

Holland Is Leader, Academician, Athlete

... Says Position Doesn't Make A Leader



STUDENT ENGINEER—Outstanding Nebraskan Bill Holland practices surveying as part of a class assignment. He has maintained an 8.597 in the College of Engineering which makes him the top ranking student in the college. Last year he was honored as the highest male scholar in the Greek system.

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The quality of being superior is probably the most outstanding characteristic of Outstanding Nebraskan William "Bill" Holland. He has shown his superiority in the diverse fields of student leadership, academics and athletics.

As a student leader, Holland has served in the positions of president of Phi Eta Sigma, secretary-treasurer of the University's Rifle Club, staff member of the National Headquarters of Pershing Rifles, president of Theta Xi social fraternity and chairman of the Student Tribunal.

The Student Tribunal gave Holland a chance to see how people react when they are in positions of criticism, and to learn how they got into them. "Some of them do a lot of things that I'd never do," said Holland.

From his position as president of Theta Xi, and from observations which he has made during his five years at the University, Holland has formulated some very definite ideas on students and their leadership abilities.

"There is a difference between a leader and a person in a position of leadership," said Holland. There are many people who are placed in positions of leadership by those friends with influence who have gone before, observed Holland.

"This type of person can't be taught to lead, but he can learn how to run a meeting efficiently," said Holland. He feels that the ability to lead is learned over a long period of time. His position does not necessarily make him a leader."

As an academician, Holland is almost the ideal student. He has maintained an 8.597

average over nine semesters in the College of Engineering and Architecture, and hence is the top ranking student in the college. Last year Bill was honored as the highest male scholar in the Greek system.

The thing about Bill's academic abilities, is that they are not related to only his chosen field of engineering. This year he won a Rhodes Scholarship to study English literature at Oxford University.

Holland has chosen English as his major, for he considers it essential to holding a position of leadership in business.

Partly indicative of his English proficiency and in preparation for his coming studies in Great Britain, Holland has written articles for both Scrip and Nebraska Blueprint.

He holds membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Tau and Sigma Xi. He has received the Hamilton award and the Boucher award as the ROTC student with the highest average, and was also awarded the scholarship trophy in his fraternity for two

years in succession. He has been the recipient of a four-year General Motors scholarship and a University Regents scholarship.

An advanced ROTC student, Holland wants to enter the service in a position of leadership rather than as a private. His interest in ROTC activities have been demonstrated in a rifle team competition, both for the ROTC department and for the University.

The Army ROTC Rifle Team, of which Bill is a member, won the title of national champions in 1961, at the William Randolph Hearst match. The team placed second in the National Rifle Association's sectional meet.

Bill Holland is a person who is always seeking betterment. "Unless you are trying some experience other than what you already know, you're in a static condition."

"Everything that you do, broadens your outlook," commented Holland. "If you aren't doing something, you aren't learning anything."



CAMPUS SURVEYOR—Adjusting the lens on his transit, Holland surveys campus grounds outside the Civil Engineering Building. His academic abilities are not only related to his chosen field of engineering as Bill was recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study English literature at Oxford University.

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