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John Melvin Abrahamzon

"God's finger touched him, and he slept."

John Melvin Abrahamzon, known affectionately across the campus as Abe, died last Saturday. It wasn't long before news of his death spread across the campus, and hundreds of students felt a great loss.

Nearly everyone on campus, if they didn't know him well, had at least heard of him. And everything they heard was good. Abe was an outstanding member of the junior class, and was a student in every aspect of the word's definition.

Most of us who knew John well, will remember many things about him. We will recall his energetic personality. Abe was always active, always happy. One of his ambitions was to entertain; to extend his happiness to others. This he did through — his efforts through his Fraternity's Kosmet Klub skits which he wrote, directed and acted in; through Lincoln Project where he worked endlessly on various shows and edited some of their major publications.

As the student head of Lincoln Project, Abe always remembers and was probably the best example of, his own quotation: "In Project, we study the best qualities we can find so we can invest them in other people. As counselors, we also benefit because we have an opportunity to develop our own potentialities further."

Abe was one of the stronger men on the Student Council where he served as corresponding secretary. He also assumed the new responsibility of developing the public relations arm of that organization. John felt it was important that the student body know the endeavors of the Council. Armed with this belief he developed the bulletin board communications system and sought other ideas.

One of John's most important contributions was more than an activity. It was his Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. Here he spent hours working in nearly every area of activity. He had served as editor of their alumni publication, corresponding secretary and as president of his pledge class. Abe received their alumni award for outstanding Beta and had been slated for president in the forthcoming chapter elections.

He was truly a fraternalist, in the ideal sense of the word. He always looked for the best in others; he knew how to make friends and keep them, but above all, keep friends with himself. Abe never had to be asked to help, but was always among the first to volunteer.

Abe was also active in interfraternity endeavors. He had served as rush chairman during the past year and knew the true meaning and need for a strong, united Greek system. He spent hours working to develop this position and strengthen the rush program of a system he loved so well.

Few people knew — because Abe rarely told others of himself — that he took time each week to read two or three outside books. He aimed, someday, to be a rich man — not dollar-wise, but rich in the satisfaction of knowing he was a "good teacher."

Just as every student, Abe had his moods — depressed over a not-so-good test grade, elated over the success of the spring Project show. Most of the time, however, few people could guess that Abe was unhappy. Perhaps the secret to Abe's personality was his unselfishness. He worked hard for others.

They in turn reciprocated. "Try to perk up Abie," you'd hear from a classmate, "he had a bad day yesterday."

Abe threw everything he had into the project of the moment. Take the production of "J.B.," a University Theater production — four disaster scenes, Abe was a roustabout, quick-witted, belligerent soldier, a conniving press photographer, a hardened night cop, and hard-pressed civil defense man. Each scene was a reality with his sharp, impassioned acting.

Yes, Abe drove himself. Drove himself hard, often to the point of exhaustion. He always had another meeting to go to, or another special project to work on. But John wasn't a "gunner."

Everyone knew how great Abe was — but Abe. When it came to himself — Abe was "gun-shy." Few people ever succeeded in lining Abe up for a date — "Oh, she wouldn't want to go out with me . . ." He was ever conscious — perhaps too conscious — of what he thought were his shortcomings — Abe tried his best to make up for them . . .

John always wanted to be an athlete. He had worked hard in intramurals and sports activities at the house, but never realized his dream. He was the type of guy that never turned his back on anything, but faced it squarely and with a smile.

If one were to sum up his philosophy in life he might use the quotation: "I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

This was Abe. Energetic, happy, considerate of others. This was Abe. Loved by all who knew him; respected by those who had heard of him. This was Abe. A student's student, a picture of leadership.

Abe will live in our hearts forever as a true friend that we all loved and respected. And we close, John, with a tribute to you from one of your close friends. A tribute that has been rightly earned and summarizes quite well how we all feel toward you:

In Memory
Somewhere, in a very far-off place
Reached, not by mind or power of reason,

But rather by that part of life that lives forever,
Somewhere, a rounded figure bustles toward the gate,

Thinking of plays and peanut butter,
Hoping the audience will forgive
His untimely exit.

