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## Funniest Sight?

(Editor's note: The following paragraph was mailed to the Daily; the sender headed it "Funniest Sight on the Campus.")

"Down the main drag comes a group of ROTC 'generals,' all bedecked in their nicely tailored unies, braided rope shoulder-loops, their fraternity and sorority pins, high school class pins, Boy Scout, Dick Tracy and Lone Ranger badges, lodge emblems and other assorted hardware glistening in the bright sunshine. Spotting them, an enlisted man, his GI uniform none too perfect-fitting, cries out: 'Oh, look at the pretty campus soldiers!'"

Every morning the mailman brings into the Daily office a number of letters from various army posts thruout the country. Most of them are from public relations offices.

Upon opening a sample letter, one finds a picture of a young man in an officer's uniform smiling in an unrehearsed manner at the cameraman. Also in the letter is a short paragraph about the man. He has usually just been graduated from a training school and is now an officer.

The unusual fact which comes to light in many cases is that the student was not a member of an advanced ROTC class, did not rate particularly high in math, perhaps he didn't take any at all. Yet he is an officer.

Actually, the average college student is so high above the normal army intelligence average that he has a good chance of becoming an officer regardless of what his major in college may have been. For those men entering the armed forces with some advanced ROTC training, the chances are just so much better. . . .

Personnel officers in every branch of the service have asked for college men to be trained as leaders—simply because they feel that the combination of an advanced education, actual military training, study and social habits acquired by the average college student are invaluable.

It is a credit to Nebraska and to other institutions with such a high percentage of officer graduates that modern education is effective in any field which a graduate may choose—including the military.

Reports from the war fronts (the ROTC, prior to inception of OCS schools, supplied over 50 percent of all army officers) highly commend those "pretty campus soldiers" now in the field, who served, on the whole, as well as men who have come up thru the ranks.

—G. W. A.

## Letterip

Dear Editor:

Universal subscription commands universal interest in how the affairs of the "Rag" are managed. A collection of fifty cents from each of the many university students at the time the fees were paid represents a tidy sum. Since we have paid our money, we feel the right to review the policies of the "Rag." Among those considered interesting are: 1) discontinuation of the distribution of the "Rag" to the fraternity houses, 2) the whereabouts of the "tidy sum."

The first of these has been justified for two alleged reasons: a) decreased fraternity membership, b) gasoline shortage.

The argument that fraternity membership has decreased does not justify this action, for the members that have gone into the services, or have otherwise left school, paid their fee—no part of which has ever been refunded. Perhaps these members have the hope that their brothers will forward the paper their fee has purchased.

With regard to the gasoline shortage, it is hard to understand why the "Rag" could be delivered to the Theta house and not to the Phi Psi house just across the street; or why a paper could be delivered to the Tri Delt house and not to the Phi Delt house, again just across the street; or why the "Rag" could be delivered to the Student Union and not to the ZBT, Delt, Phi Gam, ATO and Beta houses, who have no sororities just across the street. Furthermore, can we help it if the DU's and Kappa Sig's don't live in God's Country?

Every sorority girl knows that no longer is one paper per person being delivered to her house. Is it conceivable that merely because Norrie Anderson is the only man on the Daily staff that the sororities have lost their interest in the "Rag" to the point where only one paper is needed for three or four girls?

Could it be that the managers of the "Rag" think that waning student interest in the closing weeks of the semester allows a laxity of policy, which would otherwise be the subject of student criticism? We don't mind buying new ears for the editors, or sorority girls not reading the paper, but we would like to see the "Rag."

Yours for an apple a day for a dollar a semester.

James Hewett,  
Wayne Southwick.

(Editor's note: The fact that the DU's, Kappa Sigs, AGR and Farm House, etc., do not live in "God's country"—and also the decreased fraternity membership—was the basis for the decision of the business department. It was thought much gas was being wasted. However, since there has been such objections, delivery will be recontinued this week.

## Navy's Japanese Language School Opens to 100 Coeds

Women who are college graduates, and coeds about to get their degrees, now have an opportunity to learn the Japanese language at the expense of the U. S. navy.

The navy's Japanese language school, recently moved to the United States and now situated on the University of Colorado campus, has announced that it will admit soon its first class of about 100 women. The course has been shortened to one year's length.

Apply at WAVES Office.

Candidates for assignment to the school should make application at the WAVES procurement offices in the Old Federal building, Des Moines, Ia. The accepted women will be commissioned as officers in the women's reserve of the U. S. naval reserve and after training will serve at naval shore stations to release men officers proficient in the enemy's language to serve with the fleet.

The intensive course now being given selected men and women navy officers is to teach them to read and write simple Japanese, to speak the language clearly in conversation or over a microphone, and to be able to understand it when heard over a radio.

Publish Paper.

Life at the Japanese language school bears little resemblance to that at other navy training centers because the heavy emphasis on

study has eliminated all military factors from the curriculum. Students live, and in general, dress as civilians until the course is completed and, for recreation, they publish a weekly paper in Japanese and English. At the end of their course, however, they are given a two week's naval indoctrination course.

All candidates must hold college degrees. The first successful candidates will start studies early in July.

Dr. Walter H. Hodge, instructor in botany at Massachusetts State college, has been appointed by the United States board of economic warfare to aid in the search for new sources of quinine in South America.



# MEET TOM!

Tom is an expeditor for a New Jersey war plant. All day long, he contacts suppliers and subcontractors by Long Distance.

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"Have you received the brass yet, Atlanta?"

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## Music School Offers Awards To 20 Frosh

Twenty partial scholarships in music amounting to \$40 a year—\$20 a semester—will be offered by the university to students planning to enter the music department this fall as a freshman.

The annual scholarship competition will be held in Lincoln on May 15 and awards will be made on the basis of public tryouts at this time.

Must Enter Department.

To be eligible to receive the award the student must be a high school senior or graduate contemplating entering the department of music in order to receive either a bachelor of music or a bachelor of music in education degree.

The name of each contestant, age, class in school, residence, and the musical selection to be rendered, together with the name and address of his music teacher must be submitted to the secretary of the school of music on or before May 12.

Professors at the University of California at Los Angeles are tilling 32 Victory garden plots laid out on the campus.

Despite withdrawal of Harvard and Yale because of war time sports curtailments, the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball league is playing a full schedule of 20 games.

Minnesota game wardens are attempting to scatter a large flock of pheasants threatening the huge victory garden at the College of St. Catherine.