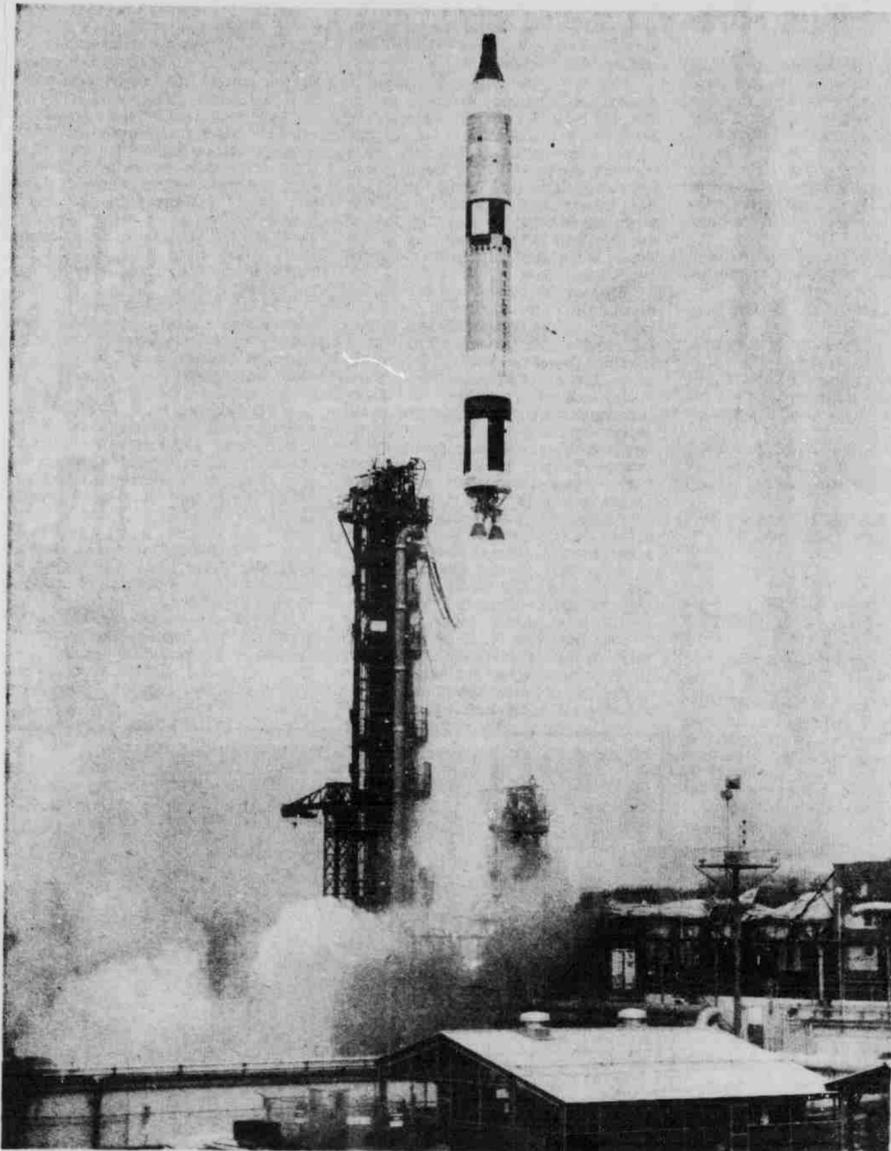


Cape Kennedy

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Geminis, Gators, Creepers, Crawlers



BIG BIRD... Gemini 7 leaves its steel nest for a 14 day fly in the sky. (NASA Photo)

Editor's Note: The following story was written after Nebraska editor, Marilyn Hoegemeyer, returned from the Gemini 7 launching.

By Marilyn Hoegemeyer

CAPE KENNEDY — In an ornithologist's haven where 232 breeds of birds build their nests — the big bird, Gemini 7, rose from its nest of steel toward a world record — 14 days in space.

America's latest star bird was designed for sterile, airless space. But the nest from which Gemini 7 rose in an orange cloud of smoke is a combination of science of the future and primeval swamp that would have left even Jules Verne with his mouth agape.

While Astronauts Frank Borman and James A. Lovell, Jr., made space history, the technicians they left behind at a Florida swamp called Kennedy continued to toss food from their lunchboxes to granddaddy alligator. It's a happy arrangement. The men toss crusts to the gator. He eats the crusts. But other than that they both leave each other alone.

NOT SO FAR AWAY on Merritt Island another crawler — a giant 48-foot wide man-made creature is being tested in preparation for one of the toughest hauling jobs in the history of man.

Its job: to hoist and carry to the launching pad the Saturn V moon rocket, a monster, which at 12,000,000 pounds weighs 2,000,000 pounds more than the people who will crowd the Orange Bowl stadium to see the Cornhuskers battle with Alabama on New Year's Day.

