

War Years Only Break Since Ball Began in 1908

By Stevie Dort

Nine o'clock Dec. 8, 1961, marks the 49th University of Nebraska Military Ball, to be held this year at Pershing Municipal Auditorium.

An atmosphere "Out of This World" is promised and music will be provided by the Glenn Miller orchestra, directed by Ray McKinley.

The Honorary Commandant will be presented to those in attendance and the three service queens, Miss Army, Miss Navy and Miss Air Force will be revealed.

Traditionally, the Military

Ball opens the winter formal season and since 1925 the dance has been accepted as an all-university dance.

Pershing Rifles

The first Military Ball was held in 1908 when Pershing Rifles staged the dance. Since then, the dance has been held each winter except during wartime. Early Military Balls were strictly for campus military personnel.

In 1922, the first Honorary Coed Colonel was crowned at the ball. During 1925-28, it was the practice to reveal the Honorary Colonel immediately after elections. The title, Honorary Colonel, was later changed when three branches of the service were combined into ROTC.

Three hundred couples attended the 1926 Military Ball as compared to 1,500 couples in attendance in 1930. Five years later the largest Cadet Corps in the nation, a crowd of 5,000 attended the dance. Louis Panico and his band provided music for the ball.

Joe Sanders, known as the "Ole Lethander" played for the 1937 ball. Attended the dance were 6,000 couples.

Red Nichols

A big name band was presented in 1939 when Red Nichols of Five Pennies fame was contracted. The 1939 ball was held at the coliseum and a local radio station broadcast the grand march.

Military Ball plans on the "war campus" in 1942 found things far less elaborate. Coeds wore "victory corsages" of red, white and blue. The common slogan was "Victory corsage means nine more .30 caliber bullets." Corsage price? Sixty cents!

This was the 34th annual Military Ball which 4,000 students attended. Captain Glenn Miller was signed to lead the NU ROTC Band in several numbers. To the disappointment of many, Captain Miller was reportedly in an Army hospital with pneumonia and missed the Military Ball.

Ticket prices in 1942 were set at 55 cents for spectators, \$1.10 for ROTC cadets in uniform and \$1.65 for others.

Music

Dancing music was pro-

vided by Johnny "Scat" Davis who was known especially for his "scatterbrain music."

The ball was interrupted during the next years by war but the tradition was resumed in 1946. Chuck Foster and his band entertained at the 1946 Ball. Ticket prices jumped to \$3.00 per cadet couple and \$4.00 per civilian couple.

In 1953, "The nations most talked about musical personality," Paul Neighbors and his band played. Five years previously it had been tradition for the Honorary Commandants to be 21 years old, with brown hair and blue eyes but tradition was broken since no 1953 commandant finalist met these specifications.

1957 marked the first year that the dance was not held at the coliseum. Pershing Municipal Auditorium was chosen as the new ball site.

Choir

The Naval Aviation Cadet Choir sang in 1959 but it was decided to omit such entertainment to leave more time for dancing.

With the theme "From Muskets to Missiles" chosen, the 1960 Military Ball was held at Pershing Auditorium. "Glitter and Glamor" decorations were displayed while the students danced to Richard Maltby's music.

A tea was held in 1960 in order to present the Honorary Commandant candidates to the student body.

'Swinging' Weekend Approaches

Having recuperated from Thanksgiving vacation, the campus is beginning to get back into the social swing with house parties, formals and dinners.

Friday

Kappa Alpha Theta-Kappa Kappa Gamma-Pi Beta Phi Triad party, 9-12 p.m.
Delta Gamma-Kappa Alpha Theta pledge slumber party, 9-12 p.m.
Kappa Sigma house party, 9-12 p.m.

