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## FORUM DIRECTOR SEEKS TOPIC FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY

### Marsh Asks Contributions Be Mailed to Editor of Nebraskan.

### SUGGEST PREPAREDNESS

### Students Promised Larger Role in February Convocation.

Seeking to discover the subject that Nebraska students want discussed at the next student convocation, Bill Marsh, chairman of the student council convocation and forum committee, is asking that students aid in choosing the next topic for campus consideration by stating their selections in letters sent to Jack Fischer, editor of the Daily Nebraskan.

There are several possible subjects which could be discussed at coming convocations, Marsh stated. In order that the most popular topic be selected for February's forum, Nebraskans are now being requested to voice their opinions.

### Militarism.

"One of the leading topics receiving attention on the campus is that of militarism and preparedness," Marsh pointed out. "Many student pulse articles on this subject have appeared in the Daily Nebraskan. If an open forum discussion on that subject is wanted, the student should so inform the council committee by sending letters or notes to the Nebraskan editor."

Other possibilities for consideration are outstanding economic problems, principal academic questions such as autonomy in the university, subsidization of athletes, or any other topic of local, national, or international interest, the committee chairman said.

### Before Vacation.

Letters or notes should be sent as soon as possible, preferably before the Christmas vacation, Marsh declared. If the subject chosen by popular accord deals with the university, student speakers will have to be selected. If it does not, outside talkers will be obtained.

"In our next forum we hope to be able to devote more time to open discussion by the students," Marsh said.

## MISS GREEN TALKS ON Y.W.C.A. AS VOCATION

### Freshman A.W.S. Members Hear Secretary Speak Wednesday.

"A Y. W. C. A. Secretaryship as a vocation" was the subject which Miss Mildred Green, secretary of the university Y. W. C. A., discussed for members of the freshman A. W. S. group yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. Approximately seventy-five girls were present for the meeting.

Opening her discussion by giving an account of her experiences and education in building a basis for her career, Miss Green outlined some of the necessary subjects which should be included in the course of those girls who might be interested in this type of a vocation. Additional requirements in holding such a position were also listed by the speaker.

### Work Interesting.

Describing her work as "interesting because people are so different and do unexpected things," the secretary explained that some of the more important work of a Y. W. C. A. secretarial position included religious education, personal case work, and a leader for students in Y. W. work.

Concluding her talk, Miss Green gave a summary of the various happenings in a day's work and suggested that for those interested in Y. W. C. A. secretarial work as a vocation, there is provided an excellent field when one considers that 80,000 women are active in Y. W. C. A. work today.

## Students Favor Discussing Militarism at Next Forum

Anticipating the Student Council's selection of a subject for the next open student forum, a miscellaneous vote of a few of the students on the campus was taken on the subjects they would like to discuss. Most of them chose one of the four suggestions made by the Student Council committee. A few of them dissented and broached their own "pet peeves" for discussion by the student body.

Receiving the highest number of votes, but also the largest number of criticisms, was the subject suggested by the council committee, of "Militarism and Preparedness." Those in favor of it declared that it was "by far the most important and timely question that could be chosen," and that it was "a question of importance to every student." Critics of the militarism

## Exhibit in Library Traces Development of Printing

BY PAT JENSEN.

An exhibit showing the development of the printed book is on display in the cases on the second floor of the main library. The printing press was introduced in England by William Caxton, who spent many years in the Low Country and learned the art of printing, probably at Cologne. The first book he printed in England, of which there is any record is "The Dictes or Sayings of the Philosophers" produced in 1477 at the shop at Westminster.

Caxton printed more than 100 works of which some vestiges remain. Many of his books were small pamphlets containing tales. Most of these pamphlets were of a timely interest and have since been destroyed. England is the only country in which the first books were printed in the native language.

Perhaps the second book printed, and the first from the firm of which they decorated this Psalter. One of the most famous publications of Anthony Koberger of Nuremberg is "The Nuremberg Chronicle" which was printed in 1493 and contains the first published map of central Europe. It is characterized by a great number of illustrations—in all there are about 1,809 pictures, but many of the blocks have been used repeatedly. The book is a summary of the history, geography and wonders of the world.

