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## Stepping-Stone For Victory . . .

It's a good deal.

That was the concensus of advanced ROTC men activated yesterday.

To almost all of them the call came as great relief. The rumors, stories and worries were ended. They were in the army and glad of it.

The 300-odd UN men affected by the order enter the army in an unusual manner. They will still go to school; they will still have a lot of freedom; their normal life will be changed little but they are going to learn a great deal.

As one fellow said yesterday as he checked out his uniform, "It is too bad this didn't happen six months ago. Then we would be prepared for the real thing."

In the month that follows, however, they will become prepared. There will be plenty of discipline, plenty of work, plenty of training for army duty.

In the month that follows, they will be prepared for either basic training or OCS—practically all for some responsibility in the army, either as a commissioned or non-commissioned officers.

We have a feeling that this month is going to be a worthwhile one from every point of view. We have a feeling that those 300 men who, until now, have walked down the streets of Lincoln feeling just a little conspicuous in civilian clothes are going to make up the part of the army that will have the job of actually winning the war.

The stage is set for the great drama of the war. Thus far all we have seen is the curtain acts, important but subordinate to the grand finale which is coming.

And it is in the grand finale, the final push which will bring victory to the United Nations, that these boys who only yesterday actually got into the thing, will be leaders.

That is just a hunch, but we think it is a good one.

We think it is almost as good as another hunch that we have: that the men activated yesterday will for the most part become officers, and good officers.

This month ahead appears to be an important one. It is a stepping stone for further progress in the army. It is the beginning, and judging from the announcements made thus far, it will be very likely a successful beginning.

The college men have had every break from the army since the war began. Now that they have been called upon to serve, they will serve to their utmost.

Watch the boys just moved to the library! Watch them develop into soldiers! Watch them change! And after June when they scatter thruout the nation for further training, watch them stand out! Watch them get commissions! Watch them lead this great nation to victory!

## ROTC Activation . . .

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library work in the evening may do so by obtaining permission from their commanding officer.

Individual orders have not been received as yet, but notice of activation was given in ROTC classes yesterday and the word spread quickly to all cadets and to the rest of the campus. The actual activation which took place at 5:30 last night ended several weeks of speculation and rumors which have circulated at regular intervals.

### Military Parade, May 4.

Parades scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 27, have been cancelled according to an announcement from the office of Captain Crabill, adjutant. Plans are being made to have one parade this spring on Tuesday, May 4, when any cash prizes and medals to be awarded this year will be presented to winning cadets.

The ROTC is the third army detachment to be quartered on the campus. Besides the air crew in the library, there is a specialized training and reassignment unit station at ag college.

The Union cafeteria closed its doors to the public in order to handle the additional load forced upon it by the activation. Meals will continue to be served to the public in the Corn Crib.

## Party Line

BY MARY LOU HOLTZ.

No gossip column would be complete without a passing comment on the big news of the day—alias activating the ROTC. Bud Johnson and Ki Eisenhart, Phi Gams, came in the grill this afternoon modeling their new "zoot suits," looking really smooth. Ha! Then in comes Mark Hargraves to announce "It's only a rumor." (Another laugh.)

Alpha Chi Marj Dolezal is now forsaking all others to settle down to a steady deal with Sigma Chi Bob Potter. Speaking of Alpha Chi Omega reminds us of the "Hell Party" held there Saturday night. Gwen Row was seen dancing with Murray Minthorn, Farm House, and Marty Whitehead was there with Burt Brown, DU. The tall and short of it were seen in the persons of big Ki Rohmans, Phi Psi, and little Aggie Fox.

### Sparkling News.

Dick Chambers, DU and now in the navy, presented Marcia Birky of Lincoln with a beautiful diamond to cinch the deal.

A return trip was made by the diamond of Mary Jean Jones, ag girl, to ATO Bob "Playboy" James.

We also hear things are all off between Don Young and Betty Lillibridge, DG, as Don now, again, wears his pin.

### Seen at Pike.

Friday to hear Jack Teagarden, rather his band, or something, were Betty King, Alpha Chi, with smoothie Dick Smith of the Beta domicile, and Jeannie Browne, KKG, with pinmate Chick Thorne, Phi Delt.