And here, in the realm of existence
That precedes true life
The tears bathe sorrow in a liquid salve,

But fail to wash away the image
That a score of years has built.
Forgive us, please, for mourning,
And for thinking of the worlds which lay ahead,

For you to conquer, because, in truth,
We are not ashamed to say we miss you.

And, although we wish you well
In this, your greatest world,
We wish that you were with us still.

Wendy Rogers
Don Ferguson

NU Greeks Bring In \$6,826.94 in MS Drive

Some 1,500 Greeks collected \$6,826.94 from residents of Lincoln in Saturday's Multiple Sclerosis (MS) drive plus another \$1,000 is the minimum expected from promised donations and envelopes left at houses where no one was home.

The drive was a part of the annual Greek Week. Other events of the week included an exchange dinner among the fraternities and sororities; a pledge party; two convocations, one featuring Adam Breckenridge, dean of faculties, and Harold Angelo, dean of men at the University of Colorado; two dances and an afternoon of games.

About 600 persons danced to Woody Herman at the Greek Week Ball. Figures on the amount lost will not be available until Thursday, according to Roger Anderson, IFC representative.

Jazz, Poetry Series

The contemporary music committee of the Student Union will renew its jazz and poetry series Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Union. The John Marshall Quintette will be featured along with poetry readers Don Sabolik, Herbert Irwin and John Marshall. Admission is 50 cents.

The originally scheduled street dance was moved into the Student Union Pan American room. Anderson estimated that about 500 attended.



"Rodger and the Tempests," and the "Sigma Chi combos" played for the dance.

The Sigma Nus won the overall trophy in the Greek games Friday afternoon by winning the tug-of-war and the pyramid race. The Sigma Chis won the chariot race.

In the girl's games, the Thetas won the twelve-legged race and the Alpha Omicron Pis won the tricycle race.

Dean Breckenridge discussed the problems of fraternity and sorority relations with the administration in a convocation Wednesday. He indicated that the abuses of "Hell Week" have been remedied somewhat, and the removal of it should be the goal of the system as a whole. "Unacceptable" was his comment on discrimination in pledging. He said, "If you select before you start to consider, you have discriminated."

Breckenridge assured his audience that the University does support Greek Week because it feels that the week contributes to the betterment of the system.

Personality Study Brings TC Reaction

Strong reaction by Teachers, College professors and students against the personality study made by Dr. Johnathon Warren of the University counseling service prompted a double-check of the results.

"I am satisfied that the statements in the article (which appeared in last Monday's Daily Nebraskan) are accurate," said Warren.

"The study was made of 188 freshmen men and women in agriculture and 250 freshmen men in the other colleges at the University.

"One of the most significant factors which the study showed was the wide variation among individuals within each college," he added.

"I might suggest, that the result of my study apply only to the individuals who stand in the middle or average of the college.

"In many of the scales, the differences between colleges within the University and even between the University and other schools is very slight.

"However, a wide variation does exist between the individuals within each college," added Warren.

The purpose of the study, according to Warren, was not to make any comparison between the individuals who are attending the University in the various colleges, but to study the personality factors of the incoming freshman.

"We must study the individual's abilities, not that of the group or college in which he is registered, to appraise the contribution which he or she will make to the University and society," said Warren.

Two University Graduates Aid East Africa; Serve as Teachers

Two University graduates are serving in the Teachers for East Africa program. Mrs. Lora DeLisle, a 1957 graduate, and William DeLisle, a 1959 graduate, are serving as teachers under the 1961 program.

The project developed out of a conference on Education in East Africa held at Princeton, N.J., in December, 1960, sponsored by the American Council on Education.

Representatives of Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar reported that the greatest need was the expansion of their secondary education program. The greatest obstacle for meeting this need was the shortage of qualified teachers.

