

Rally To End In Union

The ceremony to follow the civil rights march today to the State Capitol will be held in the Student Union at 2:30 p.m., according to the Friends of SNCC.

The rally will meet at the Nebraska Historical Society at 2 p.m. and march to the Capitol where a wreath is to be laid at the base of a statue of Abraham Lincoln. Due to the weather the ceremony which was to be held with the wreath laying will be held in the Union Ballroom at 2:30 p.m.

All students, even those not participating in the march, are urged to attend the ceremony which will feature a speech by Dr. Alan Pickering, director of the United Campus Christian Fellowship, and the singing of freedom songs. Following the ceremony a collection will be taken for the civil rights movement.

Found... But Not Claimed

Why not give yourself a Christmas present by going to the Lost and Found Department at Nebraska Hall and picking up all those books, glasses, gloves, keys, rings, and anything else you might have lost?

This suggestion was made by John Dzerk, operational manager at the University Lost and Found Department.

If you lost something at the Kansas State Football game, or the South Dakota game, or any game, don't despair! Lost items from the stadium are labeled according to the game at which they were lost.

The many lost books which are turned in to the department are classified according to the building where they were found.

Several stacks of notebooks with "a lot of hard work put in them" have been turned in, according to Dzerk.

Thirty-four pair of prescription lenses remain in a box, collected during the 1963-64 school year.

In the hat line, an Army ROTC hat and two black graduation caps top the list. Dzerk said they will be returned to the ROTC department and the book stores at the end of the year, if not claimed.

To the girl who lost her denim skirt and red and white checked blouse: they are in the Lost and Found Department.

Class rings are a common item for the department, which has three metal rings full of high school rings. One ring, from Pius X is dated 1963, and has the initials MJD inscribed in it. Another one is from Albion, 1963, and bears the initials WD.

The department is open open from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the extension to call is 2657.

