

Lonquist, Copple 'Outstanding'

Past Innocents' President Likes To 'Do Things Well'

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"People who like people are the luckiest people in the world," according to Barbra Streisand.

If this is true, then John Lonquist, Outstanding Nebraskan is definitely one of the luckiest people in the world.

"People are great!" Lonquist said in an interview yesterday. "I just enjoy making other people feel good—somehow it makes me feel good too."

Lonquist added that he likes the feeling of "doing something as well as I can."

During his career at the University, he has made a pretty good stab at this, participating in countless activities, all the while striving to do his best.

Lonquist said that though he started with a broad base of many activities, he dropped those activities that he felt he couldn't add anything to and changed to activities where he could be more beneficial.

Having a list of some 51 activities and scholarships behind his name, Lonquist quipped, "Jack of all trades and master of none—that's me."

His activities have ranged from President of Innocents Society this year to President of Beta Theta Pi fraternity to senior advisor to Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's honorary to member of Newman Club to intramural track to staff writer for the Daily Nebraskan to Kosmet Klub fall revue participant to People to People to . . .

Lonquist was recently made a member of Psi Chi, psychology honorary, Gamma Gamma, Greek honorary, and was given the John Abrahamson Memorial Award, in memory of a former student at the University.

While at the University Lonquist has received at least nine scholarships, including a second place Elk's Youth Leadership scholarship, the Innocent's Memorial scholarship, an upperclass Regent's scholarship and a Delta Tau Delta scholarship and achievement award.

Reminiscing on his college career, Lonquist said that if he could do things over, he would spend more time studying.

"Everybody wastes time," he said. "You can be the busiest person in the world and accomplish many things, but you still waste time." Lonquist recalled that he had wasted "millions and millions of minutes."

He said that if he had it all to do over again he would choose to write for the Daily Nebraskan again. "If you wanted to pick one thing to do for a long time, that would be the thing to do," he said. "You get to meet a lot of people in that job."

Lonquist said that his philosophy for activities is to try something new all the time. "If I become interested in something new, I try it."

"For instance," Lonquist said, "I recently became interested in witchcraft—not actually practicing it myself, because I don't believe in it—but interested in reading about people who did believe in it."

Lonquist said he recently bought a set of 54 great books. "If you have read all these books and understand what's in them, you are supposed to be a well-rounded individual intellectually," he said.

And well-rounded is another term to describe Lonquist's approach to college and life.

He is an English major with minors in psychology and history. The reasoning behind this course of study,



LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I WOULD DO . . . said Outstanding Nebraskan John Lonquist yesterday when he was interviewed by the Daily Nebraskan.

he said, is to help him get a broad background.

"Companies today want people with such a background. They want you to be intelligent, but they also want to be able to teach you about their business, and not have to 'unlearn' you."

In typical Nebraska language, Lonquist said, "You need to have a plowed up a fertile mind that wants to learn."

Commenting on people from the Midwest, Lonquist said, "They are friendly, easy-going people. They don't have the rush rush attitude. They can put you at ease in a business situation. They are not proud, but have a genuine feeling for other people."

"This," Lonquist added, "is the kind of person, businesses are looking for." He said that last summer while he was working in New York, he noticed that the really successful businessmen were "just like people from the Midwest."

"You have to have a genuine interest in people," he said. "You never get anywhere by being a mean guy and a conniver, and if you do, you won't last."

Speaking of the University and its impression on him, Lonquist said he feels the University and the people concerned with it—both students and teachers—are "really good."

"It's a fun place to be," he said. "The typical Midwest friendliness is evident here. The Midwest is an awfully good atmosphere to be brought up in," he said. "Everyone who lives here is fortunate."

"The only thing the University needs," Lonquist said, "is money." The University has many plans for the future, he said, and "if they can just get the funds, there's no end to where they can go."

"It will be more of a University in the future, and not just some buildings with streets going through the campus," he said.

His major accomplishment while at the University, according to Lonquist, has been gaining in maturity, intelligence, and forming attitudes needed to "bring honor to the state, my family, and the University."

Speaking of the purpose of the University, he said that he didn't believe in the "book-learning cliché."

"This is a great part of the University," he said, "but not the whole thing. There are many students who waste \$2,000 a year because they do not take advantage of the many facets of the University."

He said that social development and intellectual development, are a great part of the liberal education too. "You gain tools to use after college," he said. "College helps to build your interest in things," he said.

"For instance, many of the things I have become interested in while at college I will continue to read about in the future."

