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## College Sports Over Stressed—Gustavson

### Chancellor Opens First Convocation

"It is apparent that intercollegiate athletics have been over emphasized," said Chancellor R. G. Gustavson at the year's first all-University convocation Wednesday.

Dr. Gustavson proposed a four-point program for American universities and colleges to follow in "establishing a more rational relationship between intercollegiate athletics and their academic programs."

Four suggestions issued by the Chancellor concerning athletics were as follows:

"First, I believe that all off-season practices, including spring practice for football, should be eliminated.

"Second, freshmen should not be allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics. The freshman year should be devoted to an adjustment of the student to academic life.

"Third, all post-season contests, including so-called post-season 'bowl games,' should be eliminated.

"Fourth, every student participating in intercollegiate athletics must make normal progress toward graduation. If a boy is making unsatisfactory grades, he should not be taking the time to participate in extracurricular activities . . . It is a 'cheat' and a 'steal' to bring students to the University and then take so much time away from their academic work for athletics."

The University's building program, its faculty, student activities, secret societies, sororities and fraternities, and military status were also discussed by the Chancellor during his report on the "state of the University."

About 2,500 students and faculty members were at the Coliseum to hear the first of a series of annual reports by the Chancellor to the students. All classes were dismissed for the hour.

Chancellor Gustavson termed his talk as one similar to "the report of a corporation president to the stockholders."

The Chancellor took a firm stand against secret societies. He compared such organizations to the Ku Klux Klan and communist groups and said that "one problem of the University is to eliminate any secret society which cannot allow its membership to be known or its purpose brought to light. On this," said Dr. Gustavson, "I take my stand with no qualifications."

Congratulating several campus organizations for their worthwhile objectives and accomplishments, the Chancellor mentioned the Student Council, the Nebraska University Council for World Affairs, All University Fund, The Daily Nebraskan, Union activities committee, and Cosmopolitan club.

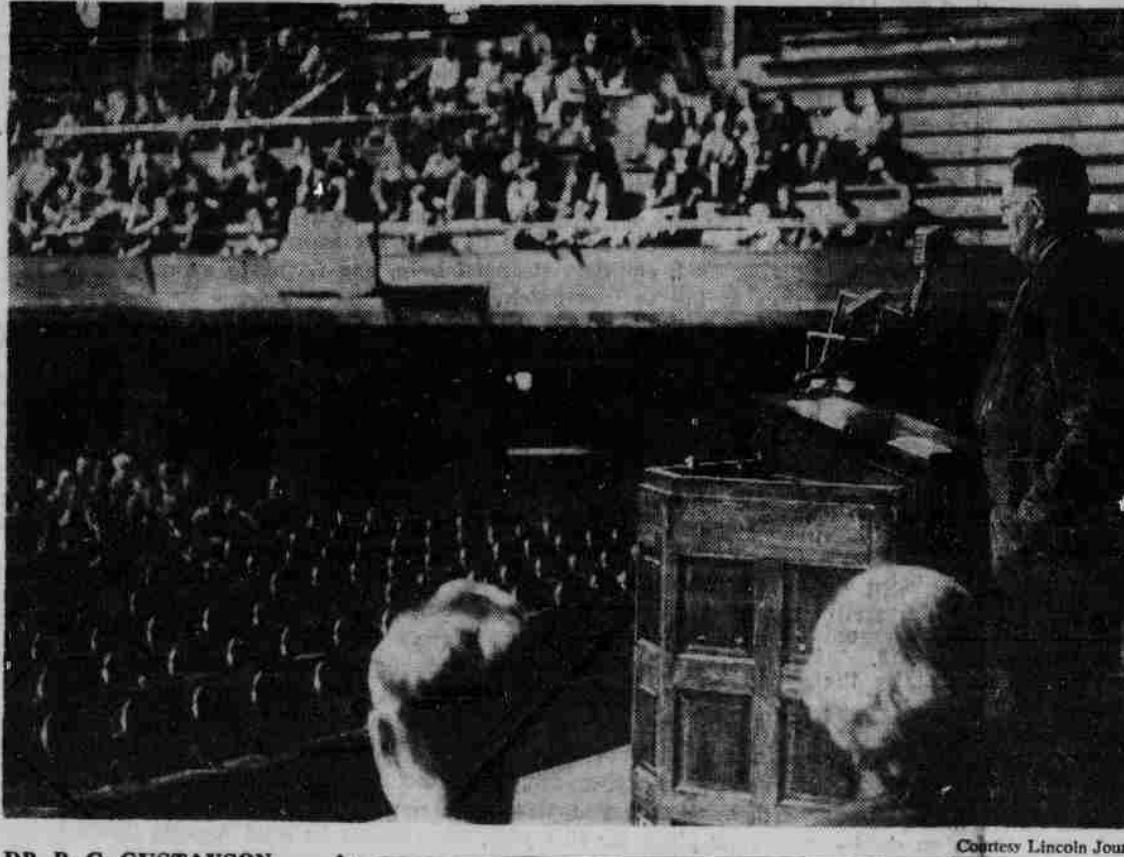
To members of fraternities and sororities, the Chancellor said, "Never ask for privileges for yourselves that you are not willing to grant to any other student in the University."

Dr. Gustavson urged independent students to take an active part in the Independent Students association. To all students he said, "We are a part of something much greater than sororities, fraternities and the ISA, which are only small parts of campus life. Let's stand for the University as a whole."

The 10-year building program, said the Chancellor, represents the immediate interest of the state in the University. "This program is a tremendous step forward," he said, "and has made great progress in recent years."