John Gutenberg is thought to be the inventor of the process of printing from movable type. The first work attributed to him is the "31-line Indulgence" which bears the date of 1454, but no printers' name. The most important works attributed to him are two Bibles and a Catholicism. The Bibles are known as the "36-line Bible and the "42-line Bible." Two editions were printed, one on paper and one on vellum.

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"There are to be a series of exhibits in the cases showing the arts of the book—printing, illustration, binding, etc.—from now on," stated Miss Craig. "In this exhibit you will notice that the earliest printing carried out the tradition of the old manuscripts in form and appearance. The succeeding exhibits will trace the development of the arts of the book."

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## NOMINATE POOL FOR NATIONAL POSITION



Dr. R. J. Pool, chairman of the department of botany at the University of Nebraska, has been nominated for the vice presidency of the Botanical Society of America, foremost botanical organization in the United States.

Balloting will be by mail and final results will be announced at the annual convention of the group at St. Louis, Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. Dr. Pool will be in attendance.

## LAST REHEARSAL FOR AG COLLEGE REVUE THURSDAY

### Eight Skits, Six Curtain Acts Compete for \$5 Prizes.

Final rehearsal of the entire Coll-Agri-Fun revue will be held Thursday in the Student Activities building on the agricultural college campus at 7:30, according to an announcement made by Don Joy, manager of the Coll-Agri-Fun board, sponsoring the performance.

"Enthusiasm over the first rehearsal held Wednesday, reassures us that the revue to be given Saturday, Dec. 14, will surpass all entertainments which students on this campus have sponsored," stated Bonnie Spanggaard, assistant manager of the board.

The revue will present eight skits and six curtain acts, which will compete for prizes; \$5 will go to the two best skits, and \$2.50 to the two outstanding curtain acts. Judges who have been selected to judge the show are: Dean T. J. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Shockey, and Judge J. L. Polk. Presentation, including technique, general effect, scenery and property will count 50 percent; subject matter, 30 percent; audience reaction, 15 percent; and originality 5 percent.

Winning skits of last year's revue were: "A Century of Progress," a hill billy takeoff on the Chicago world's fair by the Ag College Boarding Club; an old fashioned medicine show which included a cheese cloth service by members of the Farm Operators Club; and trick rope spinning act by Glenn Bierman.

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## CATHEDRAL CHOIR TO SING IN WHITE HOUSE

### Lincoln Group Prepares for Eastern Trip; Students Majority Members.

Preparing for a trip east as far as New York and for performances which include the White House, the Lincoln Cathedral Choir, now singing at the Westminister Presbyterian church, is rehearsing five nights a week, according to John M. Rosborough, director. Practically all of the Choir's fifty-three members are university students.

Leaving Saturday, Dec. 21, the group will make its first appearance in St. Luke's Episcopal church, in Evanston, Ill. Here they will give a memorial service. On Dec. 24 the Choir will sing two carols at the President's Christmas tree party in Washington. They will stay in New York for three days, appearing on the 27th in Carnegie hall. From there they will sing in the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Altho arrangements have not yet been completed, the Choir will probably sing in Chicago.

## PHARMACISTS PLAN CHRISTMAS AFFAIR

### Club Will Exchange Gifts At Informal Party Dec. 19.

An exchange of presents at a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 19 has been planned by members of the Pharmaceutical club under the leadership of President Leonard Fleischer. The party will be held at Carl's Annex Cafe.

An inexpensive present is to be purchased by each member. The gifts will be exchanged the evening of the party and will later be given to charity.

The members on the committee in charge of refreshments and program are, James Wilson, Robert Chamber, Kathryn Simpson, and Walter Schnabel.

## MORTAR BOARDS PLAN BROADCAST BALL ORCHESTRA

### Carleton Coon's Band to Play Over KFOR at 10:30 Friday.

### 650 COUPLES EXPECTED

### Many Tickets for Leap Year Affair Are Already Purchased.

Music of Carleton Coon's orchestra to be heard at the annual Mortar Board party Friday evening in the coliseum will be broadcast over station KFOR at 10:30 p. m., it was announced Wednesday by Alaire Barkes, president of the senior women's honorary.

