowalski by Louise Shadley and Harold Mitchell by Larry Long.

Production manager is Kathy Beggs and assistant to the director is Mary Teale. Bernard Skalka, assistant professor of speech and dramatic arts, is technical director.

Others in the cast are: Zeff Bernstein, Phil Boroff, Jenise Burmood, Andrea Chicoine, Margery Coffey, Curtis Greene, Joan Jelmeck, LeRoy Jones.

Loretta Loose, Jim MacDonald, Jerry Mayer, Tice Miller, Sharon Purbough, Gordon Trousdale, Dick Watkins and Andy Wolvin.

Dr. Chasson President Of AAUP

Dr. Robert L. Chasson, chairman of the physics department, was elected president of the University's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, this week.

The outgoing president is Dr. James E. Miller, Jr., chairman of the English department.

Dr. Wallace C. Peterson, associate professor of economics, was elected vice president. Re-elected secretary was Dr. Michael G. Gossalis, professor of plant pathology, and Dr. Mary L. Mielenz, professor of secondary education, treasurer.

New members of the executive committee are Dr. Dudley Bailey, associate professor of English, for a three-year term and Dr. La Verne E. Small, chairman of pharmacy and pharmaceutical chemistry department, for a two-year term.