

Interest in students crucial, says Crumley

BY MARLENE BURBACH

To be a successful teacher, an interest in the students and their goals is most basic, said Prof. Wilma Crumley.

Mrs. Crumley received the Nebraska Foundation Award, one of the University of Nebraska distinguished teaching awards, for the 1981-82 academic year.

Mrs. Crumley is from Fremont. She started in journalism as the advertising manager of her Fremont high school paper, the "Rustler."

"I very much enjoyed my experience on this paper and after I graduated from high school I got a job on the Guide and Tribune, a Fremont paper," said Mrs. Crumley.

That fall she attended Midland College and worked for the college paper. After college, she worked on other papers for the next seven or eight years.

After her husband died unexpectedly, Mrs. Crumley decided to go to graduate school at the University of Missouri.



Dr. Wilma Crumley

In five years spent at the University of Missouri, she obtained her masters degree and her PhD. She taught at Stevens College in Missouri. She was a teaching assistant, a summer instructor and a research assistant at the University of Missouri.

"All of that gave me a good start."

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1964 asked her to look at its program.

"I've always said that one shouldn't be selective in job hunting according to geography," said Mrs. Crumley, "so I did not take into account that it was close to home."

Mrs. Crumley said that UN-L had the greatest potential of any job offer she had received and in the fall of 1965 she became an assistant professor at UN-L.

Now Mrs. Crumley is the associate dean and chair of graduate studies at the School of Journalism at UN-L. She is a professor at the school and directs the Martha H. and Gilbert M. Hitchcock Center for Graduate Education and Professional Development. Mrs. Crumley is also the chair of the University Admission and Advisory Board at UN-L.

"I was both pleased and surprised that I received the award," Mrs. Crumley said.

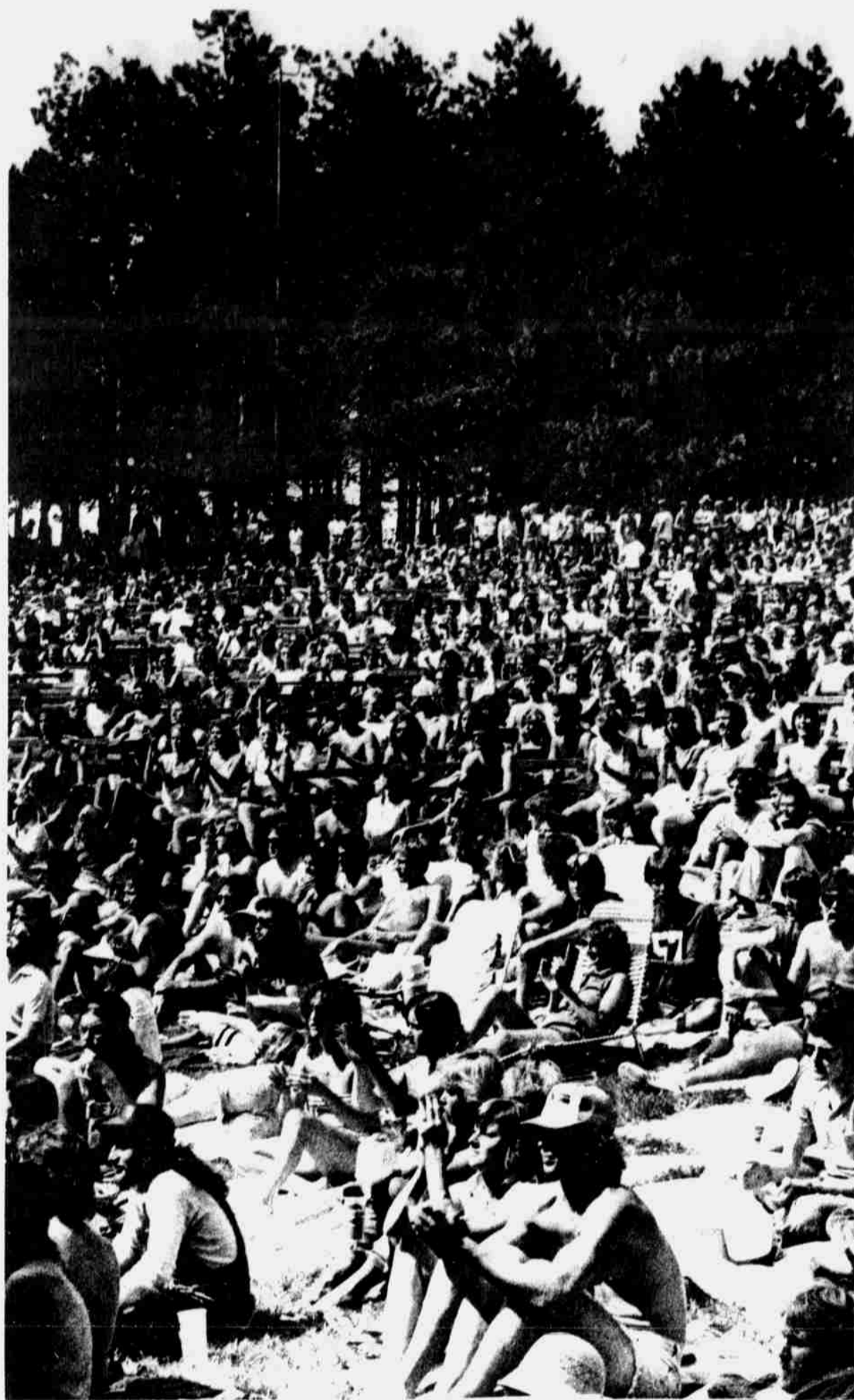
"At the time I thought it was a waste of time, because it was the only (distinguished teaching) award that I was eligible for."