The Champ

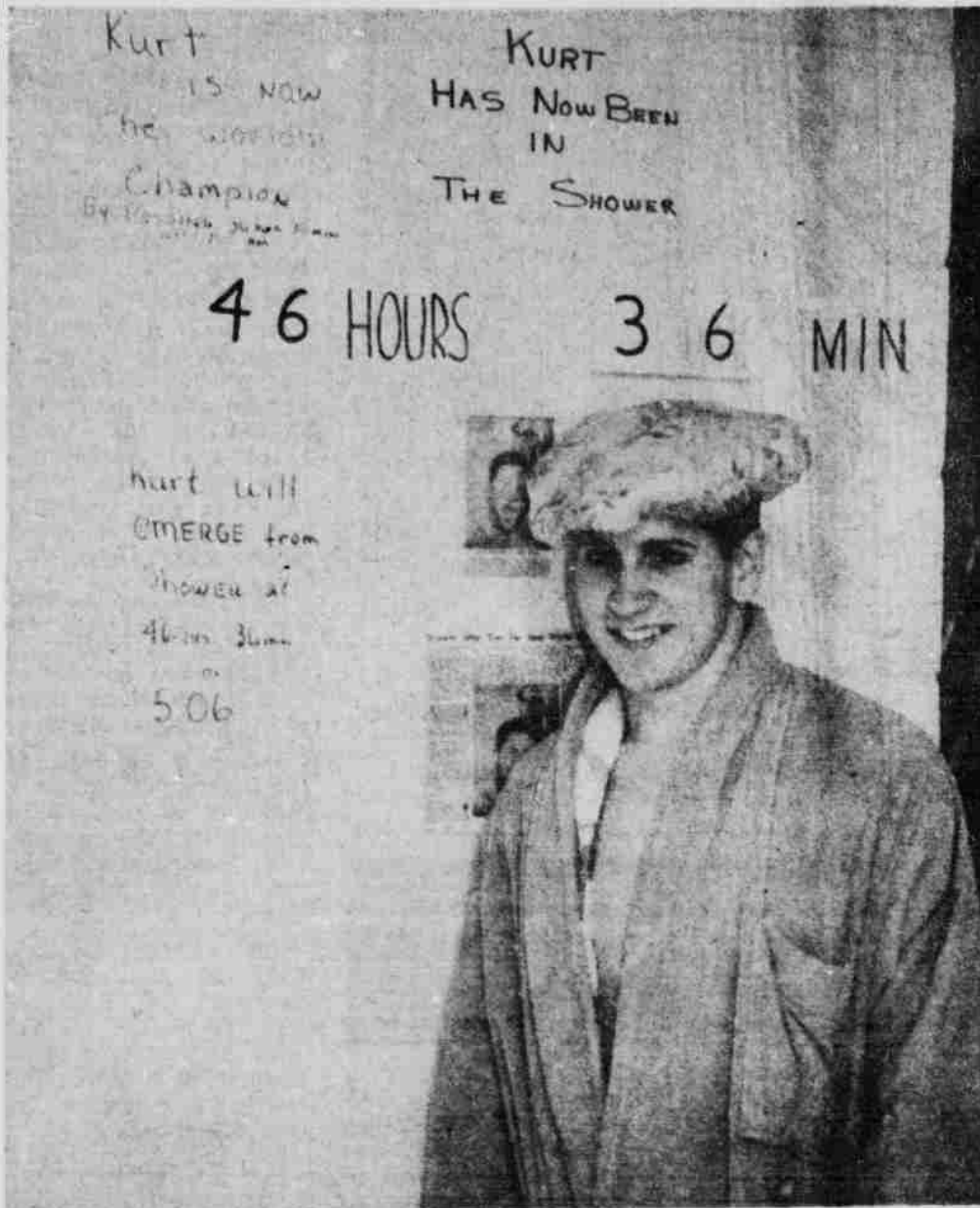


PHOTO BY RICH EISER

Kurt Keeler, holder of the new world record for "shower sitting," plans to get some rest before tackling an hour exam tomorrow. He feels that his record's validity requires that he take the test. Cather members posted signs recording the 36 hours and 46 minutes he spent in the shower.

Tired-But Triumphant-Kurt Keeler Sets World Record For Shower Stay

By Jim Korshoj
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The shower's turned off, Kurt Keeler is dry, and the record is his.

Keeler ended his record-setting shower stay at 5:06 p.m. yesterday afternoon, 46 hours and 36 minutes after he had entered the shower. This gave him the world's record for the longest consecutive time in a shower by an even ten hours.

Keeler entered the shower at 6:30 p.m. Monday night in an effort to smash the record. As new records for the event kept being set across the country, he was forced to change his intended goal four times so that the record could be his.

The final change was from 36 hours to a least 37 hours on Tuesday night after he had already been in the shower nearly 30 hours. This change was necessitated by a student in Houston who raised the record to 36 hours and 36 minutes, breaking the previous of 32 hours.

When interviewed yesterday afternoon before his emergence from the shower, Keeler said he had decided on going until 10:30 Wednesday morning before quitting.

"But the guys around here kept getting me psyched up on how good it would be to break the record by ten hours rather than just three, so I decided to keep going," he said.

Keeler said that he only got about an hour of sleep Tuesday night to go with the less than an hour he got Monday night. He woke so soon Tuesday night because he fell off the chair he was sitting on. "My health is all right," he said, "but I don't know about my mind. I'm tired as heck, and I do mean tired. If I close my eyes now, I'll go out."

He said he had dozed off for a little bit early yesterday afternoon and that the people staying with him had turned off the lights so that he might sleep better. "I woke up after a few seconds and I wasn't sure where I was. I said a few things that didn't make any sense before I finally came around."

Keeler's hands and feet were still white and wrinkled yesterday, but looked about the same as they did Tuesday. "The guys massaged my hands and treated them with Vaseline last night," he said. "My joints are all stiff." Keeler said. "My shoulders

and back are the sorest." He said he had been treating his body with oil and Vaseline.

He said he had been receiving several calls at Cather Hall, some of his attempt. "I guess one guy called and asked how tall I am," he said. "Another called and asked who was paying the bill for all the water I was using. He said he was going to complain to the Chancellor. The guys told him to go ahead."

Keeler said he thought his name was "kind of a Lincoln password." He said his name had been used Tuesday night by a radio station as the secret word for winning a pizza.

"I'm not sure yet," was the answer Keeler gave when asked how his teachers would react to his missing classes during his stay in the shower. He said he intended on getting a good night's sleep last night so that he could study for an hour exam he has tomorrow. "I have to take the test," he said. "It's crucial to the cause."

When asked if he would do the shower stay again if he had it to do over, Keeler replied, "Probably, but not very soon I wouldn't."

