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## QUESTIONS ARISE IN COUNCIL PLANS

LIST OF THINGS STUDENTS  
SHOULD DECIDE

Sub-Committee Working on Consti-  
tution Soon to Be Submitted  
for Consideration

Vital questions in the formation of the student council plan for Nebraska must be decided before the constitution is finally adopted by the student body, and it will be well for students to begin considering them before the constitution is submitted for discussion, a statement from the commission yesterday stated.

A sub-committee is now working on the constitution, which will be discussed by the student body at open meetings, where criticisms and suggestions will be offered by all. Questions which are sure to come up then may well be grilled over before that time, the commission thinks.

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## LAURELS AWAIT TRACK ATHLETES

NEBRASKA NEEDS MEN TO CON-  
TEST ON CINDER PATH

Fourteen Men Out so Far to Win  
57 Medals—Track Athletes  
Made, Not Born

Track athletes at Nebraska will be well repaid for their efforts this year. An interclass track meet is to be held on April 14, as a means of getting a line on the men for the events of the regular scheduled meets. Incidentally the athletic department is going to give medals for first, second and third places in this meet. Gold medals will be given for first place, silver for second and bronze for third.

In all there are to be 57 medals given in this one meet and there are at present about twenty men to get them. If the situation were not so serious, and so very dangerous to Nebraska athletics, it would be ridiculous, old athletes point out.

One of the great criticisms of college athletics today is that there is not enough of a chance for the greater part of the student body to take part. That criticism is the opinion of Otto Zumwinkle, a former Nebraska track captain, is as far wrong as it is foolish. What better chance can there be for a large number of men to take part than is facing the University at present?

**Athletes Made, Not Born**  
There is another mistaken idea sometimes expressed regarding track athletics. That is that a man must have exceptional ability to make good in track. This is not necessary as has been proved many times in the past. Guy Reed, manager of athletics and probably the greatest track star Nebraska has ever produced, has found through experience that any man, no matter what his natural ability, can make a runner out of himself if he will keep at it consistently and train right. As a notable example, Reed points out the work of Anderson, the famous

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## What Could The University Do In Case Of War With The German Empire?

Faculty Men Believe That the Insti-  
tution Would Give Valuable Serv-  
ice, Ranging From Men for Forces  
on Land and Sea to Judicial Calm-  
ness.

That the University of Nebraska, in the event of war with Germany, could render valuable service to the government was the opinion expressed by Chancellor Avery and a number of faculty men interviewed by representatives of The Nebraskan yesterday.

There will be use for men, especially for naval service, they believe, and also for trained students, although some think that there will be little immediate effect upon the University. The laboratories could be utilized for research and would be of great value to the authorities, and the professional men—lawyers, doctors, and engineers especially—would find many things they could do to help.

Chancellor Avery, Dean Carl C. Engberg, and Prof. P. M. Buck, expressed the belief that there would be a large enlistment of men for service, Professor Buck specifying that a regiment of men was the least that the University could do to help the government. Prof. F. M. Fling of the department of European history believed that there would be no great call for men immediately after the outbreak of hostilities, if such an event should come, unless unusual circumstances arise. He said that there would probably be some students who would join the naval forces.

**Judicial Calmness in Unrest**

Prof. E. H. Barbour of the department of geology expressed the belief that "perhaps the greatest service that the University can render is judicial calmness in a period of unrest." He said that University faculties and student bodies are seldom moved by intense prejudices and hatreds. He also thinks that invaluable service might be rendered the nation in the preparation of base maps of the state and country.

## WORK HARD ON "THE DICTATOR"

Last Rehearsals for Kosmet Klub  
Progressing in Fine Fashion—  
Seat Sale Starts March 29

With the big chorus practicing with the cast, the last rehearsals of the Kosmet klub play, "The Dictator," are progressing toward a point of excellence which prophesies another big triumph for the klub in its annual production.

Brand new music for the play has been written and orchestrated by Le Roy Meisinger, '17, who was the composer of most of the Kosmet music last year. Meisinger will personally direct a twenty-piece orchestra which will play the music at the performance.

Natalie Spencer, '20, playing the role of princess, is handling the part with all the dignity, graciousness, and inspiration a princess should have, and Walter C. Johnson, '19, Omaha, playing the title role of the dictator, is succeeding in being very funny in rehearsals. Those who are watching his work declare that he will make a continuous laugh for the audience.

