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## UNIVERSITY NIGHT IS DRAWING NEAR

Students and Faculty Granted Short Time in Which to Reverse Their Lives.

Walter Blunk Resigns as Chairman of Committee—Harold Long Chosen as Successor.

Only two weeks more! Two long weeks until at last we are free to break loose and bubble over to our heart's content! Two weeks until the pent-up enthusiasm of the liveliest student body in the United States will get its chance to spend itself to the utter utmost! Two more weeks of peace for the faculty and those more or less unfortunate individuals who happen to be what we call "prominent students!" Two more weeks in which they must completely reverse their lives if they desire to escape the ruthless stroke of the axe! Two more weeks till the time when each University student comes into his own and for once is free to do, say, and be on the outside what he is on the inside all the time!—In other words, two more weeks until University Night, Saturday, March 8, 8:00 p. m., City Auditorium!

The University Y. M. C. A. was the originator of University Night and it is the sponsor for the event, but the whole University takes part and the tradition has become so firmly implanted in every loyal Cornhusker's heart that the event will probably never cease to be looked upon as a custom that really expresses true Nebraska spirit.

A change in the management has been made necessary. Walter Blunk because of other activities being compelled to resign as chairman of the committee in charge. Harold Long, '19, has been chosen as his successor and is rapidly perfecting plans to

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## NEBRASKA EXPERIMENT EMPLOYMENT STATION

Professor A. A. Reed Returns From Inspection Trip of Eastern Universities.

Prof. A. A. Reed returned Sunday from a three-week trip in the east. He spent several days in Washington in conference with the United States Bureau of Education and the United States Employment Bureau. On his way to Washington Professor Reed visited the Universities of Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pittsburg, making investigations for the United States Department of Labor.

The University of Nebraska has been an experiment station for studying the possibilities of a national system of employment bureaus since last June. Since then, two thousand, four hundred and eighty persons have been recommended for various positions. One thousand, eight hundred and seven different persons or towns have made use of the opportunity offered them, and asked the bureau to recommend teachers for them. Professor Reed made recommendations to the United States Employment Service Bureau founded on the observations he has had opportunity to make concerning the possibilities of co-operation of educational institutions in the placing of teachers.

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## Compulsory Athletics Will Make Men Out of Nebraskans--Stewart

Dr. E. J. Stewart has prepared the following article setting forth his views on compulsory athletics. According to his opinion, the University of Nebraska should adopt the plan of compulsory participation in athletics. Dr. Stewart cites how the United States has organized an army of inferior numbers with more strength than the vast multitudes of the enemy. This was accomplished by means of the excellent physical condition of the men, which is characteristic of the average American soldier who has undergone the rigid physical training administered in the ranks of our armies.

With the adoption of the inter-mural system of athletics at Nebraska all students will receive the benefits derived from physical exercise. Athletics in the past have been participated in by only a few individuals who have attained success as athletes before their entrance into the university. The new plan would necessitate a larger gymnasium, a new and larger athletic field, equipped with baseball and soccer fields, and tennis courts. The new athletic program would serve as a magnet in swelling the enrollment at the university and incidentally make Nebraska a larger and better institution.

The article given for publication by Dr. Stewart follows:

A hundred years ago Wellington said: "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow."

Major Thomas Reilly of the 165th Infantry, a graduate of New York University, and an officer whose men did the full share of fighting in the world war, is quoted in the New York Evening Sun in November as follows:

"The soldier game consists of about eighty per cent grit and twenty per cent of the veneer of training and it strikes me that the training in youth that teaches a man to make a flying tackle plung through a line, slide to a base, block a man off, or to hit straight from the soldier, has the gymnasium variety beaten in the turning out of soldiers."

Other great soldiers of ancient and modern times have expressed fully as emphatically their preferences for the athletically trained soldier.

