



WORLD WAR I PROTESTS . . . against Germany have been forgotten, but memories of them still remain on the University campus.

Stone Wishing Well Reminder Of University's '09 Sneak Day

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The old stone wishing well and its neighboring memorials on the grassy mall before Architectural Hall have quite a story to tell about the University and its past.

The well, according to Dr. Robert Manley, assistant professor of history, was constructed of stones brought back from Milford, Neb. by the class of 1909.

The class, Manley said, had been to Milford for a sneak day and each student had agreed to return with a stone from the town which was expected to become a booming resort center within a few years.

Iron Fence

At this same time the actual campus area was fenced in with tall sturdy iron pipes and there was a formal gateway to the grounds. The fence was taken down in 1922 and now bounds Lincoln's Wyuka cemetery, Manley related.

At another spot near the historic well is the grave of an early faculty member, Dr. James Lees, professor of the classics.

Lees, Manley said, used to take his students on European

culture tours in the summer.

"He was typical of the kind of people who came here and gave their lives to the University," Manley commented. Lees was on the staff from 1889 until 1926. When he died his ashes were scattered on the spot now marked by a commemorative headstone.

Tree Tribute

A tree in the same area was planted by the German Club in 1905 in tribute to a German writer and poet. The tree later became the target of student wartime demonstrations when the United States declared war on Germany in 1917.

Manley said a small fence erected around the tree and the plaque placed there were torn down by angry students in the throes of an anti-German demonstration and the tree was festooned with yellow paper as a symbol of German cowardice.

Later in the early 1920's, Manley related, the adviser to the club who planted the tree requested on his deathbed that the plaque and fence be put up again as a favor to him. Faculty members made private contributions for what the dying man had asked and

the plaque today carries the name of Professor Laurence Fossler, an early faculty member and German emigrant who did much for the University.

Early Expansion

Manley commented that he has been intrigued with the early dates at which people were concerned with University expansion. As early as 1874, he said, people were agitating for expansion and protesting that four square blocks were too small for the University.

In the early days of the school, he said, it was an occasion for celebration when the Legislature approved money for a new building. When the money for Architectural Hall, then a library, was appropriated, students marched on the capitol building and through the streets of Lincoln and then built bonfires in celebration.

Another small memorial on the campus is a boulder found at Hartington, Nebr. which has definite hieroglyphic writings in its surface, Manley said.

The boulder, he said, was discovered by the University's first professor of natural science who brought it back to the campus and had it placed on the mall in the 1880's.

Agriculture

On the East campus, Manley said, there is also a well-constructed memorial for the first principal of Nebraska's agricultural high school, which preceded the establishment of the College of Agriculture.

Boys and girls from across the state, Manley said, came to live in Lincoln and attend the high school in the early 1900's. The establishment of the school, he said, was a "turning point in agricultural education" in the state.

Dormitories were not built on the campus until the 1920's, Manley commented. He said that it was so difficult to obtain money from the Legislature that University officials took the attitude that buildings and equipment were more important than dormitories. Students lived in boarding houses or other places in Lincoln, a fact which made the Lincolinites happy because of the financial profit.

Dormitories eventually were constructed, he said, because a group of sorority alumna were attempting to have the methods of rushing changed. They felt the rushing was dirty and wanted dormitories constructed so that a system of delayed rushing could be established, Manley said.

Columns

Comprehensive plans for campus development are not new, Manley said. In 1920 a comprehensive plan for physical expansion was developed. Among other things it called for 12th street through the campus area to be a street of columns.

It was for this purpose that the famed columns near the athletic practice field were brought in, he said. Most of the items in the plan never took shape, Manley said, because of lack of funds.

Two More Will Attend YR Meet

Two additional University delegates will be attending the state Young Republican convention in Beatrice this weekend. The students are Mary Wenke and Dick Weerts. The student's names were omitted in an earlier list of the delegates.

WEEK IN REVIEW

CAMPUS

AWS Tuesday unanimously passed a motion establishing a senior key system, but rejected by a vote of 7-11 an amendment allowing women over 21 who were not seniors to participate in the system.

Because of lack of student interest in filling out the faculty-evaluation questionnaires, the ASUN Faculty Evaluation Book will probably not come out this year, according to Ladd Lonquist, ASUN Faculty Evaluation Book chairman.

The National Selective Service has announced that college qualification tests will be given May 14 and 21 and June 3. However, State Selective Service Director Gen. Guy N. Henninger said his office has not yet received word from national headquarters on the tests.

