

Regents begin bylaws study

At 8 a.m. on Sunday morning in Lincoln, not even the milkman has to work. But seven of the eight members of the Board of Regents gathered to begin deliberations on the report of the Commission on Governance of the University.

After an eight-hour closed session, the Board had waded through only half of the report.

Further work on the report, commonly referred to as the University Bylaws, will be done Oct. 6 in Omaha.

A public meeting on the material, originally scheduled for that day, has been postponed.

Sunday's entire meeting was an "executive session," closed to the public. The press was allowed to attend for background purposes, but were asked by the Board to refrain from reporting on the meeting until the Board finishes its revisions of the report.

A quick public meeting followed the executive session at which the firms of Davis,

Activities Mart set for Wednesday

Twenty to 25 UNL student organizations will solicit new members at the annual Builder's Activities Mart Wednesday.

The mart, open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will be held in the north and south conference rooms in the basement of the Nebraska Union.

According to Activities Mart co-chairman Cyndi Orr, the mart basically is aimed at freshmen and new students and is intended to attract new members for student organizations participating.

Clark and Associates and Leo A. Daly and Co. were appointed by the Regents as architects for the University of Nebraska Fieldhouse.

Regent Kermit Wagner of Schuyler was absent.

Homecoming dinner to honor Devaney

Nationally known sports figure Joe Garagiola is coming to Lincoln, mostly to pay compliments to Cornhusker football Coach Bob Devaney at a special Homecoming dinner in Devaney's honor.

Jeff Hochster, president of Corncobs, the UNL men's spirit organization, said Sunday the traditional Homecoming concert has been scrapped in favor of a \$25 a couple Bob Devaney Recognition Dinner at the Coliseum.

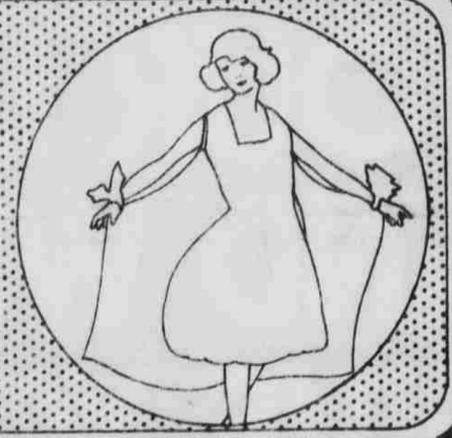
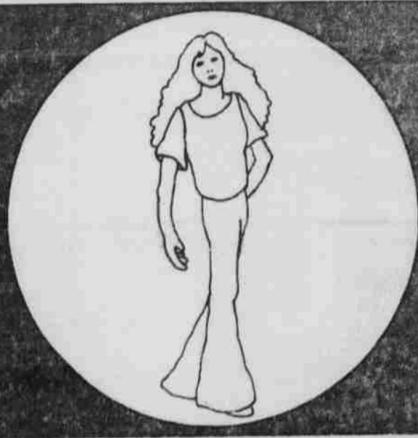
Devaney is in his final season as UNL head football coach. Garagiola, former baseball player and now a host on the "Today" television show, will be the featured speaker at the dinner.

Hochster also said a "prominent national political figure" may speak at the dinner, although he refused to say who it might be.

He said Devaney will be presented a special gift by Corncobs and Tassels (the women's spirit group), although the gift has not yet been chosen.

The dinner will follow the Oklahoma State game Oct. 28. Tickets will be \$25 a couple or \$15 for singles.

Tickets can be purchased by writing to Suite 345, Nebraska Union.



Student Y history—Bibles to abortions

by Debby Fairley

Little old ladies in tennis shoes they're not.

In 88 years, members of UNL's YWCA have gone from Bible Study classes to freedom marches to plans for Divorces Anonymous.

And they're not even all women any more. Two years ago, the University YWCA changed its name to Student "Y" when male students began asking to join. The University's YMCA had died in the 1960's.

Today's Student Y provides the women's information line, abortion counseling, Y-Teens program, international luncheons on Thursday, films speakers and the Youth Service Bureau.

But when the Y began at the University, student concerns were much different. Meetings featured gospel hymns and faculty speakers, and one of the annual projects was raising \$1,500 to support a missionary in China.

There were other less religious projects, too.

Hull House was started in the "Russian Bottoms," between 14th and 6th streets near the railroad tracks. Students who lived in the house taught English, crafts and Sunday school classes to incoming immigrants.

Other Y workers met all trains coming into Lincoln during registration week, then helped find housing, roommates and jobs for the new students. They sent flowers to sick girls and ran an "association room" which offered conveniences ranging from a cup of hot cocoa to stamps, needles and thread.

During the 1920's, YWCA records report "valiant efforts" to persuade Lincoln restaurants to serve blacks, circulating petitions against compulsory military training, and forming a Cosmopolitan Club to bring American and foreign students together.

In 1921, a Nebraska Wesleyan girl worked for a summer in a Curtiss Candy Co. factory and came back with reports of conditions so dangerous and unsanitary that Y members began a boycott against Baby Ruth candy bars. The sale of the candy dropped off in the Lincoln area so quickly that the company threatened a libel suit.

The Depression brought a YWCA soup kitchen. For five cents, students were given a "healthy" bowl of soup. For 10 cents, a very large bowl. According to Y records, this was often the only food many students could afford.

In 1946, the YWCA set up an International House where Japanese, black and white girls lived—dormitories were not yet

open to all races.

And there was still discrimination in athletics, campus cafeterias, University theatre and college policies. In 1947, the Y published a widely-distributed pamphlet on campus segregation. A signed poll of women's residences showed 86 per cent in favor of open housing.

Then a law student discovered that the University Enabling Act of 1869 said no one could be denied privileges at the University because of age, sex or nationality. In October, 1949, the Board of Regents unanimously supported the Enabling Act, and in January of 1950, two blacks and a Hawaiian moved into the dorm.

In the 50's, the Y participated in a picket of a local department store after the store showed a "very conservative" film on loyalty oaths and Americanism.

They also fought for an office in the Nebraska Union—there were no religious groups in the Union and the Y had to prove themselves more than a religious organization. They won, and were given a small room in "The Women's Suite" on third floor, along with Panhellenic and the women's student government.

During the 1960's, the Student Y sent students to the south to help in civil rights marches and voter registration. In 1965, student exchanges between south black Stillman College and the University were begun, although the Y later asked the student senate to take over the project.

In the same year, the Y helped the newly-organized Afro-American Collegiate Society by lending their office to the new group.

In 1966, a group of students went to a Georgia meeting of the National Organization of Women. Later, a few of those women started the University Women's Action Group.

Two years ago, it was followed by the Nebraska Organization for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NORAL). The Student Y also helped start the Women's Political Caucus on campus and a Clergy Consultation Service on problem pregnancies.

And they worked with ASUN and the Women's Action Group on the controversial birth control handbooks distributed last year.

Now the Student Y is working to organize young unwed mothers and divorced women at the University. That's a long way from tennis shoes and Bible lessons.