Government Topic Of Big Eight Meet

Student Council treasurer Skip Soiref lost a bid for the vice-presidency of the Big Eight Student Government Association (BESGA) at its annual convention last week at Kansas University.

Six students from the University attended the convention, which ran from Thursday to Saturday. They were Council President John Lydick, Di Cosman, Pam Hedgecock, Bill Hansmire, Soiref and Frank Patsch.

The convention elected as president Harvey Cantor, president of the Missouri Students Association. Cantor, a junior at the University of Missouri, was elected by acclamation.

Soiref was nominated for the vice-presidency against Roger Holmes of Colorado University and lost by a vote of 15-12, with one delegate abstaining. Each school received four votes, but Oklahoma University did not attend the convention.

The delegates also approved several pieces of legislation aimed at streamlining the organization to emphasize the value of an exchange of action on the part of the BESGA.

These included:
—elimination of the office of recording secretary.
—lowering member dues from \$100 to \$75 per year.
—moving the date of future conventions to before November 1.

—allowing the location of the Big Eight Quiz Bowl matches to be rotated among interested schools in the conference on an alphabetical basis.

Abolishing the Big Eight cultural exchange arrangements and the centralized Big Eight Charter Flight arrangements.

The delegates informally agreed that the greatest value of the BESGA was the contact between students from all schools in the conference.

The date of the convention was moved from before January 1 to before November 1 to allow delegates more time in which to implement ideas learned at the convention.

It was decided that all-conference programs, such as the

charter flight and the cultural exchange program, could be more effectively carried out between interested schools rather than the complicated procedure of each school contacting the president, who, in turn, contacted the remaining schools.

The greater part of the convention's time was given over to discussion groups. Topics included Role of Student Government in Public Issues; Relationship of Student Government to Student Publications; Campus Political Parties; Ex-

change of Student Government Programs; Evaluation of the BESGA, National Student Association, Associated Student Governments of the United States, and other student government associations; Structure and Apportionment of Student Governments; Cultural Exchange among Big Eight Schools, and Student Participation in Campus Elections.

The discussion groups revealed a wide range of problems and programs in all areas.

Foreign Students Relate Customs Of Xmas Holiday

By Marilyn Hoegemeyer
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Every Mexican family has a "Nacimiento" under their Christmas tree. In Syria Christmas dessert is "Buche de Noel" while most Nigerian Christmas festivities are held out-of-doors. In Hong Kong Christmas dinner costs \$5 a plate.

The Christmas holiday, celebrated in most parts of the world, has in each country a few different colors, a different dessert, a new name for Santa Claus, which added together creates a special setting, and an individual mood in which peoples of the world celebrate the birth of Christ.

The Mexican people begin their Christmas celebration Dec. 15. Songs depicting the Virgin Mary and Joseph's travel to the City of David are sung as people go from house to house every day for nine days.

Continual Parties

The singing is only part of the fun, Enrique Buj a student from Mexico said. "It is nine days of continual parties and at the end everyone is usually exhausted and has a hang-over."

"Of course, it puts you in a mood for Christmas, for even if you are tired, you are happy because you have been having the time of your life," he added.

In Nigeria Christmas is not the traditional "White Christmas," we know in the US. "Most of the Christmas festivities are held outside, because the weather is so mild," Bamidele Abogunrin, a Nigerian student said.

Caroling is part of the Nigerian celebration. A midnight service is held Dec. 24. On their way home from church, the families sing such popular songs as "Silent Night," he said.

Hong Kong Dinner

In Hong Kong, the Christmas festivity is two weeks long, according to Vincent Pan, a student from Hong Kong. Christmas dinner served at noon on the 25th, "is really a grand occasion. The parents usually take the entire family to dinner which often costs \$5 to \$6 a plate," he said.

As in Nigeria there are no Christmas trees in the homes in Hong Kong, but there are presents. "The presents are usually hidden so that no one can find them—that's what makes it exciting," Vincent said.

As in many American homes, parents ask their children in Hong Kong to give hints as to what they want for Christmas. Vincent said by hinting everyone is able to get exactly what he wants.

Christmas Dress

In Nigeria the best present a young boy can receive is a "Christmas dress" from his father, Bamidele said. A boy can only receive the special dress when he has successful-

ly passed the examinations held in December.

