

The Mighty Rumor

Spreading like a prairie fire for the past few days has been the rumor that the University of Nebraska would close its doors to students January 1, 1943, and turn its entire physical plant over to the army. As rumors go, this is news. But news should also be based upon reliable information, and there has been no confirmation of such rumors by either war department or university officials.

Chancellor Boucher IS going to Washington to confer with proper authorities concerning the part the university could play in housing and instructing certain units of the armed forces. According to the Chancellor, his trip to Washington will be made to offer certain facilities which could be made available here for such training, but definitely not to turn the entire university over to the army.

The Board of Regents has acted upon the matter and has made available certain buildings on the campus such as the coliseum, the stadium, the new library and a few other buildings which could be used by a specialized unit in training on this campus.

Students should realize that the college of engineering, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and other specialized courses which are offered here are far more valuable to the war department than the physical plant itself. These colleges will be filled to capacity for the duration. The humanities and social sciences will suffer somewhat whether or not we have an army unit brought here since students naturally are turning and are being encouraged to turn to those courses and colleges which will provide them with the skill and knowledge required in war industries and by the war department.

The rumor that the military students will be taken out of school in the near future is also totally unfounded after a check-up yesterday. Too many students take a very small fact picked up around the campus which may be entirely true and before the story has passed the mouths of ten students, we hear that the university will close up. It reminds one somewhat of the age-old parlor game of whispering a story down a line of people and getting a big laugh out of the final story.

The sum and substance of the whole situation concerning rumors of the past few days can be summed up by saying the university will not close for the duration, that the university is offering available facilities for a unit here, and that the student who believes in rumors should about face and wait for confirmation before he spreads a story.

Rumors can be dangerous.

—By the Editor

UN Students Select Victory Show Tunes . . . On Waring Broadcast

Balloting for selection of tunes to be played on the Fred Waring "University of Nebraska Victory Tunes" program will be held today and Thursday on the blank provided for voting on page two of the Daily.

Nebraska students will select three songs from the list on the ballot to be played on the Pleasure Time broadcast Dec. 11. The Daily and the Waring organization are co-sponsoring the poll.

Ballots must be turned in at the Daily office or the Union check stand by Friday evening. Voters may add one additional choice to the ballot; however, Waring has

YWCA Holds Annual Greens Celebration

Highlighted by the traditional ceremony of the hanging of the greens the YWCA last night held its annual pre-Christmas dinner.

The green hanging ceremony consisted of decorating the interior of Ellen Smith hall and the huge tree in the living room.

In previous years the greens for the ceremony have been brought from Estes Park, Colorado, the site of the association's conventions, but due to the war the greens were gathered this year from this locality.

The YW vesper choir sang Christmas carols during the ceremony. Special guests at the dinner were Mrs. Verna Boyles, dean of women; Miss Elsie Ford Piper, assistant to the dean of women; Mrs. Ada Westover; presidents and governing bodies of all women's organizations on the city and ag campuses; Tassels, and presidents of all women's organized houses and residence halls.

The Daily

Nebraskan

UNIVERSITY OF NEBR.
LIBRARY

DEC 2 1942

PERIODICAL
ROOM



Vol. 42, No. 49

Lincoln Nebraska.

Wednesday, December 4, 1942

University Starts Classes To Instruct Air Wardens

UN Prepares For Blackout December 14

'Tough' Phys Fitness Course Draws 75 Men to First Class

With approximately 75 men taking part the first official meeting of the new physical fitness class was held Monday night in the coliseum.

In the words of Dr. R. W. Clapp, director of the program "it was pretty tough, even for the athletes."

While the first night's program was to more or less determine how badly the training is needed, the workouts from now until the end of the semester will begin with only moderate exercise, grad-

ually working up to the more strenuous routines.

Present plans call for a fifteen minute opening period devoted to mass calisthenics. Following this, the men are to be divided into squads to carry out a varied program best suited to the individuals needs. Included in the squad work are boxing, wrestling, (including jiu-jitsu and "bone-breaking" work), vaulting, tumbling, obstacle course work and swimming.