The U.S. International Cooperation Administration (ICA) agreed to finance the recruitment of secondary teachers from the U.S. ICA asked Columbia University Teachers College to assume primary responsibility for the undertaking.

Some 150 teachers were selected from over 1,200 applicants by June, 1960. These teachers are now on the job or ready to start teaching in

east Africa. The countries involved have requested an additional 100 teachers.

Teachers under this program are trained for a brief time and then given additional briefings in Africa. They serve for two years and receive about \$4,400 a year.

Teachers are needed in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, English, history and geography.

For additional information on this subject, write to Teachers for East Africa, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York 27, N.Y.

Abrahamzon Dies At IFC Conference

The funeral of John Melvin Abrahamzon, 20, a junior in Teachers College, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Roper & Sons Mortuary, 4300 O St. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday in Kearney.

Abrahamzon was attending a meeting of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) in Lawrence, Kan., when he died early Saturday. The cause of death had not been determined following an autopsy, according to the Douglas County, Kan., sheriff's office.

Born in Kearney, Dec. 1, 1940, Abrahamzon lived in Lincoln for a number of years, and was a graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School in 1959.

He was a recipient of a Lincoln Journal freshman journalism scholarship, and received \$150 as the city and state winner of the "Voice of Democracy" speech contest. At the University, Abraham-

zon was a member and corresponding secretary of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity.

He was also director of the Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation, rush chairman of Interfraternity Council, secretary of Student Council, a Kosmet Klub worker, University Singers, and a former member of All University Fund.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Abrahamzon of Shelton; sister, Mrs. Ronald Bath of Auburn; and grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Burdick of Kearney.

An educational scholarship has been established as a memorial, and contributions may be made through Dr. William E. Hall, Teachers College.

Ivy Sing Lists Due Tomorrow

All women groups participating in the 1962 Ivy Day sing must turn in their song leader's (s) name, an alphabetical typed list of singers and the name of their song no later than Tuesday.

The rules for the inter-sorority sing are: (1) All organized groups of women at the University may participate in the sing, except honorary groups;

(2) Not more than 25 girls including the director, may represent any group, nor less than eight;

No Failures
(3) All members must be carrying at least twelve hours this semester with no failures in the twelve hours;

(4) No professional person may assist in the preparation of your song. Non-professional alumnae help may be used. This rule is strictly enforced;

(5) No group shall wear like outfits specially purchased for the sing or have instrumental accompaniment. Any group doing so will be disqualified;

(6) No medley of songs, no song longer than five minutes in length, nor any songs the group has sung in previous sings of the past three years can be used this year;

Active in Group
(7) The director must remain "active" in the group participating and be enrolled in the University;

(8) All groups must remain after their participation on Ivy Day for recall by the judges if necessary;

(9) Any group not ready to go on at the exact scheduled time of performance will be disqualified from participation.

Further information will be given at the song leader's meeting Thursday, April 12 at 5 p.m. in 235 Student Union.

All University Students Eligible To Enter Contest

All graduate and undergraduate University students are eligible to compete in two literary contests sponsored by the English department.

Detailed instructions for the lone Gardner Noyes Poetry Contest and the Prairie Schooner Fiction Contest may be obtained from the English department office or from Marjorie Leafdale Loehlin, assistant professor of English, 218 Andrews.

Entries are due by 5 p.m. May 1. Each entry must be typed, double-spaced, in triplicate. It must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing an official entry blank filled out by the contestant. The name of the contest and titles of the manuscripts must accompany the entries.

Each contestant may enter no more than two short stories, each one approximately 3,000 to 7,000 words of any style or theme, to the fiction contest. No more than three poems, of any length, form, and on any subject, may be entered by the poetry contest.

Winners will be chosen by a board of judges, who will rate the entries on the basis of individual poems and stories.

Winning poems, stories, and others of merit will be considered for possible publication in the Prairie Schooner.

Formal presentation of the awards will be made in early May.