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## HUSKERS TO CLASH WITH GOPHERS

Track Teams Meet at Beatrice Tomorrow Afternoon

## MINNESOTA IS CONFIDENT

Reports From Camp Full of Optimism—Nebraskans in Good Condition

Saturday afternoon at 2:30, the Gophers and Cornhuskers will decide the supremacy of Nebraska and Minnesota at Beatrice. The outcome of the meet is as much in doubt as it has ever been, although the optimistic stories from the Gopher camp have cast considerable gloom over the Nebraskans. Coach Stewart is leaving no stone unturned and with the exception of Finney and Grau, his track team is in the best possible condition.

### Gophers Strong in Field

The Gophers are counting on making a clean sweep of the field events, as is evidenced by a telegram received from the Minnesota coach which demands, that the javelin and hammer throw be included in the events. Munn, Hubka and Schellenberg, the Nebraska weight men are inexperienced in the hammer throw, but they have been showing class in the remaining weight events and may cop off a second or two.

Minnesota is an unknown quantity in all the races except the half mile, but judging from her work last year, the Huskers should be able to score heavily in the races. Stevens, who took second in the open 440 at Kansas City and "Let" Hanson in the mile have been added to the squad, since the Ames dual. Nebraska is counting on taking both relays, as the Huskers have a quartet of sprinters in each of these events, who are a match for any relay team in this section of the country.

## REGISTRATION DROPS ONE-FIFTH FOR YEAR

War Cuts Enrollment—More Men Than Women at First of Year

Statistics of this year's registration show a falling off of 30 per cent in the number of men and 14 per cent in the number of women enrolled last year, or a total registration decrease of 23 per cent for the University this year.

This percentage of decrease is quite uniform throughout the several colleges with a few exceptions. The school of commerce decreased 50 per cent in its enrollment of men and showed a gain of 50 per cent in the number of women. This is due in part to the changing of colleges by men who were in the commerce department last year and the natural result of the war upon women in business. The college of medicine increased its registration by 5 per cent, for which the war may be also held to account.

The teachers college suffered a decrease of 73 per cent of their registration of men and show a slight gain in the number of women.

The lower classmen show practically the same percent of shrinkage as the seniors.

In spite of the much-talked-of men upon the campus the registrar's (Continued on page four)

## Pre-Medics Called to Poils Thursday, May 9

Pre-medic elections for president, third reserve officers training camp, vice president, secretary and treasurer for next semester will be held in Bessey hall lectures room, 5-6 o'clock Thursday, May 9, 1918. Nominations for president, including Geo. Johnson, Melvin Newquist and Roy Vinsant, were made at the meeting on Thursday, May 2, 11-12 o'clock.

## DISCUSSES VALUE OF MODERN LANGUAGES

Grumman Speaks Before Language Teachers

## TEXTS ARE TOO TRIVIAL

Says Proper Study of Foreign Tongues Should Increase Facility in English

Prof. P. H. Grummann, head of the college of arts and sciences will discuss "The Cultural Value of Modern Languages" at the modern language teachers' association in Chicago today and tomorrow. Professor Grummann left for Chicago yesterday afternoon.

Professor Grummann appeals to teachers of foreign languages that they teach more than facility in the language. "The intelligent acquiring of any foreign language presupposes a constant fortifying in the mother tongue. Is it not time that, in the interests of cultural values the linguistic training be so correlated that foreign language training will really clarify the student's knowledge of his mother tongue?"

### Texts Too Trivial

Professor Grummann asserts too many of the reading texts abound in the trivialities of foreign travel at the expense of solid literature. "Especially the German classes have been exploited shamefully with reading matter of this kind," Professor Grummann says. "One is tempted to believe," he adds, "that it was a conscious attempt to advertise modern Germany."

"The teacher should be a potent factor in the building of national character. The study of international culture is purely a comparative process. The teacher, however, must constantly study foreign life with reference to the possible contribution that it may make to American life."

### Teachers Often Immature

"We have seen great numbers of immature students in German universities, training for teaching careers (Continued on page three.)

## HISTORY TEACHERS HERE FOR SESSION

Attempt to Standardize History Courses—University Students Invited

Tonight and tomorrow the history teachers of the state will meet here for their annual spring session. The chief work of the association this spring is to be the completion of a course in history for the twelve grades of the public schools. The course has been in process of formulation for a year, and it is expected that in their present session the history teachers will be able to complete it and to recommend it to the school boards, superintendent and principals of the state. University students who are majoring in history probably will be interested in the discussions and decisions of the association, and are given a cordial invitation to be present at any or all of its meetings.