The distinguished teaching awards are based on teaching rather than the research of the recipient, said Dr. Lynn Mortensen, a faculty instructor consultant at the Teaching and Learning Center.

Nominations for these awards are provided by alumni, colleagues, students and administrators.

Final consideration of nominations and selection of the recipients is by a subcommittee of the Teaching Council. This subcommittee makes recommendations to interim academic Vice Chancellor John Strong.

Other teaching awards given to teachers were the Sorensen Award to Prof. Gene Hardy and two Amoco awards, one to Prof. Sang Lee and the other one to Prof. John Demuth. Fifteen Nebraska Legislative awards also were presented. These teachers will receive \$1000 awards and medallions.



The sun poured down on the crowd gathered for a concert at Pinewood Bowl in Pioneers Park Sunday afternoon. Charlie Burton and the Cutouts, the Aaron Baron Band, Jim Sealstrom and Footloose performed at the concert sponsored by radio station KFMQ.

Photo by Kris Mullen

Music library opens in Aug.

BY MEILING LIU

On Aug. 29, the Bennett Martin Public Library will provide a new service for Lincoln residents. A 1,346-square-foot area on the library's second floor will be turned into the Polley Music Library.

The music library is the gift of Lillian Helms Polley, who died in 1978 at 96. She left her estate to finance the music library. Her gift includes money to furnish the room, pay staff and collect materials.

This year's budget for providing the service is \$135,000. After this year, the bequest will provide \$55,000 a year. All money comes from the earnings of Mrs. Polley's estate; no tax money is involved in the project, said Linda Hillegass, assistant director of the Lincoln City Libraries.

When Mrs. Polley was alive, she donated \$10,000 for remodeling the music reference library and gave several thousand pieces of sheet music and manuscripts to the library. The music collections range from the classics to the most obscure works of Lincoln and Nebraska composers.

3,000 pieces of music

A music advisory board, representatives from the music departments of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Union College, Concordia College (Seward) and Doane College (Crete), is in charge of Mrs. Polley's trust. The advisory board is also responsible for hiring a consultant, and approving programs for the music library.

The consultant, Kurtz Myers, former music librarian at the Detroit, Denver and Buffalo public libraries, has studied Lincolnites' interests and tastes as a guide to what music to purchase, Ms. Hillegass said.

By this summer the library will have a collection of 3,000 pieces of sheet music, 500 books, subscriptions to 36 magazines and several thousand donated scores and books, Ms. Hillegass said.

The collections, worth more than \$44,000, range from operas and classical piano music to bluegrass, jazz and ukulele instruction books, she said. The oldest collection, "Tramp-Tramp-Tramp," dates back to 1864, said Carolyn Dow, chief music librarian.

"This is unique for a small city like Lincoln to have a music library, in comparison with other big cities like San Francisco, Chicago and Washington, D.C.," Ms. Dow said. Lincoln could not have supported a music library because it would have been too expensive, she said.

Ms. Dow has degrees in music from St. Olaf College, Minn., and a library science degree from San Jose State University, in California. She has been a music librarian for more than four years. Before she came to Lincoln, she worked at San Jose State.

Mrs. Polley, born in Creston, Iowa, grew up in Lincoln, and fell in love with music and Lincoln. She graduated from the Nebraska Conservatory of Music and studied singing in Chicago, New York and Europe. She taught singing at the Nebraska Wesleyan Conservatory School of Fine Arts. She was known through the West as a recitalist, specializing in historical lecture recitals, and had been a soloist in a number of Lincoln churches.

Mrs. Polley first considered a music library in the 1930s when she was an instructor at the UN-L School of Music. Mrs. Polley said in an interview published in the Lincoln Star in 1971, "The school had just received the music library of Mrs. Carrie Belle Raymond, its former director. It was a beautiful, extensive library, but within six years it was gone from the stacks."

Mrs. Polley did not want the same fate to befall her own beloved music, so she stipulated in her will that her estate be given to the public library under the condition that the library board use the money to develop the music library.

Because Mrs. Polley considered Lincoln part of her life, she wanted to pass on the knowledge and literature of music to all Lincolnites.

The Lincoln City Libraries look forward to offering this service, Ms. Dow said, the first new music department to be established in a U.S. public library in 20 years.

The library will offer adult music, but will be open for all ages, 35 hours a week, including some evenings and weekends.

Yungmeyer severance pay trial is postponed

HASTINGS (AP) — The trial to determine whether former Hastings city administrator Harold Yungmeyer should receive severance pay has been postponed by mutual agreement until July 22, according to District Judge W.G. Cambridge.

Yungmeyer, now a resident of Kansas City, Mo., said he was told before he was hired in 1978 that he would be given three months severance pay if he were fired within the first three years of employment. He was fired by Mayor Bill Welton on Dec. 8, 1980, after about two years with the city.

Before he left Hastings, Yungmeyer filed a claim with the city asking for severance pay of \$7,982, based on his monthly salary of \$2,631. The claim was denied by the city council last year.

Jewelry shop burglary trial is postponed

HASTINGS (AP) — The jury trial of a Lincoln man charged with the May 1981 burglary of a Hastings jewelry shop has been postponed until Aug. 30. The continuance was granted to allow time for the state to locate a witness.

Prosecutors are seeking Veronica Taylor, a girlfriend of the defendant, 37-year-old James Taylor Smith, at the time of the Zinn's

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