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The University gladly welcomes its "War Chancellor" back today. Chancellor Samuel Avery has been absent from the University a year doing important work for the Government in the chemical research department of the national council of defense. The University feels especially fortunate that it can welcome its Chancellor as well as its boys who are coming back.

When Chancellor Avery left Lincoln to enter the service he went in the capacity of a "dollar a year man." He gave all of his time and energy to the cause for which Nebraska gave so many of her men. Later he was commissioned major and taken into the war department officially. After his term of duty he has been honorably discharged and he is back in his office today. We are as happy to have the Chancellor of our University back, as we were proud when he was gone.

IN REGARD TO UNIFORMS

The Students' Army Training Corps received order to disband before the men who comprised that unit had received uniforms. The S. A. T. C. of the University of Nebraska has been in operation since October first. Recently two carloads of uniforms arrived at the quartermaster's department but were returned at once "because there was not time to distribute them." The distribution of uniforms of necessity entails an enormous amount of work and no little expense. Furthermore the officers at the post are encumbered with the task of demobilization.

According to an official statement the men who at any time of the war have had the right to wear uniforms have the right to go on wearing them for four months after the close of the war, or four months after they receive their discharges. The government has allowed the men in the University's Students' Army to wear their own citizens' clothes pending the arrival of uniforms. Many of them have disposed of most of their clothes and have kept only what they needed until the equipment from the government should arrive. After two months of hard wear they are left with nothing more than what they had. The Commanding Officer announced that only issued equipment was to be worn, but as no uniforms had been issued the men were permitted to wear their own clothing for the interval. They acted in accordance with this order. In the meantime there was delay. There was also ridicule which was hurled, not at the men in "cits," but, nevertheless, ridicule which was borne by them. Those affected by the order have been patient and have done very little complaining. When Kansas came to Nebraska for the Kansas-Nebraska game the S. A. T. C.'s from there took back with them a very belittled opinion of the Students' Army here. In a consequent issue of the "Daily Kansas," the official paper of Kansas University, our men were described as very ludicrous to the observer. Various papers in the state remarked about the dearth of uniforms and the substitutions made for them. There were witticisms to the effect that if appearances alone were to be considered the University's men looked more like a "gang of I. W. W.'s than like a unit of the United States Army."

Nebraska's Student Army is one of the largest in the country. Uniforms have come here later than to any of the neighboring units. It is the general opinion of the men, and of the University public that the members of the S. A. T. C. be issued the uniforms to wear for the four months that is allowed by the order.

WORK OF DISBANDING TO COMMENCE TODAY

Task of Demobilizing Nebraska's Student Army to Begin Immediately

Men Are to be Disbanded by Companies—Section "B" Comes First

Lieutenant F. J. O'Neil returned this morning from Minneapolis, Minn., where he received instructions regarding the discharge of the university troops. The work of disbanding the students' army training corps of the Nebraska University will commence this morning, Section "B" receiving its discharge first.

Present plans contemplate the demobilization of each company separately, and the paying of the men up to, and including the date of their discharge. The men will be given their discharges in much the same manner as they were inducted, passing through a rigid physical examination by officers from the surgeon general's department. Three important blanks regarding the physical condition of the soldier, one signed by the soldier, one by his company commander and one by the examining physician, are to be issued. The examinations will be conducted in the Armory.

To Give Honorable Discharges

Honorable discharges will be issued to the majority of the men, although a small minority will receive simple discharges. All men receiving an honorable discharge will be recommended for further service, while those receiving the simple discharges, because of some physical defect, will not be eligible for reenlistment.

To Wear Uniforms 4 Months

According to the government ruling men on leaving the service are entitled to take with them one flannel shirt, one blouse, one pair of breeches, leggings, a hat and hat cord, shoes and overcoat—where these have been issued. They pledge that they will return all equipment within four months in as good condition as when they were issued, allowing for ordinary wear.

May Continue Insurance

All members of the students' army training corps will be given an opportunity to carry government insurance after their discharge from the army, and an essential part of the work will consist in making out the renewal insurance blanks.

The following telegram regarding the continuation of government insurance was received Friday:
 Commanding Officer, S. A. T. C.,
 University of Nebraska,
 Lincoln, Nebraska:

The commanding general directs that you institute immediately an active campaign to explain to all officers and men in your command, their rights and privileges in connection with the continuation and conversion of United States government insurance. Every person in the military service holding government insurance may continue same in its present form for not more than five years, and during this time may convert the present term insurance into standard forms of government insurance including ordinary life, twenty payment life, endowment maturing at age sixty-two and other usual forms. A soldier may continue government insurance after he is discharged. It is highly desirable that men now in the service keep up their insurance and continue to keep it up after they return to civil life. If a soldier permits insurance to lapse he will lose valuable right to convert same into standard forms of government insurance. This should be impressed on all officers and men by their commanding officers in personal talks and also by bulletins, circulars and systematic canvassing under direction of insurance officer. Literature and circulars will be forwarded to you. No person should be permitted to drop insurance until the advantages of continuing same and converting it into after-the-war forms of government insurance have been fully explained to him and he is thoroughly acquainted with his privilege and duties under war risk insurance act.

When a man asks you what you think of him he doesn't expect to get your real opinion.

Looks as though a lot of the forty-five-year-old draft boys will not be able to call themselves veterans of anything but the influenza epidemic.

It is a good plan to name the baby Archie, and then when he grows up and loses his hair you can call him Archibald.

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BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Will Teach at Columbia—Professor H. B. Alexander has accepted an offer from Columbia university to lecture there on war aims next summer. The offer came as a result of his book, "Liberty and Democracy," published in 1918 by the Marshal Jones Company of Boston.

Bengston to go to Europe—Professor N. A. Bengston has distinguished

himself doing war work in Washington so that he will be sent to Denmark on a food commission. When peace was declared he asked for a release from his work to come home but the Washington authorities considered him too good a man to lose and gave him this new task. Professor Bengston has been engaged by the war trade bureau to investigate the trade and commerce conditions in order to see that neutral countries do not get over-sufficient supplies.

A lot of people will always believe it was influenza.

Some people "marry for love" and others live happily ever after.

There will be about nine million miles of second-hand barbed wire placed on the market soon.

The greatest pessimist in the world is the one who wears a belt and suspenders at the same time.

Some pictures are like some people—hanging is too good for them.

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