"We're encouraged that so many have already bought their tickets to the party," commented Phyllis Humphrey, one of the chairmen of ticket sales for the event. "Those who have already made their plans should purchase their tickets today or tomorrow from a Tassel member or a member of Mortar Board. Tickets may also be obtained at the door on the evening of the party, but it is advisable for those planning to be present to purchase their tickets ahead of time," she continued.

### Chaperons Listed.

Chaperons at the affair which is scheduled to last until 12 o'clock, are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Rosenquist, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sellers, and Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Broady. Mrs. Rosenquist is president of the alumni Mortar Board chapter and Mrs. Sellers is past president of the organization.

Formal dress is optional, according to an announcement made by the women's honorary.

## Y.W. STAFF EXTENDS SCHOONER CAMPAIGN ANOTHER FIVE DAYS

### Betsy Allen Sells Highest Number With Total of 17 Copies.

To give those who have not been able to contact all their prospects a chance to complete their work, the Y. W. C. A. international staff will be continued over the weekend, it was announced Wednesday by Jane Keefer, chairman of the Y. W. C. A. international staff which is sponsoring the campaign. The final checkup will be made Monday.

Out of 90 workers, Betsy Allen was announced as high point girl of the drive to date, with 17 square mile to Nebraska's 18. The team with Betsy Allen as captain has twenty subscriptions and Maxine Durand's team is second with 13 subscriptions.

The goal set up at the beginning of the campaign was 500, and according to Miss Keefer, the aim is almost attained.

A meeting of workers will be held Thursday in the Y. W. C. A. rooms of the Temple, to report on results of the drive, and to turn in all money received. "It will save every girl time if she comes to the meeting, as checkups later will involve more work and time," stated Miss Keefer.

## JEAN WALKER WINS \$25 ESSAY CONTEST

### Journalism Senior Gets Prize for 'Coming Home' Article.

Jean Walker, senior in the school of Journalism, was awarded first prize of twenty-five dollars in the "Coming Home" essay contest sponsored recently by the Emery Bird, and Thayer dry goods company of Kansas City, Mo. The university was informed Wednesday afternoon.

Posters announcing the contest were placed on the Nebraska campus shortly before Thanksgiving vacation. Entries were received from three states, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

## FRENCH STUDENTS TO ATTEND LUNCH TODAY

### Foreign Menus Printed For Those Present at Third Affair.

A luncheon at which only French will be spoken and menus printed in the same language is to be given this noon at 12 o'clock at the Grand hotel. All who are interested in French are invited to attend, according to Katharine Townsend, who is in charge.

This luncheon serves as a supplement to the French course, and tends to make the language more interesting to the students by its practical use. Aside from the use of French in conversation, there will be no speakers or other program. The charge for the meal will be 25 cents.

## Fraternity Sections Open Two More Days

Only two days remain during which fraternity pictures for the Cornhusker may be taken, it was announced Wednesday by Floyd Baker, yearbook fraternity editor. The deadline has been set for Saturday, Dec. 14, after which all sections will be closed.

Fraternity sections which are to be closed this evening are Delta Upsilon, Phi Psi, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta and Acacia, Baker stated.

Groups already closed are Zeta Beta Tau, Lambda Chi Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

All sorority sections were completed last Saturday. A week still remains for taking photographs for the junior and senior sections, the final date being Saturday, Dec. 21.

## VAN ROYEN SEES LEAGUE AS ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE

### Near-Capacity Crowd Hears Geographer Speak on Ethiopian War.

"The dangers of an European war are pretty nearly as great as in 1914," declared Dr. William Royen of the geography department, in a talk given last night in the chemistry lecture room, filled nearly to seating capacity.

"If Italy gains Ethiopia, it will hold the lake that controls the waters of the Nile. Mussolini could shut off the Nile completely from English-occupied Egypt or flood it as he wished.... England will not stand for this," Dr. Van Royen said. "If England and Italy have a war, it would unquestionably lead to another World War—a second World War. The only hope is that the League of Nations can bring Italy to its senses, an act which would strengthen the League, the only thing standing between peace and war."