Today the athletic nations hold the sword of victory taken from the prostrate form of Germany. The United States, the most athletic nation on the globe, in a single year of fighting, and with a mere handful of soldiers as compared to the enormous armies of her enemies, swung the balance of victory so quickly, so surely that even the most enthusiastic American marveled. Germany's soldiers, who for almost five years had advanced and retreated almost at will over the armies of France and England, were first surprised, then shocked and then stunned into a state of mental and physical helplessness by the impetuosity of the Americans' irresistible charges. The German high command saw her prize troops put to utter rout by an army inferior in numbers, but possessing a power of attack, a new courage, and a "pep" which had not previously been displayed by any of the world war participants.

This new element which produced such quick and decisive results was a production of the playing fields of

America. The greatest athletic nation in the world had loosed upon Germany an army, numerically inferior, but one with an athletic training which transformed it into an irresistible force.

Pen pictures by our war writers of the battle fought by our American boys prove conclusively that once the Yanks were started towards Berlin, they could never be stopped. Germany recognized this new element in the make-up of a foe and suddenly her hitherto impregnable defense crumbled.

And now with the war over, there is on foot a movement to make compulsory the development in Young America of this element which proved so valuable in winning the war. A bill making athletics compulsory has already been passed in Oregon, while similar bills are in process of preparation in practically every state in the Union. New York already has in operation such a law in her public schools.

Thus far Nebraska has failed to see the handwriting on the wall, but in a few years the beneficial results secured by other states through compulsory athletics will be so apparent that the Cornhusker state will follow this lead. Why not now?

Draft board figures indicate that more than one million of our youth were unfit for military service. A very small percentage of these million ineligibles were reclaimed through any national reconstructive system. It is safe to say that these figures would be impossible if the United States had universal law compelling participation in some form of athletics.

It is true that not every student could participate in football. Certain types would not be permitted to participate in hard, long distance training. But some form of outdoor sports could be played by the strong and by the weak, by the old and by the young. It would be a very simple and easy task to have a physical examination and where possible permit the student to choose the branch of sport which he preferred, but if the medical examination showed him physically unfit to participate in the branch of his choice, he could be assigned to such a sport as was best qualified to produce the greatest benefit to him.

Naturally this would necessitate baseball fields, football fields, tracks, tennis courts, handball and volley ball courts, soccer fields, and in fact a well equipped athletic plant. Our legislature will be asked in the very near future to appropriate a sufficient amount to give Nebraska University a much needed gymnasium and athletic field. In years to come our legislature will learn that any thought which they might now have of objection to the expenditure of this amount of money was groundless and that one of the most valuable pieces of legislation passed by them was that granting opportunity for the physical and moral betterment of the young men and young women, boys and girls of our public schools and colleges.

The war will naturally bring about many changes in all of our pre-war ideas about education, and the surest of all of these changes will be the new idea about compulsory participation in athletics of every man and woman in college.

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## MILITARY DEPARTMENT MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Harold B. Long Chosen Colonel of Regiment; Walter Judd and Carl Junge, Majors.

Clyde E. Johnson selected to Be Delinquency Officer of Unit.

Harold B. Long was appointed colonel of the R. O. T. C. regiment Wednesday evening. Long was captain of Company E, which won competition as second lieutenant in the infantry at Camp Pike last summer and was stationed at that camp until discharged in January.

The following order was issued at drill last night:

1.—The following appointments are hereby made in the R. O. T. C. Regiment, Senior Division:

To be Colonel—Harold B. Long.  
To be Majors—Walter Judd, Carl L. Junge.

To be Captains—James B. Harley, commanding Co. A.  
Wilson D. Bryans, commanding Co. B.

Donald P. Parry, commanding Co. C.

To be 1st Lieutenants—Clyde E. Johnson, George W. DeFord, commanding Co. D.

George S. Salter, commanding Recruit Co. No. 1.

Harold Huling, commanding Recruit Co. No. 2.

2.—1st Lieutenant Clyde E. Johnson will be delinquency officer.

3. The above officers will rank from February 3, 1919.

C. J. FRANKFORTER.

Capt. C. W. S. U. S. A.

