



## Council will act on prom filings today

**Position on committee would overpoint five; point board firm**

Members of the Student Council will meet this afternoon to decide whether to defer the election of the members of the Junior-Senior Prom committee and reopen filings, or to elect the members today as they previously planned to do.

After their Monday meeting members of the point board asked that the Council defer the election and reopen the filings because of the board's new ruling which makes any person who would be overpointed in the new position ineligible for filing.

**Council to choose 11.**

To date, 11 women and 10 men have filed for positions on the committee. When the Council elects, the members will choose 11 of the 21 hopefuls for positions on the committee. Of the 21 candidates five would be ineligible if elected. The five are Marvin Kruse, Leo Cooksley, George Frischer, George Gostas, Gerald

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## YW will hang greens today

**Activity women plan traditional ceremony**

The annual Hanging of the Greens dinner, sponsored by the Y. W. cabinet for all women on the campus governing boards, will be held at 5:45 this evening in Ellen Smith hall.

Greens and wreaths, which come from Estes Park, where the Y. W. conference is held each summer, will be hung all over the balcony and first floor of the building, in an after-dinner ceremony.

"We urge all women on governing boards to attend the Greens dinner," said Priscilla Wicks, Y. W. president. "It is one time when the so-called activity women of the campus may meet together for fun, not work."

No program will be presented other than the hanging of the greens, except that during dinner the Vesper choir of 25 members will sing Christmas carols, and Jean Simmons and Faith Medlar will play a flute duet.

## Ten debaters vie for posts

**Tryouts for varsity team tonight at 7:30**

Ten men will try out for the varsity debate team tonight at 7:30 when the first intercollegiate debate tryouts of the year are held in room 60, 126 of Andrews.

Contestants will argue the question, Resolved: That the United States should follow a policy of strict (economic and military) isolation toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict.

**Sides assigned.**

Speakers were assigned by lot to defend and attack the proposition. Each speaker except the first affirmative will have eight minutes for his constructive and rebuttal speeches. The first affirmative speaker will have nine minutes.

Order of speaking will be announced at the tryouts. Students upholding the affirmative are Ben Novicoff, Jack Stewart, Blaine Sloan, Otto Woerner, Howard Besire. Negative speakers are Harold Turkel, Gilbert Hueftle, C. Lloyd Shubert, Edwin Carrauer, L. Barneby.

## Social workers to hear Sandoz

Mari Sandoz, Lincoln author whose book "Capital City" has just been published, will speak before a meeting of the Association of Social Work Students, Thurs-



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**MARI SANDOZ.**  
...writes of Lincoln.

day evening on the subject, "A Novelist Looks at Social Work." Other recently published works by Miss Sandoz are "Slogum House" and "Old Jules."

A business meeting will precede Miss Sandoz's address. The meeting will be held in room 313 of social sciences and will begin at 7 p. m. Miss Sandoz is scheduled to speak at 8.

## Coeds turn tables, choose own dates, —but pay all bills

Saturday, Dec. 16, will be open field day for the femmes whose motto has always been "get your man," for that night the eighth annual leap year date party, sponsored by the Mortar Boards, will be held in the coliseum.

The tables will be turned that night, for not only will the girls get to go with the men of their choice, but they will also have to foot the bills. Ticket sales started last night when Faith Medlar, ticket chairman, checked out tickets to members of Tassels who will conduct the sale.

## PBK names 14 on 163rd birthday

**Scholar seniors hear Schultz laud university's fossil-finding prowess**

Twelve seniors and two graduates, newly elected to the ranks of Phi Beta Kappa, arts and sciences scholastic honorary, were presented at a dinner held last night in the Union. The dinner commemorated the 163rd anniversary of the founding of the honorary at William and Mary college in 1776.

The twelve seniors are Charles Brockway, Betty Ann Duff, Eleanor Eiche, James Hush, William McConnell.

Edith Medlar, Sarah Miller, George Peter Mueller, Doris Reddick, Doris Ripley, Ellsworth Steels, and Lucyle Thomas, graduate student, and Frances Beaty, who was graduated in August, 1939, with the degree of bachelor of

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## NEWS COMMENT

### Finn patriots halt Soviet aggression

**By Woerner and Steele.**

Stealing while stealing is easy, and in style, Russian troops are battling their way across the border of the little "Scandinavian" country of Finland, seeking to capture the whole country, or only to gain concessions, only the future can say. Aided by favorable weather conditions, efficiency and a sound knowledge of the terrain the Finns at present appear to be holding their own against the 'Big Bear.' Bombs have been dropped, Helsinki has suffered from fires, Russian troops have broken thru thin ice to frigid death, parachute troops have been machine gunned and Red casualties are reported to be high.