"Every cotton pickin' thing you do here at the University will benefit you," he said. "Even if it's bad, you will learn not to do it again."

"There are 13,000 teachers for every student at the University," Lonquist said. "There is something different about every student, and something which you can learn from each of them."

"Nothing can beat just sitting down and talking to people and learning from them. It's like an amoeba—you just assimilate things from all over in your environment. The more you move around, the more you assimilate. Sometimes you don't realize you are learning, but you do learn from people—if nothing else, just how to act with them or what their interests are."

Turning to his future, Lonquist said that he has a job in a New York City bank in management training, "barring interference from Uncle Sam."

And Uncle Sam might step in. Lonquist plans to take a physical examination next Thursday, and if he passes it, he will be put right up there at the top of the list. If that should happen, he said, he will probably go into Naval officer candidate school.

Lonquist decided to demonstrate one of his hobbies while being interviewed, and proceeded to quietly take a small silver object out of a leather case on his belt. He silently pushed a couple buttons, and then click! He took his interviewer's picture.

His other hobbies have included weight-lifting and chess.

Each night, to keep fit, he runs around the block and lifts weights.

"I try to get to bed early, but it seems like I always get a phone call or someone popping into my room. Once I wake up, I enjoy talking to them and helping them if they have a problem," he said.

"I just wish everything could be done in the daytime and everyone could sleep at night."

Returning to his philosophy, Lonquist told of a few lines which he uses as a guide in his life.

"I shall pass 'tough 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."

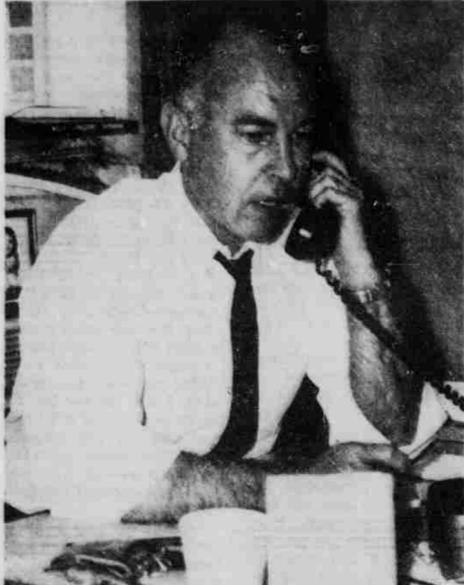
Hoping to help in some way, other students going through college, Lonquist suggested three steps for them to take on entering college.

"First, sit down and make a list of things you want to accomplish. Remember, you can't go all ways."

"Second, aim high. Make sure you have good goals."

"Third, decide you want to attain your goals, and you'll get them. You'll get them because you want them."

"People without goals are like an egg dropped on the floor," he said, "they are scattered in all directions."



HARRIED HELLO . . . The schedule is tight but the work is satisfying for Outstanding Nebraskan Neale Copple.

ASUN Interviews Seek Treasurer

Interviews will be held Saturday for the positions of Director of Records and Treasurer of the ASUN.

Any regularly enrolled student at the University is eligible to interview.

Interested students should sign up in the Association office by 5 p.m. Friday. Interviews will begin at 9 a.m. in the Association office.

Appointments shall be made by the president, vice-president and the Executive Committee of the Senate.

The director of records shall be responsible to the president for the maintenance

of clear and orderly records of the Association, including all minutes, legislation, decrees and correspondence.

The treasurer, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary are all subordinate to the director of records.

The treasurer shall be required to aid the president in preparation of the annual banquet and aid him in its presentation. He shall also keep all financial records of the Association and submit financial reports upon request and correlate these activities with the office of the director of student activities.



OUTSTANDING PAIR . . . Professor R. Neale Copple and John Lonquist were selected by the Daily Nebraskan staff to receive the Outstanding Nebraskan award.

Registration Fee Due Before Cards Pulled

No class cards will be pulled for students pre-registering for the fall until the \$25 class reservation fee has been paid to the Bursar's office. Registrar Floyd Hoover has announced.

The Registrar's office is holding some 4,000 work-sheets, many for seniors, because students have not yet paid this fee.

Each day's delay in paying this fee decreases a student's chance to get the classes he wants.

Last Daily Nebraskan

With this issue, the Daily Nebraskan ends its activities for the year.

Publication was stopped a week early in observation of Dead Week. A new staff will be chosen late next week, with applicants being notified about interview times. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday at the School of Journalism.

Three Receive Poetry Awards

Two University undergraduates and an instructor were awarded prizes for poetry in special ceremonies at the Faculty Club.