Topping Kansas State Wednesday with a score of 79-69, enables Nebraska to remain in a two way tie for first place with Kansas in the Big Eight basketball tournament. Both clubs now own identical 11-1 records.

The Lincoln Council of Churches has authorized a study of the liquor-by-the-

drink issue. The Council's executive committee and Department of Christian Social Betterment will join "knowledgeable persons" for a joint meeting to gather information. Council president Dr. A. L. Slaikeu said Wednesday.

STATE

State Senator Cecil I. Craft was found dead Tuesday afternoon in Lincoln. Dr. E. A. Rogers, State Health Director, said the senator died in his sleep of a heart attack. The senator had won election to a four-year term in the recent staggered switch from two-year to four-year terms for legislators and had nearly three years remaining to serve. He represented the Forty-fifth Legislative District made up of Lincoln County.

NATION

An unmanned spacecraft bearing the pennant of the Soviet Union crashed onto the mysterious surface of the planet Venus Tuesday, the Soviet Union announced. An apparent malfunction of the communications link prevented Soviet scientists from receiving telemetric data about the cloud-enveloped planet before impact.

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'Mother Courage' Cast Now Rehearsing

Technical rehearsals have begun for "Mother Courage", the first play during the second semester of the University Theatre's repertory season.

"Mother Courage" opens March 11 and 12 and will be subsequently presented March 25 and 26, April 29 and 30, and May 13 and 14.

Richard Maulsby, University Theatre publicity director, describes "Mother Courage" as a musical chronicle of the 30 Years War. The story centers around a small time war profiteer, Mother Courage, who undergoes all the experiences it should take her to detest war.

But she continues to live off war, blindly moving on with her wagon full of war merchandise.

For the production, the Theatre has purchased a revolving stage to aid in portraying Mother Courage's travels.

The University's production is a translation by Eric Bentley of Bertolt Brecht's play, originally published in 1939. The play was originally named "Mother Courage and

Her Children" but has been shortened to "Mother Courage."

Brecht had intended the play, Maulsby said, to portray Mother Courage as a person who does profit from war and not as an indomitable spirit who rises above the death of all her children.

However, even when the play was directed by Brecht in Germany with his wife as Mother Courage, the audience left with a feeling of sympathy for Mother Courage.

Brecht himself is probably best known for his "Three Penny Opera," presented at the University Theatre in 1962.

The cast, headed by Marcene Sweetser as Mother Courage, also includes her children portrayed by Jan Healey, Ric Marsh, and Mike Karel. Other cast members include John Guinity and Dean Tschetter.

The cast has been rehearsing since the semester break. Maulsby noted that the rehearsal was probably about two weeks longer than usual

due to the music in the show.

Terry Boyes, musical director for the show, said the music in "Mother Courage" was more difficult than in the recently completed opera, "Carmen."

Dr. Dallas Williams, professor of speech and dramatic art, will direct the show. Williams has returned from England where he was studying under a Woods Fellowship.

He said that England is experiencing a Brecht revival in the dramatic arts and that he saw numerous Brecht productions while there.

Charles Howard, assistant professor in speech and dramatic art, is the technical director for "Mother Courage."

Considered one of the greatest contemporary playwrights, Brecht lived in the United States during World War II and was a continuous foe of the Nazis. After the war, he returned to East Germany and was very active with the Berlin Ensemble, a theatre in East Berlin.

Brecht became a Communist during the later part of his life. He died in 1956.



A GIFT FROM THE PAST . . . provides a place for students to relax between classes during the day and a romantic moonlight rendezvous.

IDC Sets Tentative Plans For Semester

A tentative semester agenda for the Interdorm Coordinating Committee (IDC) has been decided, according to Marv Almy, president.

The IDC is a group of dorm representatives who are now functioning as a temporary interdorm council and will plan the formation of a permanent interdorm council next year.

Jurisdiction of a permanent council in connection with power over the dorms and rulings will be the concern of the March 22 meeting. The question of whether a council should be a federation or confederation will also be discussed.

The March 29 meeting will concern the structure of an interdorm council. The role of a council, the delegates, representation and voting rights will be discussed. Qualification of officers will

be considered at the April 5 meeting, along with the number of officers, their duties, eligibility and manner of nomination.

On April 19 the need for a budget and whether to have a separate fund for membership fees will be discussed.

The questions of representation in relation to finance, the qualifications of these representatives, and student assistant eligibility will be the concern of the April 26 meeting.

At the May 3 meeting, membership and elections will be discussed. Areas to be considered include who votes, when elections should be held, nomination and campaigns.

On May 10, the committee will discuss the means for ratification of a constitution and final proposals for next year will be compiled.

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