## COMPANY "Q" WILL PARADE THIS EVENING

Company "Q" will parade tonight following competitive drill, according to tradition. The gang will gather in front of the Armory at 8 o'clock. No regulations as to costumes have been laid, but every marcher must wear his drill leggings to show that he is a member of company "Q." The parade will wind down to Sixteenth and O and will then follow the band and the winning company on its victorious march.

Rowdism in such a time as this cannot and will not be tolerated. The parade is planned as an outlet for enthusiasm and is scheduled with the assumption that no one will take advantage of the confidence placed in him. Remember tonight that you are not only a member of "Q" but a student of the University of Nebraska and conduct yourself accordingly.

## INTEREST OF SCHOOL CENTERED IN COMPET

Big Military Event Starts Today at One O'Clock

## UNUSUAL INTEREST SHOWN

Company Spirit Is Enthusiastic—High School Cadets Not to Drill

Today at 1 o'clock, the lid is taken off the biggest event for the year of the military department. The annual competitive drill is scheduled to begin shortly after 1 o'clock on the Athletic field. The cadet companies will fall in at their usual places by one.

Probably interest in "compet" this year is greater than ever before, not only because the war has caused a greater interest in military science than has been shown for a long time, but also for the reason that with the exception of commissioned officers, few of the cadets have ever taken part in a competitive drill before. Beyond mere rumor, it is almost impossible for any man drilling to tell in any way just how his company compares with the others, and there has been great speculation as to who will lead the annual shirt tail parade tonight.

### Interest Is Keen

Interest has become very great, and keen competition between the companies of the cadet regiment has been exhibited during the past two weeks. The men have taken an interest in their own work greater than has been exhibited for many weeks, and the changes that have taken place in military work of all kinds has been very marked for so short a time. Arm signals and skirmish work especially have received attention, and during drill hour for the past ten days, nearly every large vacant place on the campus had lines of uniformed men lying on their faces, and firing at imaginary enemies, with squad rushes indicating another trench taken, and furious charges with war whoops sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of all who heard. When the men have marched in after drill, a goodly portion of Nebraska soil accompanied them, and the cleaners over the city are reaping a fortune from suits being made spick and span for today.

Last night and the night before many of the companies held councils of war in the form of smokers, with the result that the spirit of competition has reached a high pitch. Wednesday evening at drill hour the men of Company E appeared with ribbons designating their identity, and since that time, ribbons are in evidence, not only on most of the cadets, but also some of the fair co-eds are seen with them.

### Large Crowd Expected

It is expected that there will be a large crowd out to the "compet," today, as not only those in the University, but also many outside of the school are taking great interest in the work of the cadets, and will undoubtedly be in the stands. One disappointment was the ruling that only University cadets would compete. The high school company was broken up, the men distributed among the University companies, and these men took great interest in the work, expecting to take part. However, since "compet" is really a University affair only, it was thought best to dispense with the high school men on this occasion, although they have drilled like veterans.

## SILVER SERPENTS HOLD INITIATION

Junior Honorary Girls Society Takes in Seventeen for Next Year

The following girls were initiated into Silver Serpent yesterday evening at the Gamma Phi Beta house: Alpha Chi Omega, Helen Holtz; Alpha Xi Delta, Helen Fischer; Alpha Delta Pi, Irene Doty; Alpha Omicron Pi, Lorene Hendricks; Chi Omega, Mildred Adams; Delta Delta Delta, True Jack; Delta Gamma, Betty Brown; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Daisy Parks; Kappa Alpha Theta, Dorothy Wetherald; Alpha Phi, Genevieve Loeb; Achsoth, Alfreda MacPang; Gamma Phi Beta, Harriett Ashbrook; Delta Zeta, Mable McAdams; Pi Beta Phi, Carolyn Reed; Barbs, Helen Lewis; Union, Jean Landale, Ruth Sheldon.

## HIGH SCHOOLS VISIT UNIVERSITY TOMORROW FOR ANNUAL FETE DAY

Eleventh Annual Debate of State League in the Morning

## 14 PARTICIPANTS ENTERED

Question is Compulsory Military Training for High Schools

The morning of the annual high school fete day tomorrow will be devoted entirely to the eleventh annual state debate of the Nebraska High School Debating League. The debaters will speak on the question, "Resolved, That Compulsory Military Training Should be Established in the Public High Schools of the United States." The discussion will start promptly at 10 o'clock in Memorial hall.

Practically all plans for the debates have now been completed. All the preliminary contests have been held, or will be held today, and the order in speaking of the teams has been arranged. Judges for the contests have not yet been announced.

