

Masters...

Roy Proffitt

The campus and size of UNL have changed considerably since the 1940s, but despite the changing times, students remain basically the same, according to Roy Proffitt.

In Proffitt's college days, "beer and people of the opposite sex" were the main interests of students, he said. Proffitt's contact with students at the University of Michigan, where he is now a professor of law, indicate that modern student interests have not changed much from the '40s, he said.

Proffitt was graduated from UNL in 1940 with a B.S. in business administration. Following five years in the U.S. Navy, Proffitt received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1948. He currently teaches admiralty law at the University of Michigan and is director of law school relations.



Gail Rock

"I'm likely to learn as much as the students this week because I'm really interested to hear what kids have to say," said Gail Rock.

Rock was graduated in 1961 with a B.A. in broadcasting and is a freelance author who has written dramatic television specials and children's novels.

Rock said that the university has changed a lot in the 15 years following her graduation, and she lauded the changes as being better for the school.

Rock also saw changes in the moral tone of the university, and said she thought that the school was more liberal than it was when she was graduated.

"The idea of a comic strip with a pot head or of an advertisement in the *Daily Nebraskan* for a cure for crabs—the paper would have been closed down if it had printed something like that when I was in school," Rock said.

Looking back on the value of her UNL education, Rock said, "Practically speaking, the value of my education was rich, but philosophically, I learned a lot."



Thomas Sorenson

Buildings may have changed and students appearances may be different, but Thomas Sorenson, now of Scarsdale, N.Y., said the basics of UNL and Nebraska have remained the same.

Sorenson, a Lincoln native, was graduated from NU in 1947. A journalism and political science major, he is currently a general partner in Advest Co.

"Nebraska is still Nebraska," Sorenson explained. "It's different from other places. There's something to be said for that in a rapidly changing world."

He said he would urge students to specialize in their careers.

An example of the need for specialization is in journalism, he said. People can no longer train to be general assignment reporters, he said, because editors are looking for people with backgrounds in certain areas.

Specialization will make it easier for students to find jobs, he added.



David Thomas

David Thomas, senior vice president of finance at Dunn & Bradstreet Co., Inc. in New York, said he came to Lincoln because he thought it would be exciting to spend some time talking to students.

"I'm impressed with today's generation. They're smarter than we were," Thomas said.

Thomas was graduated with distinction from UNL in 1949 with a B.S. degree in business Administration. He said he hasn't kept in touch with the university because he's so far away.

After graduation, Thomas worked in a financial position for General Electric from 1949 to 1959. He then became controller for the McCall Corp. in New York City until 1961, when he joined General Dynamics Corp.

"I wasn't the typical college student," Thomas said. He said he entered college at the end of World War II after he was in the service.

Because he was married, Thomas said, he lived off-campus and didn't really get into the college social life.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how things have changed," he said.



William Tomek

High-speed computers have revolutionized agricultural economics, said William Tomek, agriculture economics professor at Cornell University in New York.

Computer-programmed simulation and futures tables games used in the classroom are more realistic than old teaching methods, he said, and computers have made an even bigger impact on research.

Tomek, a native of Table Rock, was graduated from NU in 1956. Tomek received the 1965 National Science Foundation Fellowship and co-authored *Agricultural Product Prices*.

The subject matter interests of agriculture students has shifted, he said, from farm and farm management to natural resources, land use and the economics of irrigation and pollution.

Farms are bigger and large corporate farms, mostly in California and Arizona, have become specialized, he said. Tomek's advice to students was "don't belittle your background."



Jan Weir

The university was much simpler in 1945, but it has something solid that will never change, said Jan Weir, here for Masters Week.

Weir was graduated from NU in 1945 as a history major. She now is a principal owner in Mefford, Warren, Weir Advertising Agency in Denver and chairman of the board of directors of Fontana Media Corp.

"When I went to the university it was much simpler because there were 4,000 students at the most on the downtown campus," she said.

Weir said the campus now is like a new world for her. Temple Bldg. is the only building she recognized, she said.

In the 1940s, the university was more socially oriented than it is now, Weir said. Even though academic pursuits were offered, she said it was not fashionable to partake in them.

"I was a secret library freak," Weir said. In this way, she said, she could accomplish her academic goals while at the same time maintaining her social standing.

Weir was in school during World War II and said women then expected to get married immediately. A career was not considered by most she added.

"But no matter how much things change, there is something that remains unchanged, something solid," she said. "I can't pinpoint what it is, but something about the atmosphere is the same."



crossword puzzle

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Catch sight of</p> <p>5 "Act One" author</p> <p>10 Gives courage to</p> <p>14 Gambler, in old Rome</p> <p>15 Miss Loos</p> <p>16 Victim</p> <p>17 N. Z. bird</p> <p>18 French historian</p> <p>19 KZs</p> <p>20 Pitiabile</p> <p>22 Most arid</p> <p>24 Spur</p> <p>25 "Unto us is given"</p> <p>26 Coney</p> <p>29 Dauntless</p> <p>33 Gladden</p> <p>34 Walk pompously</p> <p>35 Busy one</p> <p>36 Extremely generous</p> <p>37 Trompe (visual deception)</p> <p>38 Roll up, as a flag</p> <p>39 Type of novel: Abbr.</p> <p>40 Burmes: rices</p> <p>41 Mr. Lanza</p> <p>42 Frank discussion</p> <p>44 French queens</p> <p>45 Adriatic wind</p> <p>46 Writer O'Casey</p> <p>47 Inan's capital</p> <p>49 Casine</p> <p>54 French thought</p> <p>55 Cape Verde island</p> <p>57 "The Lonely Hunter"</p> <p>58 Concert halls</p> <p>59 City of China</p> <p>60 Otherwise</p> <p>61 Polio pioneer</p> <p>62 Unfeeling</p> <p>63 Colorist</p>	<p>5 Miss Tallchief et al.</p> <p>6 Upright</p> <p>7 "Wake Up and"</p> <p>8 Depot: Abbr.</p> <p>9 Completely</p> <p>10 Center of an escutcheon</p> <p>11 Gaelic</p> <p>12 Butterfly and hair</p> <p>13 Part of C.B.S.: Abbr.</p> <p>21 Finished</p> <p>22 Defect evenly</p> <p>25 Pretext for heart cavities</p> <p>26 Words of affection</p> <p>27 Apportion</p> <p>28 Swedish port</p> <p>29 Salisbury</p> <p>30 Aftermath of overeating</p> <p>31 Uncanny</p> <p>32 Apollo's birthplace</p>	<p>34 Do, re, mi, fa, —, ti</p> <p>37 Memorize</p> <p>38 Timorous</p> <p>40 Portico</p> <p>41 Biblical wall tower</p> <p>43 Sorrow</p> <p>44 Lear's daughter et al.</p> <p>46 Hindu deity and others</p>	<p>47 Spanish uncles</p> <p>48 Icelandic writing</p> <p>49 Cad</p> <p>50 Superman's Lois</p> <p>51 Cordially</p> <p>52 Common Latin verb</p> <p>53 Of stock, in old Ireland</p> <p>56 Aunt or uncle: Abbr.</p>
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