Ethiopia is a natural fortress the doctor stated. "It seems that a war would last considerably longer than Mussolini expects. And it would demand immense sacrifice."

### Natural Fortress.

"On the south there is a wide desert, and the Italians must go up to a high plateau to reach their objective.... On the north is a mountain range and a desert.... The Italians have said they have crossed this desert, but what they have neglected to add is that what they have crossed is a very small neck of it.... For hundreds of years Ethiopia has remained an island of Christianity in a sea of Mohammedanism. The reason for this is its natural defenses." The west and east of the nation are occupied by colonies of other nations, thru which Italy can not pass.

"Ethiopia rises so far above the surrounding country that it catches all the rain.... This water has to pass off in some way. It goes off in rivers that have cut gorges deep into the ground until the land is no longer a plateau. Each of these gorges is a natural fortress in itself."

"If the Ethiopians do not lose their heads, they can succeed in prolonging the war for a long time. But in the end I doubt that Ethiopia could hold out."

Italy, while only once and a half as large as Nebraska has a density of population of 340 a square mile to Nebraska's 18. "That's not all. Every nation that wants to be a leader must have coal, oil, and water power. Mussolini's country has no coal, no oil, and little water power."

### Seeks Natural Wealth.

"What does Italy seek in Ethiopia? Ethiopia is three times as large as Italy with a small population.... It could hold several hundred thousand Italian farmers.... There is no doubt that it

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## Christmas Shopping Specials

### 11 Shopping Days till Christmas

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## LONG DEBATE CUP CONTESTANTS IN FINALS THURSDAY

### 13 Freshmen Compete for Trophy in Andrews Tonight.

### SUBJECT IS INSURANCE

### Each Speaker Is Given Eight Minutes; No Charge for Admission.

Thirteen freshmen, the largest number of entries in six years, will participate in the annual Long Trophy debate contest to be held tonight, Dec. 12, at 7:30 in room 126 of Andrews Hall.

Affirmative speakers will be Paul Bstandig, Donald Marxman, Eugene Phillips, Hyman Polisky, Ernest Tullis, Dean A. Worcester, jr., and Eugene Woods. Negative speakers will be Warren Ackerman, Herbert Clark, Hubert O. Paulson, Marvin Sullivan, Leo Turkel, and Ernest Wintroub.

Debate Coach H. A. White pointed out that competition is for individual honors and not for any winning group. The freshman who ranks first will have his name inscribed upon the trophy, and the second ranking debater will receive honorable mention. Three judges will be chosen from among those who have had previous debating experience.

Subject for the debate is "Compulsory Automobile Insurance," and each speaker will have eight minutes to present his argument. There will be no admission charge for the public.

## SCABBARD AND BLADE GROUP MAKES PLANS FOR ANNUAL FORMAL

### Rush Smoker to Be Held Jan. 8 With Rushees as Guests.

Scabbard and Blade, honorary military organization, made further plans for their winter formal, to be given Jan. 17 at the Lincoln hotel, at their regular meeting held at the Alpha Tau Omega house, Wednesday, Dec. 11. A rush smoker was also planned to be held Jan. 8, with prospective pledges as special guests.

It was decided to make the formal an annual event. Virginia Selleck, honorary colonel, will be the guest of honor. The group also selected Mel Pester and his band to play for the affair.

Richard Rider, captain of Scabbard and Blade, presided at the meeting, and appointed a decoration committee for the formal, headed by Jack Nicklas, assisted by Richard Rider and Jack Barry.

## ROMAN SATURNALIA CELEBRATED AGAIN

### Ancient Holiday Revived By Classic Club's Next Meeting.

Celebrating the Saturnalia, Roman holiday corresponding to Christmas, members of the Classics club will meet for a buffet supper and social meeting at the Grand hotel Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at 5:30. Tickets are available to anyone interested in classics and may be purchased in Andrews 209 or from Lois Pierson, Norris Getty, or Joan Bicknell, club officers.

A program and games will follow the supper. The meeting is being held early, Miss Pierson explained, in order that students wishing to attend the basketball game may do so.

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