And the crawler's burden will be tall, 360 feet—only 40 feet less than the towering State Capitol Building. The man-made asphalt roads could not compete with this giant hulk of metal.

The lugs tore at the roadway leading to the launch pad until bed rock formed thousands of years ago was shipped in, broken up and packed on the crawler's path.

While Gemini 7 in six minutes reached its orbit at a speed of 17,586 miles an hour, the crawler creeps at one mile an hour.

BUT AS IT CREEPS it frightens the thousands of birds who nest on the Cape, a bird sanctuary. A bald eagle disturbed because of roadway construction moved her nest across the road to a knarled, leafless tree away from the activity, but in better view of the launches, as the Cape men have observed.

Perhaps it is only fitting that as the symbol of our country moved her homesite so the men at the Cape are building a new nest — the moon rocket assembly building — a structure which because of its height can make its own weather.

It is possible that clouds could collect in the 525 foot tall building causing rain to fall. It is 129,000,000 cubic feet and covers eight acres of ground that was once just a part of the 103,000-acre island swamp.

The Cape Kennedy and Merritt Island area is many things:

It is a myriad of wires and bolts and metals, solid and liquid fuel storage vaults, crisscrossing roads which connect the launching pads.

It is a place where workmen share lunch with a granddaddy alligator, where eagles nest, where snakes crawl.

And it is a place with a primeval past from which the United States launches its probes into the future.

YW Bazaar Offers Unique Foreign Items

By Jan Itkin Junior Staff Writer

Specialty items from all over the world will be featured at the YWCA Christmas Bazaar in the party rooms of the Nebraska Union.

"The merchandise is unique—not what is found in every store," said Dede Darland, chairman of the bazaar. "People will find it worthwhile just to come and see the interesting things we have."

Items from India, Pakistan, Spain, Japan, England, Germany, France and the Scandinavian countries will be on display from 10-cent tops from Japan to an \$80 sari from India.

"Many of the things would make terrific sticking fillers," Miss Darland said.

Merchandise includes such items as dolls from all over the world, magic puzzles from Japan, bracelets from Korea, glassware from Scandinavia, wood and lava carvings from South America and cloth from the Far East.

Miss Darland explained that her committee began working on the project last spring to send orders to the various countries.

"We have standing orders with many companies," she said. "and we buy on consignment."

Although students usually buy most of the goods, Miss Darland continued, Lincolnites come to the bazaar yearly to round out their Christmas lists.

The bazaar usually grosses about \$3,000 to \$4,000, but profits vary from year to year, she said.

The profits go to finance the year's projects of the University YWCA. Some of these projects are juvenile court, which works with juvenile delinquents; girls' club, which takes children from culturally deprived homes to such places as Sheldon Art Gallery, the capitol and Morrill Hall.

Committee Examines Need For Recreation Facilities

By Wayne Kreuscher Senior Staff Writer

The University has a great need for expansion and improvement of student recreational facilities according to a report published by the ASUN intramurals and recreation committee.

Sen. Don Voss, chairman of the committee, read the report to Student Senate Wednesday. He said the report would be taken to G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs.

The report itself was compiled after Voss's committee had drawn up a complete index to all campus activities on both East and city campuses. The index, which will be given to all living units and other organizations, lists all possible recreational activities, their times and place.

"To say that recreation is needed and desired by the majority of University students becomes an understatement when we know for a fact that 90 per cent of 15,000 students participate in intramural athletics or use University recreational areas," the report states.

The report explains that these figures of students using recreational areas were polled by Joel Meier, University director of intramurals and they do not include physical education classes.

Because of this "intensive desire" for adequate intramural and recreational areas and because the number of students continue increasing and the space for recreational activities keeps decreasing, "the University must face the problem of providing more areas for student recreation," the report points out.

According to the report, the increased enrollment in students is now causing a squeeze in space for intramural teams. There are more students and thus more teams and also more physical education classes constantly using the same space, the report says. Furthermore, the report says that the four fields on

city campus which are now available for intramural sports are the proposed site of a new women's physical education building.

"This will cut the existing space to one-half and physical education classes will completely occupy the time squeezing out intramurals an open recreation completely," the committee's work notes. This will leave only three fields for sole intramural and recreation use and these fields are located on East Campus.

The report also points out how "one small swimming pool in a corner of the Coliseum" must now accommodate men's and women's physical education classes and the varsity and freshman swimming teams plus the recreation for 15,000 students "in that little time which is left unscheduled."

Other areas which suffer to a smaller degree, but need more attention as the enrollment increases, include the weight lifting room, wrestling rooms and the handball courts, according to the report.

"It's obvious," the report states, "that the University badly needs more field space now and even more so in the near future as student enrollment rises."

Voss's committee made several suggestions for solutions of these problems.

