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Traditional YW Hanging Of Greens Military Ball Tradition . . . To Open Christmas Season Tonight

Fifty-six years old and still

going strong! That's how many year the Military Ball has been presented at Nebraska. Judging from the enthusiasm that greets this yearly formal season opener, it would seem that age only increases its popularity.

popularity. The idea of a Military ball was first conceived back in 1893, when the school paper, then called the "Hesperian," pro-posed the idea of a military dance saying that it "would furnish a landmark for the cadets to rem/nuber their mili-tary work." The idea was wall received by

The idea was well received by all, including the military men. In 1895, the first Military Ball was inaugurated into the social scene. At that time, it was sponsored by Company B, then considered the instruction cutfill?

"crack outfit" of the corps. During the early 1900's, the dance was strictly a military de-partment affair. The dance created very little campus interest; made no presentations; and had no sur-prises that would create campus nterest

Military balls of yesterday were like the balls of today in only one respect: the grand march, However, even then the grand march was different be-cause the regiment colonel and his best girl, not the Honorary Commandant, led the march. The officers finally got tired of watching the colonel's lady monopolize the grand march; thus the idea of presenting a coed as Honorary Colonel was born in 1922. The first coed to have the honor bestowed upon her was Pearl Lucille Swanson.



REIGNING ROYALTY . . . Eileen Diereg was presented as Honor-ary commandant at the 1951 Military Ball. Her successor will be revealed at this year's ball, Dec. 7. Navy, army and air force cadet officers select the finalist from a field of seven candidates.

The Military Ball has not passing the test with flying of always been held in the for the past 56 years—and been improving every year.

that this innovation was put into effect. Even with the dance in the Coliseum, only 150 couples attended. In 1930, to add incentive, the military depart-ment engaged a big name band for the occasion.

Many ingenious methods have Many ingenious methods have been used in presenting the Honorary Colonel. In 1939, simu-lated machine gun fire cut away the door of the stage revealing the Honorary Colonel. A sign then fell from the ceiling bearing her name. In 1946, the Honorary Colonel slowly descended from above in a golden parachute to the amazement of some 5,000 spectators.

Another year, a ramp was silhoueted against a lighted inset and the honored lady appeared through the doorway of a minature castle which repre-sented the engineers corps. When the army and navy uni-fied, Honorary Colone; became Honorary Commandant.

Last year, the stage curtains opened revealing a landing barge. As the front of the barge dropped down, Eileen Derieg was pre-sented as the 1950-51 Honorary Commandant.

A new insignia was adopted for the Honorary Commandant last year. The insignia, which is worn on the Commandant's hat, repre-sents the three divisions of the United States military service. The air force is represented by wings; the navy, by the anchor, and the

army by three triangles. The 1951-52 Honorary Com-mandant will be chosen from seven finalists. They are Dee Irwin, Jackie Sorenson, Carole DeWitt, Jackie Hoss, Joan Raun, Nancy Button and Jayne Wade.

If time is the test for success, the military department has been passing the test with flying colors for the past 56 years—and have



GATHERING THE GREENS . . . YWCA members gather pine branches for the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony at Ellen Smith hall. The program will usher in the Christmas season. Pictured are (l. to r.) Sara Devoe, Jan Fullerton, Louise Asmus, Delores Lovegrove and Sue Porter. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

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Feature in the traditional Y.W.C.A. Hanging of the Greens, will help open the 1951 holiday season Thursday at 7 p.m. in Ellen Smith hall.
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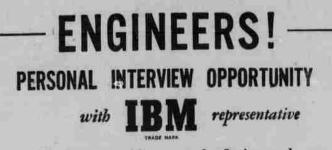
Wehmer Meets With Engineers even when Nebraska isn't playing bootball there. Going to Miami is a good deal the trimmings" at the Scott Air Force base, Bellville, Ill. over the United States. He added

That was the opinion of Phil Alberts, junior and Jim Downey, senior, both of whom migrated to Miami during Thanksgiving vacation. Their migratory reasons were not that of football, however, Downey and Alberts were the two University Arnold Society representatives chosen to attend the national Arnold Society convention in Miami.

Unlike most migrators, both Downey and Alberts had all expenses paid by the Arnold Society. This included travel, banquet and hotel expenses. Downey and Alberts were flown via an air force C-47 plane. Their traveling companions included approximately 'US Suicide'

that Arnold Society is one of the largest military honoraries in the country. He commented that even though the society now has over 100 different chapters existing today, their goal is to have a chapter at each college and university that features military training. The setting for the convention

business meetings was the Uni-versity of Miami in Coral Gables. Alberts said that some of the important items discussed included west and midwest area squad division and the standard of insignia. He commented that even with the time consuming meetings, he and Downey found time to sight-see and swim-



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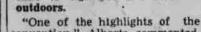


UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS . . Fred Wehmer (center), developmental engineer for the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company, spoke to University engineering students at a convoca-tion at the Stuart theater Wednesday morning. He is shown as he was greeted by George Cobel, (I.) president of Sigma Tau, spon-soring organization, and Winfred Zacharias, (r) chairman of the group's fourth convocation. Sigma Taus presented Wehmer a golden pyramid as a symbol of stability in engineering. (Courtesy Lincoln Journal.)

other representatives from the west and midwest. Though they spent their Thanksgiving away from home, Alberts stated that they received



Ag Students To Decorate WARNS ON ATOMIC RACE ... Union Tree At Cabaret Rep. Henry Jackson, Washington, warns that intelligence reports re-Students attending this week's Saturday Night Cabaret in the Ag Union will get a chance to decorate the Ag Union's Christmas tree, according to Mary Lou Huse, Ag Union activities director. Ag Union activities director.



convention," Alberts commented, was the main banquet." 'He explained that at the banquet the Arnold Society Honorary Colonel and her "court" were presented.

Both Alberts and Downey are giving convention reports at the Arnold Society meeting 7:30 Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the main lounge of the Military and Naval Science building. All AROTC men are in-vited to attend.

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dancing enthusiast? The Union schedule has room for you. From 9 to 12 p.m., Friday the Union will hold its last dance of the fall schedule. Bill Alber's combo will furnish music with en-tertainment at 10:30 p.m. The cost is 44 cents,

Nebraska's football fans will

Nebraska's footbalt fans will enjoy the last Pigskin Party of the year Saturday afternoon with a play by play description of the Miami game. The Union will also be the site of a "Boots and Saddles" square dance at 9 p.m., Saturday in the baliroom. Ed and Lois Weaver will call the dances, and a square dance combo will play. ance combo will play. Sunday evening is "Flicker

NU Alumnus **Uses** Football **Play In Korea**

Lt. Robert E. Cooper, formerly a substitute quarterback on the University's 1940 Rose Bowl team and now with the Fifth Regi-mental Combat Team in Korea, ed an old football play to break up a Chinese attack on his com-

The play called for the fullback mamming through the middle of the line while the ends, running wide to the left and right, served as decoys. In duplicating the play, Cooper called for supporting fire from two flanking companies and sent two platoons through the center of the Chinese lines. Triter Cooper explained, "Don't tell me there's a lot of difference between football and combat. The only difference is that this game was more important than any I played at the University of Ne-braska." The play called for the fullback

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