The ticket sale for the play will be opened at the Oliver theatre Thursday morning, March 29, at 10 o'clock.

Professor Buck mentioned the fitness of men in the University to whip recruits into some kind of shape for service, and said that these men would not be slow in coming forward.

Prof. H. B. Alexander said that the University would probably be in a better position to offer service than almost any other organization. He mentioned the plan used at Columbia university for taking a census of all the resources at the command of the institution to be offered the government in case of need, and recommended it for use at Nebraska. Dean O. V. P. Stout of the college of engineering, said that the University had men and brains to offer in case of national need.

Dean R. A. Lyman of the college of pharmacy said that government might be offered the use of the University laboratories, in which case service might be rendered, but he expressed doubt if the government would want to take this step.

Chancellor Avery spoke of the large number of applications for recommendation for commissions being sent to him by the government, seeming to indicate that there would be a large enlistment of students and graduates in the case of hostilities. He said that service in regulating the food supply could be given by men agriculturally trained.

Dr. E. J. Stewart, director of athletics, said that in case of war, every athlete should take military training as a part of his daily work in preparation for a call for service, and that compulsory military drill should be required of all who have not had it.

Following are the statements:

**Chancellor Avery**

Chancellor Avery said that the University, through its laboratory organization, would do anything in its power to help the government. The engineers especially were well qualified to render great service. The men who were agriculturally trained, he said, would be of service in organizing and regulating the food supply of the country and some specially trained men would be in a position to fill such positions as food inspector of this state or other such offices as might be created by the government.

In regard to the special work in helping the government at present the chancellor said that a large

number of applications for recommendations for commissions in the service were being sent to him and also that the government had sent a number of blanks to him asking for recommendations for students and graduates of the University who had sent in their applications to the war department. He said he thought a large number of students would apply for commissions in case of war and that he knew of at least four professors who had already made application for commissions.

**Professor Alexander**

Prof. H. B. Alexander, of the department of philosophy, said yesterday that he felt the University would be in a position to render great help to the government in time of war.

The University, he said, would probably be in a better position than any other organization. The engineering and agricultural branches would be of tremendous help. He spoke of the plan which Columbia was following in taking a census of the resources of the university and said that he hoped in the event of war such a step would be taken by Nebraska. Columbia university has sent out blanks to all of its graduates asking them for definite information as to the help they could give the government in time of war. They ask for the training which the student has had that would particularly fit him for service and also how much time he would be able to serve. They also ask what he could offer in the way of automobiles, motorcycles and the like.

In this way they are able to turn over to the government definite information as to what service they could be expected to offer. Dr. Alexander feels that some plan such as this at Nebraska would be a great help to the war department in the event that war is declared.

**Professor Barbour**

Prof. E. H. Barbour, head of the department of geology, said: "The University can render great service to the nation in the preparation of base maps of the state and country. It is said that it will require one hundred years to get an accurate map of the United States. University men can render an additional service by reporting from their various state and communities natural resources which could be used in the event of war. Perhaps the greatest service that a univer-

sity can render is judicial calmness in a period of unrest. University faculties and student bodies are seldom moved by intense prejudices and hatreds. Great service may be rendered by mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering, by mathematicians, chemists and physicists, and the supply of men trained in these sciences is to be drawn from the universities. In extremes, this same body of men can bear arms and shoulder the responsibilities incident to war."

**Professor Fling**

"Unless conditions are greatly changed, there would be no great demand for men at the outset of hostilities. The University might furnish a few men at the start from her group of trained students. There might be some students who would like to go into the naval forces, as men would be wanted for service on submarine chasers, and elsewhere in destroying submarines.

"There is a possibility, however, that we will be able to keep out of war. Once it is declared, however, the issues will be clearly cut and the country will be united.

"It is possible that the war may be decided this summer. Much depends upon how the people of Germany feel upon the question of more war. Whether or not the liberal revolutionists of Russia and the more radical factions can get together to push the war from Russia, also will be a determining element."

**Professor Buck**

Prof. P. M. Buck thought that the least the University can do if men are called, is to furnish a regiment. He said that he is ready to go if the call comes, that there will be no hesitation among both faculty men and students.

"I expect congress to pass the universal training bill and that should clarify the situation," said Professor Buck. "The rapid dismissal of the militiamen from federal service would indicate that the national guard system is not to count very largely as an organization.

"The University has plenty of men who are trained to drill new recruits into some shape, and these men will not be slow in coming forward."