Saturday

Alpha Xi Delta tree decorating party.
Chi Omega Ski Lodge house party, 9-12 p.m.
Delta Delta Delta Turnabout Dinner, 6:30-8 p.m.
Kappa Delta pledge formal, 9-12 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha house party, 9-12 p.m.
Beta Theta Pi Roaring 20's house party, 9-12 p.m.
Sigma Nu Cave house party, 8-12 p.m.
Theta Xi Date Dinner, 6-7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Alpha Omicron Pi house decorating party.
Alpha Xi Delta faculty tea.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"I'M SURPRISED THAT THE QUALITY OF MY INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN QUESTIONED DEAN - WHY ITS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT I FLUNK FROM 50 TO 90 PER CENT OF MY STUDENTS EACH TERM"

Russian Colors Burn On Minnesota Campus

(Special to the Daily Nebraskan from John Shaver, editor of the Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota.)

The Russian flag flying in front of the Student Union was burned about 11 a.m. on Nov. 28 by an unidentified man.

University police said one of their officers had stepped into the union for a moment when the flag was set on fire. As he came out of the union he saw the flag burning and a man fleeing.

The man leaped over the balustrade, ran down the steps and jumped into a waiting car.

All that was left of the flag was a few smoldering remnants next to the pole. The flag marked the entrance to a Russian medical exhibit being held at the university campus.

and I wish to express our apology for the vandalism and discourtesy it represents."

Dr. Zhdanov accepted the apology and said he too was sorry the incident had occurred. He said it was clearly a case of vandalism and likened the guilty person to "our ancestors in the trees."

Opinions

"These people cannot change our opinions of the city," he continued, "of the many thousands who have come to the exhibit, we still like them. We like to meet these people, to talk with them."

He added that an incident like the flag burning could never happen in Russia.

Also present during the apology presentation was John Greenagel, president of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), a conservative group on campus. He said that the YAF protest rally last Wednesday was not against the flag's presence but against the things it represented.

The Russian exhibit is on the university campus as part of a series of cultural exchanges with the Soviet Union.

Apology

Dr. Viktor Zhdanov, director of the Russian exhibit, accepted an official apology for the incident from Malcolm Willey, academic vice president. Later in the afternoon Willey presented a letter to the Russian doctor for President O. Meredith Wilson who is at the University of New Hampshire for a meeting.

In his letter Willey said, "I'm writing to express my chagrin that the flag of your country should have been damaged while you were guests on the campus—a chagrin that I am sure the faculty and the students share."

"I am concerned that this individual act should appear to represent the temper of our entire academic community,"

Ag Union Holds Decorating Party

The Ag Student Union will hold its annual Christmas decorating party Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag Union.

All the Ag Union committees are to attend the event.

Scholarship Interviews Set Sunday

Three finalists for two full-tuition Interfraternity Council scholarships will be selected Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the IFC office by the Council's scholarship committee.

The University Committee on General Scholarship Awards will make final selections next week for the scholarship, which will provide full tuition for one semester for each of two sophomores.

The scholarship was awarded for the first time last year to Chip Kuklin, engineering junior.

The nine semi-finalists, who were selected from two applicants submitted by each house on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and participation in University life, are as follows:

- 2:30 p.m. Bill Buckley
- 2:35 Tom Kotouac
- 2:40 Jim Lemon
- 2:45 Jack Richard
- 2:50 Bob Seidell
- 2:55 Dave Smith
- 3:00 Dick Weill

Paths of Life

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we admit that "there is no health in us" apart from Him. He can restore us to spiritual health.

Finally, we must be persistent in our rediscovery of prayer. We read with fascination how Madam Curie and her husband spent year after year in their experimentation and understand their persistence as part of the discipline demanded by science. Yet many of us become discouraged when our devotional life seems arid and our prayers are seemingly unanswered. If we would expect great things to happen in our prayers—and we should—then we must allow God to speak to the hero in our souls. John L. Casteel reminds us that "if the life of prayer is to mean anything to us, our venture must be a heroic journey." If our desire for prayer is based on our yearning for God, if we have a desire to know Him and live the life for which He has created us, then we cannot be content with half-measures.

God demands our best striving and discipline if we are to rediscover Him through prayer. Once we have made this decision and stick by it, our lives will take on new dimensions that can only come from Him.

Films, Things

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again to the States where Connie must choose between slick, wealthy suitor Bert Convy or poor stable operator Troy Donahue. The choice in this type of film is obvious, but not before the baby puts himself on fire and Connie declares in front of everyone that the baby is hers.