Will Teach Swimming.

An attempt will be made to teach men to swim if they do not already know how to do so, while each man will be placed in the group which will best fit the individual for the training required of men in the service.

Object of the fitness course is to develop the men in physical strength, endurance, and agility. Dr. Clapp pointed out that the training will also prove of value to men not eligible for service.

While the course has been enthusiastically received to date, men may still register for credit in the course. Students having classes until 5:30 may come at the end of the hour, with the course running every week until the end of the semester. A new course of basic training will be started at that time.

Only requirements are that students wear some form of rubber-soled shoes and old clothes. Men should wear clothing which offers protection to legs and arms.

Cobs Meet Tonight

The Corn Cobs will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Union.

Volunteering Student Wardens Meet Tuesday Nights Until Christmas

"Flash! Unidentified bomber planes sighted two miles southwest of Lincoln, flying high headed for the city. All civilians ordered to shelter. All wardens on posts. Complete blackout of the city and surrounding areas must be accomplished within three minutes. Flash! Unidentified bomber planes sighted two miles southwest of Lincoln. All wardens on posts . . ."

An advance radio announcement of the situation in Lincoln as will be enacted the night of Dec. 14 when OCD orders will stage the first blackout in Nebraska history gives university students some idea of actual conditions along the coasts, where blackouts have been a necessity for some time.

Covers Nine States.

The blackout will cover the nine midwestern states in the Seventh service command, including Nebraska. All lights must be out in houses not protected with regulation blackout curtains, and no cars will be allowed to travel on the roads during the test, according to established OCD regulations.

To help prepare students for future drills, a newly created university emergency defense committee has planned a three hour course to educate as many students as are interested in the duties of an auxiliary air raid warden. This group of volunteer student wardens will meet every Tuesday night until Christmas from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. Faculty members and administrative (See BLACKOUT, Page 2.)

Major Lee W. Chatfield Goes To Texas Post

The second transfer in as many weeks occurred yesterday with the announcement that Maj. Lee W. Chatfield, infantry instructor, has been ordered to report to Camp Walters, Tex.

Replacing the vacancy in the infantry instructors' staff will be Maj. Marvin T. Edmison of Fort Benning, Ga. This transfer will complete the turnover of the instructor staff of the military department for the remainder of the year.

Present plans indicate Major Edmison will take over Capt. James Pattison's duties as weapons instructor who will in turn take over the classroom instruction of the juniors. Major Chatfield will report to Camp Walters shortly after the military ball at which time he will receive his official release from the military department.

Military Ball-- It's Tradition Remains



Courtesy Sunday Journal & Star

In charge of arrangements for the Military Ball are Cadet Col. Richard Arnold and his committee reading from left to right are: Front row, Capt. Thomas Woods, Col. George Schap-paugh, Col. Arnold, Col. Robert Guenzel and Capt. John Stewart. Back row: Sgt. Maj. Robert Miller, Lt. Romulo Soldevilla, Maj. John Douglas, Maj. C. T. White and Maj. Rob't Schlater. Not pictured but also in charge of ball committees are Col. Ed Lof and Maj. Francis Cox.

Climax of the Military Ball, the traditional grand march of the officers and their sponsors, has been completely planned by Cadet Col. Richard Arnold and the ball arrangement committee.

Junior officers have been assured by Col. James P. Murphy, commanding officer of the military department of the university, that they will participate in the grand march in their new cadet officer uniforms. Chevrons need not be worn on the new uniforms, Murphy further announced.

Continues Tradition.

The ball will follow the tradition of the first one staged by the Pershing Rifles in 1908. "There will be innovations of course," said Arnold, "but the principal of these, the students know about. For instance we will adhere to the wartime campus policy of informal dress on all occasions, and the customary secrecy of the honorary colonel has also been dropped."

Program of the ball will include the customary perform- (See TRADITION, Page 2.)