### Steadies.

Delt "Van" Norman and Pi Phi Janet Hemphill are now on the steady list. Two such swell people make a good combination. Pat Gilligan, Alpha Phi, and Rog Hasek, Sigma Nu, decided to make another stab at it.

### South Bend.

Saturday at the "Bend" was the scene of a big Beta picnic. Among those in attendance were

## Navy Sophs Take Screening Exams

Navy sophomore screening examinations required of 70 class V-1 reserves and 28 marine corps reserves will be given this morning and afternoon in the law building.

The examinations will be given in two parts. The first will begin at 8:30 a. m. and the second part will begin at 2:00 p. m.

Students have been sent cards announcing the examination which may be presented as excuses from their regular classes.

## Say the Men . . .

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the h—!"

Roy Byram: "I only hope they have plenty of good dances and plenty of women."

Bill Thornburg: "There is only one thing to do—go on a picnic!"  
And an unidentified Sig Alph came through with the cryptic remark, "So long as it's spring, I'm going to spring."

fun boy, Gene Tauman with Pi Phi Joan Beckwith, Wilb Wiedman and Sally White, and Tom Hyland with Janice Campbell.

Another picnic at Penn Woods was in full swing. One group included Mark Hargraves, Bill Munson, Bob Olson and Johnny Jones who brought four nurses—names unknown. Hmm!

### Pinned.

Jan Hoover just informed me that Shirts Wright, Theta, has Harold "Salz" Salisbury's Beta pin. Now, not only pinned, are Kappy Kellogg, DG and Bob Miller, but engaged, as Bob gave her a "beeg" diamond Friday night.

Uncle Dick Luther, now of the Library, was seen raking the lawn with Jean Donley Sunday night. Rather a queer way to spend a date.

Delta Sigs, Don Nelson, Bruce Boyd and Clyde Irwin took Jenny Muir, Barb, Jean Dresden and Patty Pierce, Thetas, out to Spenser's for steaks Sunday night.

Floyd Hewett alum of Delta Sig returned from South Dakota and took twenty brothers to the Pike Friday—what generosity or perhaps I should say philanthropy. Mayhaps to celebrate initiating five new members. Congrats fellas!

Flash! KKG's had candy courtesy of Dolly Clinton who has the DU pin of Frank Meroney.

## Mrs. M. Skidmore, Once UN Faculty Member Dies

Mrs. Marguerite Adams Skidmore, a faculty member of the home economics department for six years, died at 3:30 p. m. Thursday.

She had lived in Lincoln since 1918 and was a member of Ceres, A.A.U.W. and the Alpha Gamma Rho auxiliary. Funeral services were held Saturday at Wadlows' chapel with Rev. Walter P. Hill officiating.

## Gamma Mu Theta Elects Officers, Initiates Four

Gamma Mu Theta, honorary pre-medical sorority, held initiation and election of officers last Sunday at the Lancaster County Medical society rooms.

New officers are: President, Maxey Jean Smith; vice president, Pat McIllece; secretary-treasurer, Betty Anderson.

Those who were initiated are Betty Anderson, Joan Finkle, Ruth Owen and Virginia Stuermer.

## Union Chow . . .

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Union will feed between 300 and 310 ROTC men. On Wednesdays breakfast will be served at 7 p. m., lunch at 11:15 a. m. and 12:15 p. m., and dinner at 6 p. m. On Sunday, hours are 8 p. m., breakfast; 12:30 p. m., dinner and 6 p. m., supper.

The cafeteria will serve 210 men at a time. Food will be taken on trays, and the plates will be scraped by the boys after they finish.

### To Give the Best.

Union officials contemplate little trouble with labor and food shortages, and will attempt to give both units "the best of everything," according to Pat Lahr, assistant Union director.

This morning's breakfast included mixed fruit juice, cooked rolled oats, sausage, toast and butter, coffee and milk. Lunch will consist of split pea soup, macaroni and cheese, parsley, buttered potatoes, lettuce and onion salad, bread and butter, fresh fruit and milk.

The STARs unit on ag campus is being fed in almost the same manner in the home ec building.

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