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## Roberts, Miller Compete For YMCA Presidency

Bill Roberts and Bill Miller were selected as presidential nominees of the university Y.M.C.A., according to a report of the nominating committee presented at a regular meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday night.

Bill Aeschbacher, chairman of the committee, reported on behalf of the committee and the slate of officers was adopted by the membership.

Presidential candidate Bill Roberts has been vice president of the Y.M.C.A. this past year. He is a member of the all-campus Vespers committee, chairman of the Faith for Life commission of the Y.M.C.A., and news editor for The Nebraskan. He is a sophomore at the university.

### Presidential Nominee.

Bill Miller, president of the organization at the present time, is National Student President of the

Y.M.C.A., president of the Religious Welfare Council, president of the Presbyterian Student House, member of the Awgwan staff and a junior at the university.

Candidates for vice president are Phil Frandson and Dean Jensen. Frandson, a junior, is chairman of the World Relatedness commission and a member of Corncobs.

Dean Jensen, university junior, is a returned serviceman formerly active in YM work.

### Secretary-Treasurer

Bob Pfeiler and Sam Warren are nominees for secretary-treasurer. Pfeiler, freshman, is a member of the 520 club and active in college athletics.

Sam Warren, sophomore, is a  
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## Lt. Col. Senn Assumes Duties At University

Lt. Col. Merle J. Senn, Corps of Engineers, has been detailed to the position of assistant professor of military science and tactics, and executive officer at the university, announced Col. J. P. Murphy this week.

Lt. Col. Senn returned from the European Theater of Operations on October 8, 1945, where he spent 20 months as Commanding Officer, 37th Engineer Combat Battalion. During this period he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, and five Campaign Stars.

### Moves to Lincoln.

Transferred to Lincoln in April, 1943, as Construction Engineer for the ten proposed Army General Hospital on the site of the Veterans Hospital, Lt. Col. Senn formerly served with the Construction Division, Corps of Engineers, as Area Engineer at the Des Moines, Iowa Ordnance Plant. He also was connected with WAC Training center, Fort Des Moines.

Graduating from the College of Engineering at the university in 1932, Lt. Col. Senn was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Officers Reserve Corps upon completion of the Advanced Course ROTC.

## Ralph G. Beddell, Psych Professor, Returns to Post

Lt. Commander Ralph G. Beddell, USNR, on leave of absence for the past three years, returned to the campus this week to resume his duties as professor of educational psychology on the Teacher's college faculty.

While in the service, Commander Beddell's first assignment was as a member of the Navy board in charge of examining activity where he was in charge of all student testing in navy pre-flight schools. He also prepared a standard exam for navy pre-flight units and assisted in psychological research into the problems of development of pre-flight training devices.

For a period of time, Commander Beddell was in charge of all naval aviation training manuals of which he wrote four and edited 50.

### Coed Counselors Meet

Coed Counselor mass meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2 p. m., in Ellen Smith hall. All coed counselors are requested to attend, according to Suzanne Pope, president.

## Lt. Roger Cox Receives Medal Posthumously

Presentation of the Silver Star Medal posthumously awarded to First Lt. Roger R. Cox, university graduate, was made to his widow, Mrs. Margaret H. Cox, by Col. J. P. Murphy, director of military training.

Lt. Cox graduated with high distinction from marts and science college in May, 1942. He was an honor roll student during his entire university career and in his senior year was named cadet colonel.

### Citation.

The Silver Star citation read: "For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 Nov. 1944. During the course of the day numerous enemy counterattacks had been aimed at the first battalion's position which was under the constant fire of enemy mortars and artillery. Machine gun and sniper fire was heavy. After each counter-attack, Lt. Cox, with indomitable courage, rose from his fox hole on the forward slope of a hill, in full view of enemy observers, to rally and reorganize his men. By so doing he was instrumental in preventing the enemy from penetrating our lines. On one such occasion while checking his men, Lt. Cox was killed by an enemy sniper. Lt. Cox's gallantry and selfless devotion to duty are attributes well worthy of emulation and reflect the finest traditions of the military service."

