

'Millions' Note Maiden Voyage Of Nebraska's Centennial Ship

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Nebraska's Navy commissioned its first ship last summer and the hearty 10x24-foot craft weathered her first mission with flying colors, according to Glenn Friendt, a University sophomore.

The S.S. Centennial's shake-down assignment was to brave the Missouri River from Omaha to New Orleans and extend invitations to Nebraska's 100th birthday party to whomever was within earshot, he added.

Her adventurous crew was probably the youngest in the history of sailing ships. Friendt was information officer and Rich Gallantini, who also attends the University, was captain.

The remainder of the crew was composed of two boys who attend York Junior College—Mark Hansen and Tom Moderow, the executive officer. Hansen was demoted from fishing officer to cook for the perennial reasons—no fish.

Pontoon Boat
Nebraska Centennial nonprofit committee donated funds for the 23-day excursion. The pontoon craft was outfitted with a mobile phone, citizen's band radio, two 50-horsepower motors and a "cozy" 8x14-foot cabin. The S.S. Centennial arrived in the port at New Orleans Aug. 13, "on schedule to the minute and proudly displaying Nebraska's blue and gold colors," he added.

She was greeted by a fire boat escort, Dixieband and "every official in the city." Friendt described their arrival as "one of the highlights of the trip."

New Orleans was the last port of call for Nebraska's Navy and ended a voyage which had focused the attention of "literally millions" on Nebraska's activities.

Friendt said the Centennial was greeted in such cities as St. Joseph, St. Louis and Baton Rouge with "banquets, chauffeured tours of the city and occasionally a presidential suite."

Missouri Unfriendly
The only unfriendly element was the Missouri River herself, he said.

"I think the third week we

were out, the river gods were trying to tell us we shouldn't have come," Friendt laughed. "We were banked in by fog and ran into a flash rain storm called 'white rain' in the south—and that was only the beginning."

The apprentice sailors experienced a few embarrassing moments, he noted—when they ran aground before a milling throng in Baton Rouge and another on the second day of their trip when they ran out of gas in front of a barge stationed by veteran sailors.

"Invasions from the insect world" also gave the boys some trying moments. Once they fought a bitter midnight war with some unique southern pests called shrimp flies. "The flies were attracted to light and we had to navigate for several hours in pitch blackness," he continued.

Moderow discovered a vicious species of mosquitoes which attack from the undersides of cots and leave red, itchy welts as calling card. "Friendt said one of the incidents he enjoyed most was "watching people's reactions when they actually saw the S.S. Centennial after they had been expecting a ship comparable to the Queen Mary."

The information officer also expressed the opinion "the S.S. Centennial was the most original and unique idea that has been devised to advertise the Nebraska Centennial."

ASUN Centennial Committee Hopes To Coordinate Events

The University's participation in next year's state centennial is already well into the planning stage, according to Elaine Kallos, chairman of the ASUN centennial committee.

Miss Kallos explained that originally she had planned the campus centennial activities around three areas with her committee carrying most of the burden.

"We soon found out, however, that our role would have to be one of co-ordinating other groups in their plans for the celebration because we could not carry out all the campus plans by ourselves," Miss Kallos stated.

"The committee has, therefore, decided to hold a meeting next Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. for the purpose of explaining to campus groups exactly what fantastic opportunities are available to them by participating in the centennial," she continued. "It would almost be a sin to pass up his chance for the University to show the rest of the state what we are."

Following this general introduction to the organizations attending the meeting, it is planned to break into groups, on a workshop format. For example all the honoraries, service groups, and other organizations would be grouped together. At this

time, members of the centennial committee will explain what each organization could possibly do.

"If these campus organizations decide not to participate, the centennial committee will be forced to carry out the things which we see as being beneficial to the University," Miss Kallos declared. "The problem is that one committee can promote only two or three activities effectively. We would much prefer to be only a campus headquarters for co-ordinating activities."

Heritage Stressed

"The ice cream socials, wearing of old fashioned clothes, the growing of beards, and other common centennial activities are a lot of fun, but I want the celebration to be different," explained Miss Kallos. "I would like the celebration to also stress the need to know about Nebraska and appreciate its heritage."

"This is the area known as the cultural and educational aspects of the centennial. Some plans for stimulating interest could be, for example, Young Democrats and Young Republicans holding political forums on why Nebraska politics are the way they are. For instance 40 percent of Nebraska's population is made up of people of German origin. At one time this was very important in the state politically."

"Bringing out facts such as these would be a main function of the centennial celebration," Miss Kallos said. "Other plans could include an Indian pow-wow weekend in which Indian relics from the past and other exhibits could be displayed. There could be Indian dancing, costuming, and many other things. Another idea would be an ethnic weekend during which various state ethnic groups within the state could perform their national dances, display their clothing, food, etc."