It was the intention of the league to hold team debates this year, but the plan was postponed for another season, at least. The high expense of such a project rendered it impracticable at this time, and added to that was the fact that the fete day was set ahead two weeks, leaving too little time for the teams to get ready. It is probable, however, that several inter-district team debates will be held nevertheless. These will be arranged for today.

### Fourteen Participants

It is expected that the debates this year will be of a higher quality than ever. There will be, in all, fourteen participants, and they are the cream of the high school logicians of the state.

Prof. M. M. Fogg, of the department of rhetoric, president of the debating league, and Prof. H. W. Caldwell, secretary, have completed the day's schedule so far as possible. The teams will speak in the following order (since all the teams have not yet debated, the standing of some of them is still uncertain):

### Affirmative

1. Minden
2. Omaha (?)
3. Alliance
4. Beatrice (?)
5. Ravenna
6. Madison or Wisner (?)
7. Edgar (?)

### Negative

1. Teachers College High School
2. Omaha (?)
3. Wymore (?)
4. Randolph
5. McCook
6. Madison or Wisner (?)
7. Red Cloud

## Alpha Kappa Psi Elects Officers for Next Year

Alpha Kappa Psi met Wednesday evening at the Kappa Sigma house and elected officers for the coming year. The new men chosen were: Mark Hooper, president; Fred N. Hellner, vice-president; Gaylord Davis, secretary-treasurer; Chas. J. Lehmkuhl, sergeant-at-arms; Park Thornton, chapter editor.

## Is New Head of Agricultural Engineering Extension Work

Prof. C. D. Kinsman, '12, M. S., Purdue University, who has been teaching in the rural engineering department at Purdue, has been appointed head of the agricultural engineering extension work in the University.

### NEBRASKAN POTISIONS

Applications for election of the positions of Editor, Managing Editor, two news Editors, woman Associate Editor and Business Manager of the Daily Nebraskan for the first semester of the school year 1918-19 will be received at the student activities' office up until 12 o'clock noon, May 16, 1918.

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Track Meet Expected to be Close and Fast

## GOTHENBURG IS FAVORITE

Much Expected of Layton, Star of Last Year—Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha Strong

The largest high school track meet of the year will take place Saturday afternoon on Nebraska field, when over 100 men representing 17 high schools, will fight it out for the state championship.

The odds are in favor of the strong Gothenburg aggregation, since they easily out-distanced all their rivals in the recent Southeastern meet. No one questions the superiority of their star man, Layton, to anyone in the state and the other high school coaches have conceded Gothenburg 30 points before ever an event is run off.

### Other Squads Strong

Lincoln high has been working out with the University team the past week and Coach Hager has a promising bunch of athletes. Their team is composed of such stars as Don McMeekin, present holder of the California state record in the high jump; Gish, holder of the Kansas record in both the hurdles, and Nichols, the colored distance runner, who won the mile in last year's classic. The other members of Hager's well balanced team are K. McMeekin in the 440-yard and pole vault; Munn and Youngmeyer in the weights.

The strength of Fremont is an unknown factor, but many dopesters are picking them as the possible dark horse of the meet. Fitzsimmons, all state basketball center, stands a good chance of carrying off at least two gold medals. Omaha has a team of veterans, the most notable of which are Noble in the sprints, Maxwell, the all around athlete, in both hurdles, and Nelson in the mile.

### Rivals to Run Again

Everyone who attended last year's meet will remember the sensational race between Nelson of Omaha and Nichols of Lincoln in the mile. These men will again go to their marks Saturday and a great battle is anticipated. Thirty-four have entered the 100-yard dash, which necessitates the running of three preliminaries.

## MANY ASK TO BE SENT INTO TRAINING CAMP

Military Department Receives Application of Seventy-Seven University Men

Seventy-seven applications have been received to the fourth officers' training camp at the office of the military department. In order to be considered, the applications had to be in the hands of Colonel Roberts, commandant of the cadets, by Wednesday evening, up to which time that number were in. As there will be only a total of 58 men selected from the list, 35 in Class C, and 23 in Classes A and B, Colonel Roberts will spend a few days in looking up the qualifications of the applicants, including records of the accepted men will be announced ords in the University, and the names probably by Monday.

Last week the first announcement of the fourth camp was made, and since that time, the office of Colonel Roberts, who is in charge of the Nebraska division, has received applications in every mail. The applicants will not be required to report in Lincoln for physical examination, but instead may be examined by any physician of good repute, with another examination when they reach camp. Students from the University, who will be in Class C, will need only pass a physical examination, the recommendation of the commandant being all else that is necessary.

The camp opens on May 15th, the Nebraska quota probably going to Ft. Riley. This is not the R. O. T. C. camp, which is for men in the R. O. T. C. only, but one of the regular officers' training camps.