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SORORITIES TO HAVE BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Meet Will Be Made Permanent Event

FOURTEEN TEAMS ENTERED

Blanche Higgins and Camille Koch
Head Committee—Trophy to
Winners of Contest

Plans and schedule for an inter-sorority basketball tournament to be held soon were arranged at a meeting of the physical education department together with other representatives in the Armory yesterday. The date for the contests although not decided definitely will probably be set for three weeks from the following Saturday. Other decisions regarding the time of play and intermissions between halves were reached. The halves will be for ten minutes with a five-minute rest thus allowing no one to be overtaxed in the play. All games will be played in the one afternoon. A trophy will be awarded the winners of the tournament. This reward will possibly be in the form of a pennant or banner. Blanche Higgins and Camilla Koch will have charge of the meet. They will be assisted by a committee consisting of a representative from each of the sororities.

First Meet at Nebraska

This is the first attempt of this nature in the history of women's athletics at the University and the interest shown by the members in charge as well as the representatives of the various organizations indicates that the affair will be a complete success so as to assure undertakings of a similar nature in the following years.

The schedule as arranged by the meeting is as follows:

- Delta Zeta vs. Delta Gamma.
- Alpha Phi vs. Alpha Omicron Phi.
- Kappa Alpha Theta vs. Alpha Chi Omega.
- Achoth vs. Alpha Xi Delta.
- Gamma Phi Beta vs. Phi Beta Phi.
- Alpha Delta Pi vs. Delta Delta Delta.
- Chi Omega vs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

CIVIL SERVICE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Specialists and Assistants May Secure Government Employ In Coming Examination

At this time when everyone is so anxious to do something for his country, the announcement of some new civil service examinations for government positions offers a splendid opportunity for service.

Positions are open for a copyist, topographic draftsman in the geological survey, an oil and gas inspector for mapping wells and a junior physicist (male), both positions in the bureau of mines; an assistant marine constructing engineer under the quartermaster general of the army; an automobile draftsman and an assistant in marketing (grain, hay or seed), both open competitive examinations; a specialist in foreign educational systems in the bureau of education, department of the interior; and an assistant in poisonous plant investigations (male) in the bureau of animal industry.

Applications for examinations must be properly executed and filed before January 22, 1918.

These are all positions for which University students are preferred, and are a requisite in several cases. The specialist in foreign education systems must be a graduate with post-graduate work in an accepted college or university and the assistant in poisonous plant investigations must be a graduate of a recognized college or university. The other positions require high school education and experience, or two years of university work instead of experience.

Details of the positions and requirement can be obtained from Prof. A. A. Reed, state high school inspector. Applicants should meet all preparatory requirements as soon as possible.

Post Views and Map of State Potash Industries

The state conservation of survey has placed a number of large views and a map in Nebraska hall showing the potash plants of western Nebraska and

the location of the lakes from which the potash is taken. There are four large plants and many small ones in operation. The four large ones are the Hord Alkali plant at Lakeside, The Nebraska Potash Works Co. at Antioch, the American Potash works at Antioch and the Potash Reduction plant at Hoffland. There has been an enormous demand for potash in the last few years and especially since the war these plants have greatly increased their size. The potash industry of Nebraska was developed largely by former students and graduates among whom are John Show, Carl Modesitt, Carl Denny and Mr. Jipp.

SPECIAL COURSES FOR WOMEN IN RED CROSS

University to Give Credits for Instruction Offered by College of Pharmacy

Beginning with the second semester the College of Pharmacy will offer special instruction in all courses given by the Red Cross society. The course in first aid which have been given since last summer will be continued as usual and the new courses which will be given are as follows: Nursing and home care of sick, surgical dressings, dietetics and care of food for sick. Mrs. Max Westerman and Miss Helene Redford, both of whom are Red Cross nurses, will give the instruction in home nursing while Miss Redford will give the course in surgical dressing. The course in dietetics will be given by Miss Vance, head of the Home Economic's department at the State Farm.

Both University and Red Cross credit will be given for the work done. All classes except those in first aid will be limited to twenty students. Both day and night classes will be offered.

Room 201 of Nebraska hall is being specially equipped with several hundred dollars worth of apparatus which will be needed in giving the various courses. The equipment includes a hospital bed, a life-sized doll, many smaller dolls and all other necessary accessories. Nebraska hall 205 is being equipped for the work in surgical (Continued on page two)

GREEKS CONTINUE ELIMINATION MATCHES

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi Victors Last Night

FOUR CONTESTS TODAY

Sigma Phi Epsilon-Sigma Nu Game Proves Thriller of Evening With Score of 7 to 9

The second division of the first round of preliminaries in the interfrat basketball championship tournament was played off last night, with two fast games between Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi, and between Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Nu.

