Freshmen Survive First Tough Week

by Nancy Brink

An exciting and eventful week was climaxed Sunday when 350 dazed freshmen loaded buses and headed to Lake Herman. AWF (Augustana Welcomes-Frosh) Day saw many students getting first-hand account of the multitude of varied and diversified activities available on campus.

According to Linda Ballard and Les Miller, co-chairman for the week, incoming freshmen showed considerable enthusiasm for not only AWF Day, but the entire week. Prior to the trip to Lake Herman, freshmen were entertained, oriented and informed to all aspects of college life.

Highlights of the week included group discussions where naive frosh discussed everything from studying for exams to problems "pointed out by his parents. President Charles L. Baker extended greetings to both on separate occasions along with Kent Johnson, Dean of Men and Lauretta Mundt, Dean of Women.

As the week progressed, new students were handed their trademark—the beanie. The traditional "Beanie-Mixer" in the stadium and Commons Building found 600 green-capped freshmen twinking in the mighty sophomores. Here students were jumbled around so as to meet as many new and unfamiliar faces possible.

The students were encouraged to participate in "Fresh Varieties" as auditions were held throughout the week. Also, tours were conducted to familiarize the students with Viking soil. Co-eds were also informed as to campus attire at the annual "Beanie-Mixer" in the Gilbert Science Center.

Other activities of interest were visits with campus instructors and other personnel. Here students broke the teacher-student barrier while they openly discussed a variety of topics in the faculty's private homes.

The students were invited to attend a "Folk Mass in the Round" in the Commons cafeteria featuring the Knight Singers from O'Gorman High School.

Friday was the initial day of classes for all students, but the majority of freshmen were grossly disillusioned by the amount of homework staring at them for the week-end. It was all forgotten, however, when they attended the gala freshmen banquet held in the Commons building that evening.

Finally on Saturday, the freshmen had their chance to prove themselves at the annual tug-o-war—held behind Bergaker Hall. Unfortunately, after much preliminary tears of strength by rying individuals, the event showed signs of a rain-out, and neither side came out victorious. Bitterness was not apparent that evening when all joined in attending an all-school dance.

It was a tremendous week for all persons concerned. The friendships gained and knowledge acquired will remain with most throughout the entire year.

Senator Harris to Be First Convo Speaker

Senator Fred R. Harris, D-Okl., once prominently mentioned as a possible running mate for Vice President Hubert Humphrey, will be the keynote speaker for a year-long series of Augustana College events dedicated to an examination of "The Rights of Man."

Sen. Harris will address a public audience in the college gym-auditorium at 8:15 p.m., Sept. 23. The Augustana faculty committee which is arranging the series chose the Oklahoman for "his long interest and substantial authority in racial problems" pointed out by his appointment to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

In a published rationale the Augustana committee called "the struggle of minority groups to attain their human dignity—pervasive and complex. "This series aims to develop understanding, excite compassion, and inspire involvement in the struggle for human rights. We hope that 'telling it like it is' will arouse us to 'make it like it should be,'" the rationale concludes.

On Oct. 8-11 a series of dialogues between Augustana students and Harold Shunk, former superintendent of the Rosebud Indian Agency will take place.

Four other speakers have confirmed invitations to participate in the Augustana series with two other discussion areas still to be definitely settled. On Oct. 14-15 Dr. Charles Wilkinson of the University of Missouri Medical School will speak on the "Psychology of Prejudice."

The entire series is a follow-up to the community successful 1967-68 series entitled the "Reformation and the Revolution" held at Augustana last year.