## Ralph S. Mueller Contributes Stock To Foundation

Ralph S. Mueller, graduate of the university, has donated 100 shares of United States Steel stock, valued at \$7,975, to the University Foundation, Perry W. Branch, Foundation director, announced recently.

The Campus Beautification Project will receive \$100, the Alumni Loyalty Fund will receive \$100 and the remainder will be used to promote activities of the Foundation according to Mr. Mueller's specifications.

### 1898 Graduate.

A graduate of the college of engineering with a B.S.C. degree in 1898, Mr. Mueller received an electrical engineering degree in 1943 and an honorary doctor of engineering degree in 1943 from the university.

The gift of stock increases his total donations to \$34,098. Previously he has given \$17,113 to the Foundation for electric engineering equipment and Foundation activities.

# Two Casts Join In Student Opera

## Committee Makes Class Assignments

Assignment of classes will be made by the Assignment Committee during registration week, January 14 to 19, in the YMCA room of the Temple building, according to Harold E. Wise, chairman of the committee.

Students registering on the city campus must report to the committee during that week, according to Mr. Wise. Ag college students registering on ag campus will arrange for restricted section through the office of Dean W. W. Burr, 203 Ag Hall.

### Assignment Hours.

The committee will assign students between 8 a. m. and noon, (See COMMITTEE, Page 8.)

## Delta Tau Delta Creates New Scholarships

Beta Tau chapter of Delta Tau Delta has established a scholarship and achievement award fund for affiliated men at the university, according to Perry Branch, University Foundation director.

Ten thousand dollars has already been presented to set up the fund, Branch stated, and the income will be used for the maintenance of the awards.

### Requirements

Recipients must be regularly enrolled undergraduate students, members in good standing of a recognized social fraternity with a chapter on campus, shall maintain satisfactory scholarship and be prominent in one or more campus activities.

## Board of Regents Asks Legal Action On Appropriation

Nebraska courts will be asked by the Board of Regents to decide which agricultural societies will share in a \$9,000 appropriation made in the last session of the legislature.

The appropriation, made for "agricultural activities promotion," has been administered by the State Board of Agriculture in years before, but the \$9,000 was put in the university budget this year. The Regents are now responsible for allocating the funds.

### Eight Societies Share.

Eight societies have shared in the appropriation but the Nebraska statutes make provision for only three of the eight. Homer L. Kyle, assistant attorney general, stated that in his opinion the money need not be limited to the three specifically named but could be expended for agricultural societies created by statutes.

This interpretation would include all of the societies except Western Organized Agriculture, the Livestock Breeders and the Home Economics association. Other societies involved are Crop Improvement association, Dairy-men's association, Horticultural Society, Poultry Breeders association, and Potato Improvement.

The Regents have declined to make the appropriation pending a court judgment.

Two separate casts have been selected for the student opera "Cavalleria Rusticana," by Mascagni, to be presented Feb. 6 and 8, Dr. Arthur E. Westbrook, director of the school of fine arts, announced today.

Jean Thompson and Barbara Olson have been chosen for the part of Santuzza and Helen Laird and Donna Peters will take turns portraying Lucia. Lola will be played by Shirley Walsh and Martyn Akerson and Burl Beam and Ray Schaumburg will be Turippu. The part of Alfio will be played by Rudolph Darta and Leonard Blinde.

### Setting in Italy.

Altho the setting of the opera is Easter in a small town in southern Italy, the airs will be sung in English, according to Dr. Westbrook.

The drama of the story centers around the love affairs of Lola, Santuzza, Alfio and Turriddu. The action begins with the entrance of Santuzza in search of Turriddu, her lover. She asks Mother Lucia, the inkeeper for help.

