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## UNIVERSITY OPENS ABROAD FOR YANKS

Fifteen Thousand United States Army Men Will Attend Foreign Institution.

Faculty to Be Composed of Fifteen Hundred Men Chosen From Ranks.

Since the University of Nebraska is a member of the American University Union it is of interest to Cornhuskers to know the remarkable educational opportunities now being afforded members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Although the educational work is being conducted by the army with assistance of the Y. M. C. A. Army Educational Commission, it has been greatly aided by the Union. Officers of the Union originally developed the plans which are now being carried out. Members of the commission and the heads of most of its departments have lived at the Union for indefinite periods during the war, and the Union has been very helpful in making the arrangements with the French and British universities for American college men.

The largest university in the English speaking world has been opened last week in Beauce in the Department of Cote d'Or, southeast of Paris. It is attended exclusively by officers and enlisted men of the United States Army and is known as the American Army University. It will accommodate 15,000 soldier students, who come for three month courses, and is under the military command of Colonel Ira I. Reeves, U. S. A., formerly president of Norwich University in Vermont. There are 500 members of the faculty, mostly drawn from the army.

The buildings used at Beauce were formerly an American hospital, while a farm of 600 acres near by is used as the main Agricultural School of the A. E. F., and the former workshops of the hospital supply quarters for engineering and technical instruction. A branch of the university for students of art and architecture has been established at Bellevue, near Versailles, with about 1,000 students in attendance. This A. E. F. University is one of the four educational features re-

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## KOSMET KLUB DECIDES NOT TO PRODUCE PLAY

Scarcity of time is Reason Given For Postponing Musical Comedy.

The Kosmet Klub will not give a play this year. The Kosmet musical comedy, which is presented annually as a strictly university production, written entirely, even the songs and music, by university students, is too great an undertaking to attempt this semester, the committee believes, and hence they are postponing it until next fall.

Difficulties have arisen this year which would make doubtful the successful production of a musical comedy gauged by the standard of former Kosmet shows. Scarcity of time is perhaps the main reason for not attempting the work at this time. The preparation of a suitable play would take several weeks at least and even more time would be required for writing the music and ballads and adapting them to the play. With the further delay in selecting a cast it would be barely possible to present the show by the end of the year.

For this reason the club has postponed any decision on the five plays which were submitted in the recent contest. The one hundred dollars prize which was offered by the Kosmet Club for a play which they considered acceptable may still be won by any person connected with the university. The play which conforms to the type desired by the club will be selected and presented as soon as possible next fall.

## Growing National Sentiment In Favor of Mass Athletics

A great flood-tide of athletic reform is sweeping over the American colleges. The war has emphasized the great value of physical preparedness and the natural result is the desire on the part of American educators to bring about a more wholesale participation in athletic games on the part of the student body. This movement is better known as mass athletics.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, which held its annual meeting last December, lent the major part of its energies to the consideration of reforms in the prevailing system of athletics. One of the great defects at the present time is that comparatively few students participate in this line of college activity. One of the leaders of physical training at Brown University said in the course of his address: "Our motto should be 'Athletics for everybody and everybody in athletics'."

Dr. E. J. Stewart, head of the Cornhusker athletic department, is a strong supporter of the mass system and in a statement published by the Daily Nebraskan of February 20, last, he said, in part: "This 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?"

Every One Should Indulge in Athletics  
"It is true that every student could not 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, tracks, tennis courts, handball and volley ball courts, soccer fields, and in fact a well equipped athletic plant. Our legislature in the very near future will be asked 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 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."

Coach Stewart is not alone in his stand on this question, as many of the addresses delivered at the New York convention will bear witness. Dean S. W. Beyer, Iowa State College, vice president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, said, in part: "Some years ago the National Collegiate Association went on record in favor of combining athletics and physical education and placing the department under the control of the college or university, with the same responsibility, and holding it to the same accountability, as any other department. This association has repeatedly emphasized the importance of encouraging larger numbers of students to participate in athletic activities. Apparently progress along this line, as is evidenced by actual practice, has been discouragingly slow."