The importance of a liberal education was stressed by Dr. Gustavson throughout his talk. He expressed the opinion that if University students do not leave the school with a more liberal mind than when they came, the

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Courtesy Lincoln Journal

**DR. R. G. GUSTAVSON . . .** As he spoke to about 2,500 University students and faculty members in the Coliseum Wednesday morning, Chancellor Gustavson stressed that intercollegiate athletics are over emphasized. He recommended that off-season practices, freshman participation and post-season contests be eliminated from intercollegiate sports. Dr. Gustavson's talk was the first of a series of annual reports to the students about the "state of the University."

**N.U. Almanac**

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Once upon a time there was, as he is referred to in the elite circles of society, a young man who was insane—namely, a nut.

Now this aspiring young lad was just about to graduate from the Asylum so he was to be examined by the review board.

"Would you like to go out?" they asked.

"Sure," replied the nut.

"What would you like to do if you'd get out?"

"Well, sir, I'd take a rock and bust out every window in this blank place."

Now as this was not the sort of answer expected, the review board retarded this lad for a while. But soon the time was up, and it was again time for him to go before the review board.

"What would you do if you could get out?" again they asked?

The nut paused a moment for effect, and then again he spoke.

"Well, sir, after I'd get out, I'd go and find me a woman."

The seemed to be all right to the parole board, so he continued.

"Then I'd take her up to my apartment, and kiss her."

"Yes," said the parole board.

"And then I would place my hand on her knee, and take off her garter."

"Go on," urged the parole board.

"And then you know what I would do?" asked the nut.

"What?" said the parole board.

"Well, sir," continued the nut with a crafty gleam in his eyes. "I would take her garter, get myself a rock, and bust out every window in this blank place."

The weather for today is going to turn from warm to fair, with the sky becoming cloudy. It will become considerably cooler by afternoon, with the temperatures in the 60's.



## Joe Palooka Trains At Estate Belonging To University Alum

The old quip, "Be seeing you in the funny papers," has been realized for Donald E. Ahrens, University alumnus.

This is not meant in a derogatory sense, either. It is one of the stunts of Ham Fisher, Joe Palooka's originator.

From time to time, this comic strip artist incorporates the name of some person prominent in the business or social world into his column.

Just recently, when Joe went out to a summer estate to train for his next fight, Ahrens' name came up on the list. It is his estate on which Fisher has placed his character.

Ahrens, a 1914 graduate, is now vice president of General Motors and general manager of the Cadillac motor car division.

While in school, he was a member

of Viking, an obsolete engineering society, the University dramatic club and Delta Upsilon fraternity. He received his B.A. in electrical engineering.

Recently, the DU chapter here at the University invited him along with their other alumni to come down for one of the football games. He sent this answer in return:

"You have a very nice thought in setting aside one of the football games each year for sort of an annual gathering of the older members of the fraternity..."

"This year it just so happens that I can't be there, but keep me on the invitation list so that next time around I can stick my feet under your dinner table."

His absence can be clearly understood. Playing host to such an athlete as Palooka would keep anyone busy!

About 30 delegates from seven different colleges and universities are expected to attend the 18th annual convention of Phi Sigma Chi, national women's pep organization, Oct. 12 to 14, with University Tassels acting as hosts.

National president of this organization is Marilyn Vingers, president of Tassels. Cecilia Pinkerton is the national secretary.

With the air training, they have established themselves in an aviation branch and might have better chances of getting in an air branch if they so desire. The reserves also build up retirement points which only takes time and does not call for financial obligations.

"Look at it this way," said Capt. Stewart, "a man can be a civilian for 28 days and in the military for two days a month. Yet he gets paid and receives helpful training."

The captain announced that the marine corps is looking for women and the women's division affords its members the same rights and privileges as its brother branch.

Both veteran and non-veteran male students who are physically qualified are eligible for membership. Veterans of any branch of the services will receive their present rank upon joining the marine squadron.

University students in basic air, navy or ROTC programs may join. Non-veterans classified 1-A in the draft but who have not received notices for physical examinations are also eligible.

Organized reserves no longer

## Council Receives Class Officer Plan

### Student Delegates Approved

Student representatives for six joint faculty-student committees were approved Wednesday by the Student Council.

New members are: Student conduct committee, William Berquist and Don Noble; student affairs committee, George Cobel, Miriam Willey and George Wilcox; social committee, Sharon Fritzer and Jack Cohen; commencement committee, Peggy Mulvaney and Aaron Schmidt; semester examination committee, Dee Gade and Don Larsen; calendar committee, Rex Messersmith and Barbara Young.

Student representation on these faculty committees is based on a three year probation period. At the conclusion of this period, an examination of the success of the plan will be made. Representation of students on these committees will be considered at this time.

Henry Holtzclaw, council advisor, said the faculty felt that the move would make for better relations with students. He said he felt that student representation would benefit both students and faculty.

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Miss Flaherty, representing Cornhusker and The Daily Nebraskan, is replacing Kent Axell, former publications representative.

A junior in Teachers college, Miss Flaherty is a Cornhusker managing editor, Builders board member and affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega.

Applications for college qualifications tests are now available.

Eligible students who intend to take this test either December 13, 1951 or April 24, 1952 should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service local board.

The student should fill out his application and mail it immediately in the envelope provided.

Applications for the December 13 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, November 5, 1951.

According to Educational Testing service, which prepares and administers the test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to file his application at once, regardless of the testing date he selects.

The results of the tests will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board for use in considering his deferment as a student.

Tassels asked for support of a half-day holiday to enable the band to parade in its uniforms.

The Council supported the proposal that all classes be dismissed Nov. 3.

The report of the traffic committee, which studied the traffic problem arising during Homecoming, was read to the Council. Chairman Don Noble reported that a traffic route for the night of Nov. 3 had been planned by his committee and Police Chief Joseph Carroll.

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The Council approved the plan with a few minor changes.

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