The Sig Alpha-Sigma Chi game ended in a score of 19 to 2, in favor of the Sig Alphas, but in spite of the one-sided score, the game was fast, and there was plenty of action at all times. The Sig Alphas won mainly through their ability to break up their opponent's plays before they were within striking distance of the Sig Alpha's goal. Wilder and Swanson did the best work for the winners, and D. G. Jones starred for the losers. The line-up follows:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon	Sigma Chi
Noyes	D. G. Jones
Ludwig	C. M. Jones
Lyman	Bodwell
Wilder	Main
Swanson	Deutsch

Sigma Epsilon-Sigma Nu

The Sigma Phi Epsilon-Sigma Nu game was the thriller of the evening, with the Sig Eps victors by 9 to 7. The game was close and hard fought all the way through, and the teams alternated in the lead. The Sig Eps won chiefly through their team work, although they had considerable difficulty in locating the basket. Townsend was the principal point-maker for the winners, while Frye showed up the best on the Sigma Nu team. The line-up was as follows:

Sig Epsilon	Sigma Nu
Hoffman	Hahn
Pflug	Frye

Dales Munn
Townsend Rhodes
Sanders Taylor

Schedule Slightly Changed

Because of the postponement of Monday's games, the schedule has been slightly changed for the remainder of the preliminaries. At noon today, Phi Kappa Psi will play Pi Kappa Phi. Starting at 6 o'clock tonight, the following games will be played. Alpha Sigma Phi vs. Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega vs. Alpha Theta Chi, and Delta Chi vs. Delta Tau Delta. Most of the teams doped to win the championship are included in this list of games.

THREE HUNDRED FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND PICNIC

Enjoy Banquet and Games at Annual Mid-Winter Gathering in Temple

Three hundred faculty members and their wives attended the annual Faculty mid-winter picnic at the Temple last evening. The Faculty Women's club met at 4 o'clock to arrange the tables for the picnic which began at 6 o'clock. The supper was served in the banquet rooms, baked beans, coffee and ice cream were served to all, and many brought "extras" in large baskets.

The guests were not grouped by departments but by chance. The guests drew numbers and all were divided into four groups. After the picnic each group separated and prepared charades, which were presented in Music hall.

DR. G. E. CONDRA PREPARES BULLETIN FOR PUBLICATION

Dr. G. E. Condra, head of the department of geography and conservation, has just completed two bulletins for publication in the annual report of the state board of agriculture. The title of the bulletins are "Preliminary Report on Potash Industries of Nebraska" and "Conservation Survey of Nemaha County."

OFFICERS TO ABOLISH THEIR CIVILIAN GARB

Vote to Wear Uniforms on Seven-Day Week Schedule

CADETS TO DECIDE SOON

Colonel Rogers Made President and Lieutenant Bushnell Chosen Secretary of Organization

Officers of the University cadets will wear their uniforms seven days of the week, according to a decision of the organization reached at a meeting held at the Delta Upsilon house last evening. This decision although unofficial will without doubt be accepted by the commandant and the new rule will go into effect soon. The option of wearing the uniforms for all time was with the officers and the commandant will rely upon this recommendation in making his official orders.

The cadets will decide whether or not they wish to follow this example possibly before the end of this week. A canvass of the sentiment among privates and non-commissioned officers was taken early in the week and over 90 per cent of the men expressed themselves as heartily in favor of this move. It is therefore generally supposed that as soon as the suits arrive from the factory the military department will be represented both on the campus and outside of University circles as there will be no exceptions to the rule after once officially passed upon.

Rogers Heads Association

Colonel Roger Jenkins was made president of the organization and Lieut. G. D. Bushnell was chosen secretary at an election of officers held during the meeting. It was decided to give the military ball as in former years and arrangements were made to give an officers' stunt at the all-University night. Report was then made on the Red Triangle fund and other business matters.

Interest generally centers about the military department this year due to (Continued on page two)

Jack Best, Grand Old Man of Cornhusker Football, Tells His Story

By Lucille Lees

As the reporter for The Nebraskan went into the den of Jack Best she had to pass through groups of middy and bloomer-clad gym girls. The thud of the basketball and shrill whistle of the instructor furnished music for the interview. Jack smiled his friendly smile and offered a seat.

Wherever loyal followers of Nebraska athletics gather for good old talks, always, sooner or later, some man will say, "But fellows, do you remember that day when Kansas was winning and Jack Best came out and stood on the side-lines. That was when they played real football."

John Best, lovingly known as Jack, was born at Yeovil, England, in December, 1845. The seventy-two years have dealt rather harshly with him. Rheumatism has stiffened his joints. But his arms have kept their supple strength and he is the best "rubber" in the city. At his work and at home he always wears an old black cap and a scarlet jersey sweater with two white bars on the sleeve. At a question about his boyhood, his brown eyes beamed kindly and his leathery old face was ready to crinkle up into a smile. His black eyebrows contrasted sharply with his snow-white hair.