The suggestions include erecting lights on the physical education fields on both campuses so that night games can be played; using the approximately ten-acre space north of the tractor testing area for recreation on East Campus, and using the small triangular lot southeast of the bridge at 17th and Holdredge

PTP Students Abroad

Applications for the People-to-People Student Abroad program should be in by Friday to either Donnie Jones or Sally Morrow.

for recreational activities.

The report also suggests that the University could put "goals on the parking lots" and that the University could purchase and develop new property for a golf driving range and putting green and for soccer and field hockey fields.

Possible property available for purchase by the University, according to this report, include the "old Nebraska Fairgrounds" and the "old Lincoln Air Base."

Jobco Authorities To Meet Tuesday

Job Corps officials in Washington will meet with University and Northern Natural Gas officials Tuesday to discuss the proposed Job Corps Center at the Lincoln Air Force Base.

The University and Northern Natural Gas would form a non-profit organization, known as Jobco, to operate the center at the Air Force Base, to be deactivated in 1966.

J. O. Grantham of Northern Natural Gas, warned that Nebraskans should not be overly optimistic, but that it was a first step and indicated interest in the proposed Lincoln site.

Grantham said that differences on phases of the Job Corps Center would probably be discussed and resolved at the meeting.

Also to attend the Washington meeting from Northern, in addition to Grantham will be Dean Wallace, attorney, and Allen Hansan, administrative director.

Representing the University will be Dr. Max Hansen, chairman and associate professor of industrial arts, Dr. Robert Filbeck, associate professor of educational psychology and measurement, and Dr. O. W. Knopp, professor of elementary education.

Max Barnes, Northern's

Forms Available To Junior Women

Lincoln independent women may pick up the Junior Women Questionnaire for Mortar Board beginning today in the Nebraska Union Activity Office.

Members of UNICORNS and Towne Club may pick up their questionnaires in the Union mailboxes. House presidents will hand them out in all campus living units tonight.

The questionnaires should be filled out by all junior women in order that Mortar Board may have a record of junior women activities. They should be returned to Cassie Wild at the Kappa Alpha Theta house, or Percy Wood at the Delta Gamma house by Dec. 17.

Choral Union To Present 'Messiah' For Christmas

The University Choral Union will present the traditional performance of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah", at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Coliseum.

Senior soloists for the performance include Carole Peterson, soprano; Deborah Barger, alto; Donald Canady, tenor; and Kurtis Horn, bass.

The Choral Union will be directed by Earl Jenkins, professor of voice, who will be assisted by John Moran, associate professor of music education and Richard Grace, associate professor of voice.

Approximately 700 voices, the combined membership of five University choral groups, including the Madrigal Singers, John Moran, director; the University Singers, Earl Jenkins, director; and University Choruses I, II, and III, directed respectively by Moran, Jenkins and Grace, will sing the public performance.

Organist for the performance will be Myron Roberts, professor of organ and theory. Pianist will be Jim Misner, a graduate student.

Traditional carols will be heard from the Ralph Mueller Carillon preceding and following the concert with Gene Bediant as carillonneur.

Rehearsal accompanists are JoAnn Dorsey, Jim Misner, Gene O'Brien and Loretta Tubbs.



Deborah Barger



Donald Canady



Kurtis Horn



Carole Peterson

Junior Debators Excell In Tourney

University debators traveled to Iowa State this weekend for tournament competition. Jeri Adam and Nancy Coufal compiled a record of four wins and two losses in preliminary rounds and were selected for the finals.

After winning the octofinals and quarterfinals, they were defeated in the semifinals by Augustana College of Illinois. Another junior team, Doug Kluender and Dave Erbach, also had a four-two record in preliminary rounds but did not reach the octofinals because of a lower speaker point total.

Allan Larson and Terry Hall had a two and four record in the senior division. About 120 teams competed in the tournament.

Greeks Play B-Ball For March Of Dimes

"Hit him!" "Attack!" "Knock her out of his way." "Don't let them near that goal."

From the sound of the voices — both male and female — it sounded like professional warfare or NFL football at its roughest, but in reality the sounds coming from the Coliseum Saturday afternoon were from the Greek Basketball Tournament for the March of Dimes.

"We made a little over \$150," said Gary Gray, a member of the IFC affairs committee which sponsored the event along with Panhelonic. "It was certainly a success and we hope to either repeat it or do something like it in the future."

YMCA To Interview Chairman Candidates

Interviews for the position of chairman of the YM-YWCA Freshman Weekend will be held in Nebraska Dec. 8 and 9, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

This year, unlike past years, there will be only one chairman instead of two co-chairmen. An assistant will also be selected from among the interviewees and will be a member of the opposite organization as that of the chairman.

Those interested may sign up for interviews and fill out information sheets available in the YWCA office 335B and return them by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.