### Financial Difficulties

Lack of finances has been perhaps the greatest handicap to the broadening of the athletic departments' activities. Football, basketball, and baseball have been regarded as something separate from the regular curricula and have been forced to stand upon their

own feet. If the coach was a good business manager and turned out winning teams, the patch was lined with velvet, but if not, the thorny road had to be traveled and the athletic equipment of that school worried along as best it could. A letter from Brown University suggests a remedy. The suggestion reads like this:

"What we need is the support and financial backing of the college officials to make it possible for the professors and directors of physical training to carry out their ideas and ideals. We are not given enough time in the college recitation schedule to make it possible for all the students to take part in organized physical training and play. We are not provided with sufficient equipment and play rooms and playgrounds to accommodate all the students, and we get little, if any financial backing from the college to carry on our athletics."

### Trend of National Sentiment

Dr. Thomas A. Storey, New York state inspector of physical training, in the course of his address, said:

"We of the National Collegiate Athletic Association have been concerned for these many years with the improvement of college athletics. We have found fault very profoundly with a large number of conditions that have grown up and dominated intercollegiate sport throughout this country. Strong men from college faculties, north, south, east and west, have pointed out the need for change, and have made impressive recommendations which would lead to better, finer, cleaner athletic relations inside and outside of our American institutions."

"This is the strongest force and the most powerful body related to athletics in America. There is every reason to suppose that a united, vigorous, and determined policy on the part of this body will build up, on the wreck of conditions that have been, a future

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## AGGIE GRAPPLERS WESTERN CHAMPS

Ames Wrestling Team Defeats Wisconsin Mat Artists, 42 to 7.

Nebraska Representatives Make Better Showing Against the Iowans than Badgers.

The strength of the Ames wrestling team which handed the Cornhusker grapplers a 33 to 7 defeat last month was proved again Saturday when the wrestling representatives of Wisconsin University went down to a 42 to 7 defeat before the Iowans. Dr. Clapp, Nebraska wrestling coach, refereed the match and says the Wisconsin meet was a much easier walkaway for the Aggies than the Cornhusker contest.

The ease with which Ames cleaned up is witnessed by the speed with which the Badgers rolled over. In all the fourteen rounds only two were won by decision, and with the exception of a 6:41 bout in the heavies, the winning points were annexed in two or three minutes. The showing made by Dr. Clapp's team is a marked contrast to the fight put up by the Badgers. Troendly, the only Cornhusker who brought any hogmeat back with him, flopped his man in jig time; but when pitted against Thomson, the most experienced man on the Aggie squad, the Nebraska captain lost on decision after both rounds had gone the limit and the fast Iowan, who had ten pounds in his favor, had failed to pin him.

Fuchs in the 158 and Dobson in the 175 both lost their matches by referees decision. Ruddy Fuchs downed his man in one round, while Dobbie fought Schalk the full seven minutes. Schalk, by the way, is the man who has not been defeated in two years and is the only Missouri Valley mat artist who held Autopalik to a draw. An accident sustained shortly after his grind with "Dob" kept him out of the Wisconsin melee, and the man who substituted for him surrendered the only counters which the Badgers carried back to Madison.

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## CREDIT TO BE GIVEN FOR SERVICE IN ARMY

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps required for admission to the advanced course in the senior division of the corps, two academic years of service in the R. O. T. C. with the recommendation of the president of the institution, and the professor of military science. The candidate for the advanced course is required to agree to continue the R. O. T. C. training for the remainder of the course and to attend such summer camps as are prescribed by the Secretary of War.

During the present war emergency many men have received excellent training in the regular army of the United States and other military units, and it is hoped that the following schedule of credit will be adopted.

Equivalent to two years preliminary course:

1. Service as a commissioned officer of the United States army.
2. Three months service as an enlisted man with combatant troops in France or Italy.
3. Four months in the service of supply, in training camps or schools in Europe.
4. Six months in cantonments in the United States. Special cases, as service in the navy, marine corps, coast guard, etc., will be submitted to the committee on education and special training, for special ruling.