Why? Well, producer, director, writer Delmer Daves has met earlier success with the similar "A Summer Place" and "Parrish," so why not do it again. Daves has directed some exciting, fine westerns — "Cowboy," "3:10 to Yuma," "The Hanging Tree" — but now he seems to be obsessed with unwed motherhood and its social problems. Let's return to the stable from the cradle, — it's much more comfortable!

However, it IS better than . . .

KNUS to Present 'War of Worlds'

KNUS will present "War of the Worlds," the Orson Wells radio classic, on Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

Applications are now being taken for the male lead in the program. Gary Gue, publicity director, said the part required a strong voice with dramatic ability. To apply for the part, leave your name, address and phone number at KNUS or call Gue.

Chalk Talk For Wildlife Program

Chalk talk, lecture and motion pictures will be presented by wildlife photographer Charles W. Swartz in a program "Making Wildlife Motion Pictures," Sunday at Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

This program will be the first activity of the Midwest Wildlife Conference to be held at the Nebraska Center Sunday through Wednesday.

The conference will be made up of 300-500 fish and game technicians from 12 midwestern states and three Canadian provinces. Various state wildlife control agencies of the U.S. governmental services including forestry, agriculture and fish and wildlife services will be represented.

TV's offbeat hit: 'The Flintstones'



The most surprised men in Hollywood are a couple of middle-aged cartoonists. Four years ago they were has-beens. Today they own a multimillion-dollar empire. Read the story of the man behind "The Flintstones" in this week's Post.

The Saturday Evening POST

Ag Chorus Will Present Carol Show

The Agriculture College Chorus of the University will present its Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the activities building on Ag Campus.

The public is invited and there is no charge.

The 87-voice chorus will be directed by Gene Dybdahl and assisted by a brass ensemble directed by Jack Snider. Cynthia Dybdahl will be accompanist.

The chorus will sing "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by Bach; "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Praetorius; "Up and Wake Thee, Peter Lad!" by Caldwell; "The Little Lord Jesus is Sleeping" by Towley and a group of arranged carols.

The Ag College Choristers, a select group of 17 voices, will sing "Jubilo for Christmas" by Shaw, "Patapan," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" by Kroner, "Rise Up Early" by Kountz and "Sleigh Ride" by Anderson.

The annual Christmas chorus is jointly sponsored by the Ag Exec Board and the Ag Student Union.

Choristers are Cheryl Abrahamson, Carol Sue Crawford, Linda Livingston, Bonnie Groves, Helen Howe, Linda Kohler, Norma Monson, Bobbe Peterson, David Hirschfeld, Larry Jiskra, Ronald Meinke, Mike Wilkins, Leroy Friesen, Gary McMargue, Roger Powell and Larry Stevenson.

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Ag Union to Host Careers Banquet

The location of the second annual Ag College Professional Opportunities Banquet, to be held Thurs., has been changed from the Nebraska Center to the Ag Student Union. This change, according to Wes Grady, Ag Exec. Board coordinator, has allowed the deadline for banquet tickets to be extended to Saturday.

Representatives of all the career fields will be present at the banquet and will be available for personal interviews. Grady points out.

Dr. Peters, Kansas State director of placements, will speak at the banquet. Peters will speak on student-employer relationships.

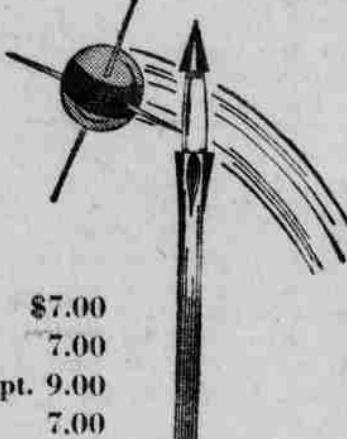
Tickets are available in Dr. Franklin Eldridge's office in the agriculture Administration building.

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- 3. Tickets & Expenses—AFROTC Dept. 9.00
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