Other ideas that Miss Kallos discussed were a Nebraska photo exhibit and a program dealing with the musical heritage of Nebraska.

"The third area, that of public relations, in connection with the centennial is one of the best opportunities we have to let the people of the state know what opportunities are offered at the

University Personnel Appointed

Resignations, reappointments and replacements in administrative positions occupied much of the time of the University Board of Regents during the summer.

James Olson was named new dean of the graduate college after Mark Hobson, former dean, moved to the position of vice chancellor and dean of faculties.

Hobson succeeds Dr. Adam Breckenridge, who was appointed to direct the University's agricultural programs in Turkey early this spring.

Other administrative changes include:

—Appointment of Carl Yost as University comptroller. Yost, a former professor of military science, succeeds Robert Williams.

—Appointment of James Rawley as chairman of the department of history. Rawley follows Robert Sakai who resigned to assume a position at the University of Hawaii.

—Naming of Robert Hurlbutt III as acting chairman of the Department of Philosophy while Robert Dewey, chairman, is on leave.

—Raymond Borchers was named acting chairman of the biochemistry and nutrition department in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

—Appointment of Jean Register as residence hall director of Burr Hall. Mrs. Register was formerly student activities adviser.



CENTENNIAL AND CREW . . . voyage down the Missouri River.

Campus Housing At Full Capacity

Students coming to the University had no problem finding housing if they were willing to live off campus, according to M. Edward Bryan, director of housing.

"We have everyone housed in some fashion," Bryan said.

When classes began Monday the residence halls were filled and all space in the dormitories was being utilized.

Temporary housing was set up in the residence halls, married students were referred to housing on the Lincoln air base, and numbers of students sought off campus rooms and apartments.

There are 2,100 men living in the campus dormitories and 92 living in temporary housing in Abel and Selleck.

Fewer women than men, 25, live in temporary housing in WRA and at the Nebraska Center, and 2,100 live in regular rooms in the residence halls, according to Bryant.

Students living in temporary housing desire residence hall space but don't want to move off campus, Bryan said. An advantage is that they are number one on the waiting list to be assigned regular rooms.

To provide temporary housing in the residence halls, the University converted former storage space into rooms.

The students live in partitioned off basements. The rooms are small and hastily furnished but many prefer them to living off-campus.

Students who live in such housing will be moved to more permanent quarters when it becomes available.

The pressures of the large number of students in temporary housing will be off in two weeks, Bryan said, as additional space is made in the normal rooms by students moving out.

Some students are commuting or staying with relatives until space is available in residence halls.

The prime source of off campus housing for women is Nettleton Manor at the Lincoln School of Commerce because regulations prohibit women from living in apartments.

Men have no difficulty in securing off campus housing, Bryan continued, and some are living in the YMCA and the Capitol Hotel. He reported that the housing office listed 350 vacancies in off campus rooms and apartments last week.

The apartments for married students on city and East campus are filled. The housing office has been referring married students to off base housing at the Lincoln air base.

Eighth High-Rise Dorm Authorized

Contracts of 5.7 million on the dormitory complex now under construction had hardly been awarded early this summer when the Board of Regents began laying the groundwork for another high-rise dorm.

The proposed new dorm, which will be the eighth high-rise residence hall on campus is planned for the northeast corner of 17th and R streets. Actual specifications on the dorm and whether there will be one or two structures are still up in the air, but the Regents formally authorized the purchasing of the necessary lots in the area. Construction will not begin until the complex now underway is completed. Possible completion date of the structure is fall of 1968.

In other summer activity, the Regents accepted the resignations of about 60 University faculty and staff members and hired over 80 new

personnel. The figures include all temporary and part time people with the exception of summer session teachers.

The Board also accepted something over \$2.4 million in gifts and grants including research grants, fellowships, training grants and special and instructional program funds. The funds come from private industry and government sources.

The federal government also granted the University \$2.8 million in construction grants. The money represents the government's one-third share of construction costs of planned new chemistry, women's physical education and combined classroom faculty office buildings. Additional federal grants of \$486,231 earmarked for student financial aid were also accepted by the Regents.

The Regents also approved the recolonization of Zeta Be-

ta Tau fraternity and accepted proposals for phase one of remodeling the University hospital on the Omaha campus.

And the physical boundaries of the campus continued to expand as the Board negotiated for lots on the outlying areas of the city campus. Properties actually purchased lie in the general area of 20th and Vine streets on the extreme northeast edge of the city campus. Other properties in this same area were purchased early last spring.

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