The world is indignant over the soviet move. Argentina and Uruguay are demanding that Russia get out of the League of Nations, or they will kick her out. The U. S. is encouraging a Pan-American

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## 'Italian neutrality is absurd hypothesis,' Salvemini declares

**At forum, speaker defines democracy, describes dictatorship**

Democracy is the guarantee of equal rights to all classes, religions, creeds and races, said Dr. Gaetano Salvemini answering the question "What Is Democracy?" before a Union forum yesterday afternoon.

From his initial definition, Dr. Salvemini went on to say that all rights are divided into two classes: (1) personal rights—rights to freedom of religious worship, freedom to go where one pleased, freedom to work as one desired and (2) political rights—the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and association. Self-government and the right to elect officials are also essential to a working democracy, although self-government does not guarantee a democracy. Finally, an essential of democracy is the right of a minority to disagree.

### Compares basic philosophies

Salvemini compared the basic philosophies of dictatorships and of democracies to show the elements which make a democracy. He cited the Bismarkian regime in nineteenth century Germany as an example of partial self-government, through the Reichstag, but an upper house and a chancellor which could overrule the Reichstag. The noted Italian refugee said that this rule of a small autocracy is not necessarily bad, and gave as an example a banking law made to benefit a small group, but which eventually benefited all.

The dictatorship, said Salvemini, is based on the infallibility of the class and one man. It presupposes that one class has a monopoly on the intelligence of virtues of the social order.

It is essentially selfish, the professor said, because it reflects the interests and desires of one small group.

Minority suppression is another feature of the totalitarian state, because books, journalists, teachers, judges, parliaments, all must agree with the "man-god." "Everybody is for me or against me is the dictator-philosophy," said Salvemini, "and whoever is against me will find himself in jail." The Harvard professor said that he didn't believe that government by the majority was sufficient reason to give away a constitution. In summing up, Salvemini said that "dictatorship is the autocracy of a democracy."

**Historian says eight billions in armaments prevents such action**

"Italian neutrality is the most absurd hypothesis that can be advanced," stated Prof. Gaetano Salvemini in a convocation lecture yesterday morning in Temple.



**Dr. G. Salvemini.**

"Italy has spent more than \$8,000,000,000 for military purposes since Mussolini's rise to power," he continued, "and cannot afford to remain neutral." After spending the larger share of his time in tracing the nature of Italy's position in the present European conflict and her moves in recent years, the gray-bearded Italian exile presented the following "guesses" as to Mussolini's plans for coming months. One: if Italy does not complete preparations for European military operations within the next few months and peace is declared during this time, Mussolini will be acclaimed for his neutrality. Two: if peace is not declared before Italy's military preparations are finished and if Italy does not receive important concessions from England and France, she will fight side by side with Germany.

He voiced the belief that "the

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## Singers add show Sunday

**Popularity necessitates second performance**

A second performance of the 'Christmas Rhapsodie' will be scheduled in the Union Sunday at 5 p. m. Heavy demand for admission tickets and the limited capacity of the ballroom has necessitated the additional concert.

Eight hundred white admission cards have been distributed, and that many more blue cards will be given to students, who call at the Union office for the later performance. Tickets are free.

**First of kind.**

The "Christmas Rhapsodie," sponsored by the Union, is the first of its kind to be given by the University Singers, assisted by the men's glee club, under the direction of William G. Tempel. The stage will be set to simulate a lighted cathedral window, surrounded by pines.

The singers will be assisted by an ensemble, directed by Frank Cunkle, and composed of Betty O'Brian, cellist, Mary Jean Knorr, organist, Virginia Franklin, harpist, and Thomas Pierson, violinist.

**Schedule.**

Four tableaux will be presented during the concert. Students in the tableaux are Betty Joan Alfred, Verna Jean Kreuscher, Joseph Hart, Richard Johns, Aubrey Pettit, Hugo Zimmerman, Elmer Bauer, Robert Sandberg, and Keith Sturdevant.

A male octet will further augment the program. Nina Armstrong, contralto, will sing a carol written by Mr. Cunkle, and Brydis Whinnery, soprano, will be the soloist in "Vigil" by Christiansen. Narrator in the chorologue is Marcille Poppe, and soprano soloist is Hazelmae Ogle.

## First coed makes training flight



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First girl to make the training flight at the municipal airport was Jean Robinson, 19 year old sophomore. Bubbling with enthusiasm as she climbed from the plane, she exclaimed, "It was glorious." The flights just made were the first in the civilian training course. Jean is one of 50 Nebraska and Wesleyan students enrolled in the civilian pilot training program of the Civil Aeronautics association. She was one of the very few girls allowed to enroll for instruction.

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