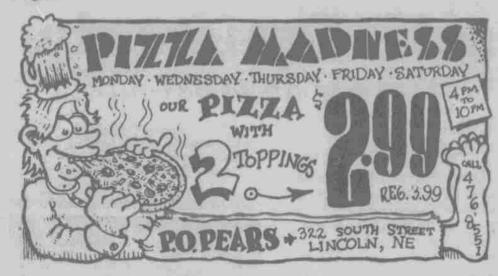
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Depression-era class meets Old timers discuss tough times, marvel at changes

By Jane Hirt Staff Reporter

Graduates from the class of 1937 got together this weekend to discuss old times and celebrate their class reunion.

Fifty years ago, there was no student union, there was but one dormitory, Oldfather wasn't a building but the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Burnett Hall was the site of tennis courts.

"It was the Depression," said Robert H. Tallman, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1937. "Things were tough," he said.

Karl Manke, who graduated in 1938 with a master's degree in agronomy said that "everyone that went to college worked part-time because of the Depression."

John Mostrom got a bachelor's degree in science while he worked at Spomer's Cafe washing dishes and waiting tables.

He said that he had classes in the morning, worked until 9 p.m. and then studied for the next day's

classes.

"Back then, there wasn't time for socializing," he said. "I had a Willis Sawyer scholarship for \$50. That covered my tuition," he said.

Tallman said that he worked at a clothing store on 14th and P streets. When he got low on money, he would challenge his fraternity brothers to crap games.

"I always won because I knew the odds better," he said.

Darwin Liggett made money by playing the trumpet in bands around Lincoln. Liggett was also in the Cornhusker Marching Band, which had about 180 members at the time. He got his bachelor's degree in business.

Vern J. Williams, who got his bachelor's degree in business administration, said that ROTC paid his tuition and he also earned money at a job that paid 35 cents an hour.

Williams said even though no one had any money "everyone wore a suit and carried a brief case.'

Mostrom said that tuition cost \$3 a credit hour and used books were about \$2 each.

The graduates agreed that both

campus and Lincoln have changed over 50 years.

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Liggett, who now lives in Irvine. Calif. said he and his wife came through Lincoln about a year and a half ago.

"We saw all of the buildings from our window in the Hilton and we couldn't believe it," he said. Mostrom said that he remembers when 15th and R streets ran through the campus.

Tallman also said downtown Lincoln has changed a great deal.

"There are a lot of empty stores," he said.

Since there was only one women's dormitory, most people lived in fraternities and sororities or off campus.

Manke said students could rent rooms in the houses surrounding campus for \$5 a month with a roommate.

The festivities for the reunion weekend included a kickoff cookout on Thursday, a luncheon and dinner on Friday, tours of the Wick Alumni Center and Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, a luncheon and formal awards banquet on Saturday night.

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Senators voted 28-0 to advance the bill to final reading, which, if approved, would go to the governor for her approval.

Last week, Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers' bill to abolish the state's death penalty was six votes short of firstround approval. A priority bill, LB675, would abolish the death penalty for any person convicted of first-degree murder and require that such a person serve at least 30 years in prison. The sentences of the 14 now on death row would be reduced to life imprisonment.

The bill probably will come up again, and if not advanced to second-round debate, Chambers will get one last try to advance the bill before it is withdrawn.

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College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association - reception at the Cornhusker Hotel, sultes A. B. and C. from 6:30 te 8:30 p.m.

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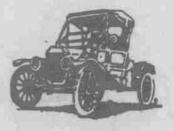
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