Jack's Early Life

When Jack was twelve years old he went to London and began the tanning trade. It was during this time that he took up sports, especially boxing, swimming and running. The older men would put on the gloves with him and give him a ha'penny every time he'd "drive home." He firmly believes that everyone, especially young women, should learn to swim and box. Beside the fun and exercise it is a safeguard. But Jack does not approve of the swimming pools like the Beach. They are not cleaned often enough. In the old country they cleaned them every day and charged only fourpence and tuppence.

When Jack was twenty-two, he married Harriet Lanham. They had ten children. The eldest boy was very anxious to come to America and at last he came.

"It was through me eldest boy, I came," said the old tanner in his quaint brogue. "One night arter me boy left, mother dreamt 'e was a riding a big black 'orse an' 'ell off, catch-

ing 'is foot in the stirrup and dragging. Mother worried and kept a begging for us to come. Exactly one month later, I dreamt the very same thing. So we just come an' our boy 'e was all right."

After working for a year in Crete, he came to Lincoln in 1888 and began his association with the University. At first he was janitor of the Armory and night watchman three days a week. While on this duty he helped the boys anyway he could, even to sitting up all night to polish the cadets' belts so they would look well for inspection. It was to Jack they came when they wanted football.

Football in the Old Days

"Such football you never saw! They 'adn't no suits an' just wore what they wanted."

The first year they charged 25 cents and contrary to everyone's predictions, they made money. Jack was sole



TRAINER JACK BEST

trainer and coach for several successful years and when people finally realized that football was "ere to stay, they got a real coach but I'm still useful," he concluded proudly.

When asked which w.y. of play he liked better, the old rough game or the present, he shook his head guiltily and admitted thus, "Oh, me, h'I liked

the old way better; h't was 'arder but more sport."

Wants a New Gym

"Oh, say, will you tell folks we want a gym bad. This old place is a disgrace to us. The room for the men to dress is turrible. The cadets, lockers and football men is all jammed together. They ain't room to move. If we can't 'ave one for men and one for girls, why can't we 'ave separate floors and decent dressing and shower rooms? And don't forget we need a pool."

Later when Jack talked of his wife he showed a deep tenderness. His old voice broke several times as he said, "I miss 'er. When I used to go 'ome arter the games, she'd be so interested. Even the last game afore she died, she sat on the porch an' in spite of 'er terrible pain in 'er breast, when I come up she says, 'Don't tell me 'who won. I know. I 'eared the cheering. Father, your boys 'ave beat again.' About a year afore mother died, the boys got up a benefit to send me for a visit to England. I didn't want to go an' leave 'er but 'er pleading made me. She says, 'Father, you go. Your boys will be so disappointed. I'll be all right.' So I went and took me daughter."

Then his eyes became merrier as he told of his daughter's first impression of England.

"I'll never forget it. When we come to Liverpool she says, 'H't don't smell good. What are all them chimney-pots for?' She didn't know as 'ow they 'ave a fire in every room and several houses built right along. But when we came out into the country, where the farms were so clean, with their vegetable patches and the grass in the meadows as 'igh as your knee, an' the cows all slick like they'd been carried, I says, 'What do you think now?' an' she liked it better."

Jack chuckled as he recalled driving her through the manufacturing district, over the cobblestones of London.

"'It sure was a smelly place an' 'er so disgusted with the place 'er daddy started working."

When they came home his wife was better but in a few months she died. His eyes were misty as he talked and (Continued on page two)

STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ENROLL FOR TELEGRAPHY

Average Three Additional Applications Daily — New Apparatus Arrives

A large supply of new instruments have been received by the University telegraph school during the past few days. The new apparatus, which consists of buzzers and radio equipment, is being installed as rapidly as possible. A greater number of students can be accommodated by the school now, than has previously been possible.

Several new applications have been received at the school this week, and on the average of three new students are entering the school every day. The course given by the telegraph school is gaining in popularity among students of the University, and also with many young men who are engaged in business in the city. The course is of a special interest to men who are registered in the draft, and who are expecting to be called in the near future. Any man entering the school now can expect to finish the course by about the 25th of March. The time usually required to prepare a man to qualify as a registered telegrapher is 250 hours. If a man has had some experience as an operator, he can presumably finish the course in a shorter length of time.

Next semester a class in telegraphy for girls and women will be held in the telegraph school rooms in the Mechanical Arts hall. The classes will run from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 6:45 o'clock. Girls wishing information about the class, may apply at the registrar's office or to Prof. A. A. Reed, on the second floor of the Administration building.

Dean M. S. Ketchum to Speak to Sigma Xi

At a meeting of the Nebraska chapter of Sigma Xi on Saturday, January 12, at 8 p. m., in the lecture room of Brace hall.

Dean M. S. Ketchum, dean of the college of engineering in the University of Colorado, will give an address upon the subject, "Education and the War."