There are now about four hundred students registered for drill and the Military department is rapidly getting the regiment substantially organized.

## COLONIAL PROGRAM AT ARMORY SATURDAY

George and Martha Washington Will Entertain Uni Students Saturday Evening.

George and Martha Washington will be at home at Mount Vernon (armory) Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to all university students. Everyone is invited. The people who will take part in the program will all be in costumes. George and Martha Washington will be upper classmen, but their identity will not be revealed until Saturday evening. The following program will be given:

Welcome address—George Washington  
Vocal solo—Martha Washington  
Harp solo—Marjory Shannonfeldt  
Duet dance—"Little Boy Blue and Bo Peep"—Ruth and Ruby Swenson  
Violin solo—Dorothy Towner  
Male quartet—Cable Jackson, Herman Schroeder, Floyd Paynter, and Charles Atkinson.

Minuet—Marjory Barstow, Fae Breese, Ruth Fickes, Genevieve Lammes, Gertrude De Sautelle, Ruth Dubois, Donna Gustin and Margaret Lange  
Later in the evening George and Martha Washington will serve refreshments to all their guests and open up the ballroom. The ballroom will be effectively decorated with flags and cherry blossoms. This will probably be the last all university party this year and everyone is urged to come.

## HUSKER MAT ARTISTS OFF FOR AMES MEET

Dr. Clapp Leaves With Team of Five Grapplers for Hawkeye School Today.

Tournament to Be Big Event—Nebraska Coach Expects Hard Fight for Honors.

The Cornhusker wrestling team leaves for Ames at 1 o'clock today. Dr. Clapp is taking the following five men with him to represent Nebraska: Troendly, Salter, Fuchs, Dobson, and Hoyt.

The question of eligibility caused a little difficulty in the selection. Until the last minute, Dobson's scholastic standing seemed rather doubtful, but Dobbie dug up a couple of hours' credit yesterday afternoon and thereby straightened the line up. Troendly has been suffering from a little soreness, but is now in fine shape and is sure of a blue ribbon.

### Hard Contests

The Cornhusker grapplers have no easy match ahead of them. Ames, it will be remembered, cleaned up the floor with Iowa State two weeks ago. Dr. Clapp refereed the match and knows the strength of the team his men will try to down. According to the Nebraska coach, the contest was the fastest inter-collegiate wrestling tournament he ever witnessed. It was a fierce aggressive match all the way through, four of the six decisions being won on falls.

The Ames team will have four experienced men to pit against the Nebraska representatives. Lockling in the 135 will go a round with Salter. Schalk in the 175 will have to defend Ames' honor against Dobson, and Breeden in the heavyweights will have Hoyt to contend with. Fuchs and Troendly are almost sure winners in the 15 and 155 pound classes, respectively, but only the old Cornhusker pep will bring the jeweled belt back to Lincoln.

Keen interest in wrestling has been displayed in the Hawkeye state this year. There were six hundred paid admissions at the Ames-Iowa State tournament and the Nebraska contest promises to draw a record crowd. Wrestling interest around the Nebraska campus is growing steadily, and Dr. Clapp is trying to schedule a Missouri Valey tournament for Lincoln.

## HOMER COMPTON TO SING AT CONVOCATION TODAY

Mr. Homer Compton, tenor, will sing several songs at convocation this morning in the Temple at 11. Miss Minnie Stalder will accompany him.

The Hainer scholarship cup will be awarded by Chancellor Avery before Mr. Compton's recital to the Sigma Nu fraternity for first rank among the social fraternities in scholarship the last school year.

Mr. Compton will sing:  
Where'er Ye Walk—Handel  
When the Bloom Is on the Rye—Bishop  
Songs My Mother Taught Me—Dvorak  
Wandering—Schubert  
By the Sea—Aylward  
Beloved, It Is Morn—Busch  
I Had a Dove—Homer  
A Banjo Song—MacFayden  
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