### Broken Engagement.

Before entering the army Turriddu was engaged to Lola. In his absence she marries Alfio and

when Turriddu returns he marries Santuzza to spite Lola.

He still makes love to Lola much to the dismay of heartbroken Santuzza who unfortunately tells Alfio of his wife's infidelity. In spite of Turriddu's pleas for forgiveness Alfio arranges a duel and the climax of the drama is reached when Turriddu is killed by Alfio.

### Opera's Return.

The opera marks the return of student operas to the campus after their disappearance in 1943 following the presentation of "Robin Hood."

Class projects of the university Singers, the operas will be produced with the entire school of fine arts co-operating. Art students will paint the scenery; staging and direction will be done by Dallas Williams, director of the University Theatre; and a 20 piece orchestra will be selected by Director Wilbur Price of the University orchestra. Fredric Teller has been named business manager.

## Prof. Collins Forms New Star Maps

Prof. O. C. Collins of the university astronomy department has devised an improvement over astronomical atlases for locating constellations in the sky.

An exhibition of the work will be on display at the Pupin Laboratories at the University of Columbia in New York during a meeting of the American Astronomical Society Feb. 1.

### Series of Sky Maps

Prof. Collins has formed a series of sky maps adjusted to show individual views of the evening sky in what he calls a tangential projection as it would appear on a photograph. Each map has a radius of 45 degrees. Stars and planets are represented by dots.

According to Prof. Collins, if one of these maps is held in the correct position toward the corresponding location in the sky, the student can peer through the holes of the dots and locate the desired constellation.

### Shows Both Hemispheres

The display also includes a master map of the entire sky showing both hemispheres and plotted within a circle of 48 inches in diameter which represents the equator. Over this lies a transparent (See COLLINS, Page 4.)

## City Churches Plan Activities For Weekend

Forums, dinners and special programs are the highlights of the activities planned for Lincoln churches this week end.

The Lutheran Student association on the campus will hold their initial meetings of the new year, Sunday. The city campus group meets at 5:00 Sunday afternoon in the student center at 315 No. 15 to discuss the topic "Christian Witnessing?" The Ag college groups will consider the subject "What is it to be a Christian?" Sunday evening at 6:00 at the student center at 1200 No. 37th.

There will be a discussion forum at the Presbyterian Student House Sunday evening at 5:30, presided over by Rev. Sam Maier, University Presbyterian Student pastor. Prof. M. K. Elias, guest speaker, who has spent most of his life in Russia, has chosen as the subject of his talk, "What About Russia?" The forum will be followed by a 6:30 fellowship dinner.

### Carillon Recital.

A carillon recital by Mary Guest (See CHURCHES, Page 5.)

## Bright Sox Plus Pretty Faces Attract Big Money at Ag Social

"Who'll bid a quarter? Who'll make it one half of a dollar?" will be the chant that will ring out in the Ag Activities building at 8 tonight as one colorful sock after another is auctioned off at the Sox Social sponsored by the Ag Exec board.

Instead of the old fashioned 'box' socials where decorated boxes were bartered for at picnics, the students who attend the Sox social will have an opportunity to bid for the most elaborately decorated Sox which will be filled with food.

### W.S.S.F.

The proceeds of the affair will be turned over to the World Student Service fund. Bales of hay, lanterns and other such 'atmosphere' will decorate the Activities Building.

Master of ceremonies is Bill Miller and the welcoming talk will be given by Gordon Lippit. Entertainment includes a tap dancing routine by Virgene Kovarik and Myna Buchendahl. The Y.M.C.A. will present a two minute skit and demonstration square dances will be given by Bob Cornell, Francis Wagoner, Ellis Ruby and Duane Foote. Dave Sanders will be the caller and music will be furnished by Myna Buchendahl.

A pair of nylon hose will be awarded to the winner whose Sox brings the most money. Second prize will be a pair of 51 gauge rayon hose and third prize consists of a pair of anklets. The organization whose Sox bring the most money will be listed as award winners.