The \$100 Academy of American Poets Award was made to David Cummings, instructor of English and a graduate student at the University.

The national prize is given for excellence in the writing of poetry. A similar award is presented at each of 30 universities in the United States by the national Academy.

First place in the Ione Gardner Noyes Poetry Awards went to Patrick Drake. Patrick, who received \$50 in prize money, is a senior majoring in English.

The \$25, second place Noyes award went to Roy Scheele. Shirley Schoonover of Lincoln, a former University student and author of the recent novel, "Mountain of Winter," addressed the award-winners at the presentation ceremonies.

Copple As 'Inspiration' Guides Future Reporters

By Wayne Kreuscher
Junior Staff Writer

R. Neale Copple—an outstanding journalist, an outstanding teacher, an outstanding person and now an Outstanding Nebraskan.

The Daily Nebraskan staff has chosen journalism professor R. Neale Copple as the second semester 1965 faculty Outstanding Nebraskan.

As the letter nominating Copple said, he is "an intelligent man and a man who has helped the University's school of journalism become one of the better schools in the country today."

Copple's excellence stems from his own journalistic ability, his accomplishments in teaching, his never ending demand for perfection from himself and his students and his deep interest in the University, his students and journalism as a whole.

Copple, who graduated from Nebraska in 1947 with his Bachelor's Degree and received his Master's Degree from Northwestern in 1949, worked for the Lincoln Journal and the Milwaukee Journal before coming to the University's school of journalism in 1959.

He worked as city editor of the Lincoln Journal and as assistant Sunday editor.

Copple explained that he has always loved working in the newspaper business, but he said that no experience in his whole life has been any more rewarding than

schools throughout the country.

"Successful newspapers are moving more and more into this area of depth reporting and research," he said.

He pointed out that without the help of his secretary Mrs. Emily Trickey the depth reporting class could never have accomplished as much as it has.

Besides the three or four stories that students write and do research on in the depth reporting class, they all contribute at least one story to a comprehensive depth report which the school of journalism publishes.

The school's depth report on the Unicameral has been called by at least one University political science professor the best comprehensive report on the Unicameral in existence. Other reports have been on public power in Nebraska, Nebraska's culture and beauty, and Nebraska politics.

Besides being a journalist, Copple is also an author.

He wrote the special Lincoln Centennial report that the Lincoln Journal and Star Sunday paper had in 1959 on Lincoln's history. Later his report was published into what is considered one of the best and most interesting histories of Lincoln called Tower on the Plains.

Copple is now working on a book about news reporting which he expects to be published in the near future.

He explained that the new book he is writing will carry students from beginning reporting to government reporting and word usage.

Both before and since he has become part of the University's school of journalism. Copple has received many national rewards.

In 1958 he was awarded the American Political Science Association Award for Local Government Reporting. He also received the American Association for State and Local History Award of his book Tower on the Plains.

Other journalistic awards he has received include the Associated Press Managing Editors Association award for the Journal's coverage of the Starkweather case while he was city editor and the State Kappa Tau Alpha Award for service to journalism.

Copple has also devoted a large amount of time to University journalism activities outside of the school itself. He is resigning this year after three years as advisor for the Daily Nebraskan and he is a ex-official member of Pub Board.

He explained that as the Daily Nebraskan's adviser he believed in giving the paper a free hand. "I never interfered with the paper, but when I was asked for advice or when something very seriously went wrong I was more than willing to help," he said.

The letter recommending Copple for this award clearly expressed the philosophy he has followed as an advisor when it said he "has enough respect for the ability of the staff to allow them to make the major decisions for the paper. He realizes that only through a King responsibility will students learn to stand on their own feet."

He is also a member of the Associated Press Managing Editors Writing Committee which reviews Associated Press stories every year and makes suggestions to the organization.

In the future he plans to write more books and continue teaching at the University. "The way Bill Hall has built this school," he said, "you have to be part of progress in the future if you are part of this school."

teaching the business he loved.

"When I worked on the city desk of a newspaper," he said, "I was unable to train reporters as I'd like to, there was not time to train them, but here I can push them hard and make them far better reporters than what they otherwise would be."

He emphasized the fact that Dr. William Hall has made the journalism school one of the best in the country and an excellent place to work.

Copple pointed out that he believes in making the students work hard. "The only way to make journalists, he said, "is to have students write hard and severely criticize them afterwards."

One of the many things he is responsible for at the school of journalism is the depth reporting class which has brought the school and its students some 40 awards and national recognition. Today his idea for depth reporting which he first started five years ago is being utilized in other