Those serving less than six months may also receive some credit. The months spent in the army being considered equal, month for month, to the service in the two years' R. O. T. C. course, required for admission to the advance course.

## FAVORABLE PROGRESS MADE IN R. O. T. C. UNIT

Uniforms and Rifles Expected to Arrive at Military Department Soon.

Favorable weather of the past has permitted the R. O. T. C. military program to be carried out according to schedule. To date the members of the unit have been given the acide test in the school of the squad and some excellent results have been obtained.

The feature card of the program will be the complete uniforms, including overcoats, will be issued gratis by the government. The clothing, which was ordered from a number of supply depots over the country six weeks ago, is expected to arrive within the next two weeks. The new 1918 army Springfield rifles which the members of the unit will have the honor to use will arrive presently from the arsenal at Rock Island.

Captain Frankforter, who is acting commandant in the absence of Colonel Morrison, stated yesterday that the men would be treated with the theoretical side of military training during the remainder of the semester. The public is looking forward with unusual interest to "Compet Day," which promises to be the most successful review in the history of the University of Nebraska.

The following appointments have been made from the office of the commandant:

First Lieutenant Don W. Lyle is assigned to Recruit Company No. 2 as commanding officer.  
Fred C. Campbell is appointed captain in R. O. T. C. regiment and is assigned to Recruit Company No. 1 as commander.

Second Lieutenant Ward C. Betzer to be first lieutenant of Company D.  
Richard C. Hawn to be sergeant and

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### CORNHUSKER SANPSHOTS

Do you like Martha Washington chocolates? Do you want to go to the Junior Prom? Well, here is opportunity knocking at your door. Hustle around and gather together that class bunch of snap-shots which you have taken this year, and bring them to the Cornhusker office by Friday noon. If the person bringing in the best collection of snaps is a girl, she will be given a three-pound box of Martha Washingtons; if the person is a fellow, he will be given a ticket to the Junior Prom.

### NEWS EDITORS ELECTED ON DAILY NEBRASKAN

Clarence Haley, '21, and Le Ross Hammond, '21, were elected by the student publication board yesterday to serve as news editors of the Daily Nebraskan for the remainder of the semester. Both have had previous experience in newspaper work and have been acting news editors since the beginning of the present semester.

### CONVOCAION

Madame Laura De Vilmar will give a program of several songs at convocation Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Temple. The program follows:

"Ariosa".....Delibes  
"Lullina Canzana".....Tosti  
"Aria San Tuza".....Mascagni  
"The Star".....Rogers  
"Thy Beaming Eyes".....MasDowell  
"At Dawning".....Cadman  
"D'Une Prison".....Hahn  
"Si mes vers avaient des ailes".....Hahn  
"The Year's at the Spring".....Mrs. Beach

## HUSKER ANNUAL COVER ARTISTIC IN DESIGN

Work on Nebraska's "Victory" Year Book Is Nearing Completion.

A sample of the cover of the "Victory Annual" has just been received at the Cornhusker office. It is the most artistic and unusual cover that has been used on and of the university annuals and fulfills the highest expectations of the staff.

The material used and the color scheme are particularly effective. The design is the work of Dwight Kirsch and is executed in embossed leather in such a manner as to throw in relief a silhouetted portion of University Hall. The background is dark, adding to the effectiveness of the design.

The cover is well chosen for this year's book, which is to bring out some of the biggest and best features that have been developed in any Nebraska annual. Most of the material for the book is complete and many of the proofs of cuts have been received from the engraver. The printer will soon begin work on that portion of the volume and the staff has announced that the books will be ready for distribution about May first.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR SEMESTER

Dorothy Hipple was elected vice-president of the sophomore class for the second semester at a short meeting of the class held Tuesday in Law 107. The other students to be honored with minor offices were: Sam Brownell, treasurer; Elmer Hinkle, secretary; John Gibbs, sergeant-at-arms.

This was the first assembly of the class this semester. Jess Patty, newly elected president, presided at the meeting.