"In Syria we celebrate Christmas in the French way—Papa Noel comes instead of Santa Claus," Nada Muwakki said. Nada's husband Farouk is a graduate student and a graduate assistant in economics at the University.

Food is a most important element in each country's celebration of Christmas. In Syria a special dessert, "Buche de Noel," a chocolate cake made in the shape of a log, is served.

"We have chickens too," Nada said, "as you often serve for Christmas, but the dressing we make is of rice and ground beef, she added.

Kings Cakes

At another special party "Gateaux des Rois" or cakes of kings are served. Two huge cakes are baked, Nada said. A bean seed is placed in one and a pea seed is placed in the other. At the party, the pieces are cut and distributed to the boys and girls. The "pea" cake is distributed to the girls. The girl who finds the pea seed is the queen of the party. The boy who finds the bean in his piece is the king. They have the honor to open the party with a dance.

In Mexico food is also an important part of the Christmas celebration. The meals which are served during the nine pre-Christmas day parties are called, "posadas." After attending the midnight mass on Christmas Eve, the feast begins and lasts sometimes until 5 a.m. the next morning, Enrique said.

Cod fish is served with olives, and onions as well as regular Mexican food, he said. "We have no Thanksgiving to celebrate and since Santa Claus was introduced to Mexico the children receive presents on Christmas Eve and January 6th, the traditional day when the kings bring presents to Mexican children.

Imported Trees

Since the forestry policy of the government allows no one to cut down trees in Mexico, most of the Christmas trees are imported from Canada and the United States, Enrique added.

A "Nacimiento," translated "The Birth," or what we call the Nativity Scene, is placed under every Christmas tree. Enrique said the figures are usually made of clay and some of carved wood. The Nacimiento is placed under the tree a week before Christmas, except for the Christ Child who is placed in the cradle on Christmas Eve. "Some families spend \$1000 or \$2000 on the Nacimiento," sometimes the figures are very tiny and Enrique said he had seen them lifelike.

Bamidele Abogunrin said Christmas is not as expensive in Nigeria as in the United States. All said the holiday is a very religious occasion in their countries and a time for families... Christmas, the world over.

SNCC Grew From Protests

Editors note: The Civil Rights rally scheduled for 2 p.m. today beginning in front of the Nebraska Historical Society is being sponsored by the friends of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), a group being organized at the University.

The following is a press release from the SNCC group, stating its ideals and policies.

SNCC grew out of spontaneous demonstrations and protests by students against racism and discrimination in the South. The movement was begun almost entirely by Southern Negro students, and although much help has come from the North, southern Negro students still are the primary members of the group.

SNCC has no prescribed dogma and has no set of rules or beliefs requisite for participation. The nearest thing to a statement of principles is

their affirmation of the philosophic or religious concept of non-violence as the best method of achieving social justice and insuring the civil rights of all citizens.

They reject the idea that a state has the right to legislate laws that are in opposition to the United States Constitution or deprive any citizen of his equal rights before the law.

SNCC believes that any citizen has the right to protest when these laws are violated anywhere in the United States, whether he lives in that region or not, and that the freedom of one American is the responsibility of all Americans.

Northern groups affiliated with SNCC are called "Friends of SNCC" and are organized to (1) help SNCC by raising money and providing equipment, (2) publicize

SNCC and the civil rights movement in the South throughout the local community, (3) recruit volunteers from the college campus for SNCC in the South, (4) generate favorable public opinion in the North for the civil rights movement by informing the public of the situation in the South. Friends of SNCC at the University was organized in November for this purpose.

The University Friends of SNCC is still in an organizational stage. They have elected temporary officers and are now writing a constitution to be submitted to the Student Council in order to become an officially recognized organization on campus.

Until this time, the group cannot engage in activities to raise money. The group is planning the following activities:

Sending speakers to address local organizations on SNCC. Showing films on SNCC and the civil rights movement in the South.

Raising funds by means of various activities (such as hootenannies, rallies and soliciting).

Financially supporting a SNCC worker (we have at present a volunteer from this campus).

Bringing speakers to the University who have been active in the civil rights movement in the South.

The release also said that Matthew Toby, temporary president of the group, will probably be interviewed on "What's Your Opinion", a KLIN radio program.

Anyone interested in further information about the group should contact Toby or Bob Perry, temporary faculty adviser.