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## OFFERED ROLE IN SHAKESPEARE

Louise Schavland, Star in "Alias Jimmy  
Valentine," May Play Ophelia  
Opposite John E. Kellerd

Louise Schavland, '17, of Lincoln, star in "Alias Jimmy Valentine," one of the numbers on the University week program, was offered the role of Ophelia in "Hamlet" by John E. Kellerd during his engagement at the Oliver last week. Mr. Kellerd was very anxious for Miss Schavland to begin work in his company at once, but since she will be graduated in June, she thought it best to complete the semester.

In a letter to Prof. Alice Howell, head of the department of dramatic art, concerning Miss Schavland's work, Mr. Kellerd said: "—and I shall keep an engagement open for her next season in case she wishes to begin her career with me, for I have great hopes for her future."

Miss Schavland has won considerable recognition in University dramatic circles. Besides distinguishing herself in class work under Professor Howell, she took the lead in last year's junior play, "The Man of the Hour."

## MAY ASK ROOSEVELT TO GIVE ADDRESS

SENIORS TO DECIDE ON FORM OF  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Possibility of Combining Them With  
Semi-centennial—Chancellor Issues  
Statement on Acceptance

As a result of the acceptance yesterday by Theodore Roosevelt of the invitation extended by the Lincoln Commercial club to be present at the semi-centennial celebration in June, the senior class will have to decide on the form of the commencement exercises, and a class meeting for this purpose will be called next week.

It has been suggested that the class hold the exercises in connection with the semi-centennial celebration, in which case Colonel Roosevelt's speech would serve as the commencement address. If it is decided not to follow this plan, then the class will vote whether to extend an invitation to Colonel Roosevelt to deliver a short address at the regular commencement

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## "GREEN STOCKINGS" ON STAGE TONIGHT

JUNIOR CLASS WILL PRESENT  
ITS PLAY AT TEMPLE

Elaborate Production Will Be Staged  
—Miss Howell, Director—Dress  
Rehearsal Held

The play's the thing tonight. "Green Stockings," the junior class play to be staged at the Temple commencing at 8:30, was given its final dress rehearsal last night. Like all successful final dress rehearsals, the cast felt that it was not very good.

But given the audience of University folk who are going to see the play tonight, the advantage of new scenery, the warm setting of a decorated theatre, the play will score as decided a hit as it did at the penitentiary Wednesday—and that will be quite some hit.

The costumes are a feature of the play that should be mentioned. Not that it is a costume play, but the dresses the girls in the cast are going to wear will prove table talk for the girls in the audience.

Seats are still on sale at the College Book store. After 7 o'clock tonight, seats will be sold at the desk in the hallway of the Temple.

Miss Alice Howell, under whose direction the play will be given, has never failed to produce a successful one. She was confident that the cast would merit the support it is receiving and would do itself and the class of 1918 proud. Lad Kubik, the stage manager, declared that from the mechanical side, nothing could be desired.

The members of the cast are as follows:

Admiral Grice.....Fred W. Clark  
William Farraday.....Walter Welland  
Colonel Smith.....Ted Metcalfe  
Robert Traver.....Carlisle Jones  
Martin.....Robert Nesbit  
Henry Steele.....J. B. Worley  
James Rowley.....Eugene Moore  
Celia Farraday.....Elizabeth Erazim  
Mrs. Rockingham.....Susie Scott  
Lady Trenchard.....Ruth Becher  
Phyllis.....Catherine Pierce  
Aunt Ida.....Carolyn Kimball

## Elizabeth Erazim The Star In Junior Play, "Green Stockings"



MISS ELIZABETH ERAZIM

Elizabeth Erazim is the star in the junior class play, "Green Stockings," which will be produced at the Temple tonight. One of the most strikingly beautiful girls of her class, her black hair, vivid coloring, pleasant personality and dramatic ability assure her a success tonight.

Miss Erazim plays the role of Celia Farraday, the English girl who found a new freedom in her mythical engagement to an English officer. The complication comes when the officer really appears on the scene. Ted Metcalfe plays the colonel with most pleasing ease and effectiveness.

This is not Miss Erazim's first appearance before a University audience. She has won favor in a number of the Dramatic club and University players' plays, produced under Miss Howell's direction. Never before has she had a part so suited to her temperament and abilities as this.

# JUNIOR CLASS PLAY "GREEN STOCKINGS"

Direction Miss Alice Howell. Seats 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c

TEMPLE  
THEATRE  
TONIGHT