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To the Army:

Major Pattison's letter, printed below, and interested comments relating to the same subject in the letterip column are presented in the Nebraskan today for the benefit of soldier readers of the paper.

The editor and entire staff of the Daily do now and always have considered the ASTP program an important army training division and a welcome part of the campus. We feel the ASTP definitely is accomplishing something, both in building character individually and in producing a well-trained group of soldiers.

On behalf of the whole student body we're glad you're here and want you to become a part of this university. The Muddling Through column which caused so much offense was the opinion of its author only. We hope, and he hopes, it is forgotten in as short a time as possible.

To The Editor, Daily Nebraskan:

While it is not my intention to engage in any verbal controversy with the Daily Nebraskan reporter, Mr. John C. (Muddling Through) Bentley, I feel that before such an article as was published in the "rag," Oct. 20 under his name was written, a more complete investigation of the purposes and aims of the Army Specialized Training Program should have been made.

Each unit, except the dental group, of the army ground troops stationed on the University of Nebraska campus has had its basic training, 13 to 17 weeks of rough and rugged conditioning. From such training many of the men went to the field, engaging in army maneuvers and further intensified training. These men are now under army orders of a different type.

The ASTP stresses the educational, not the physical, training. Carrying a scholastic schedule so heavy that a civilian student would not be allowed to register for it, taking six hours per week of physical training designed to keep the soldier in good condition, though not perhaps providing "sadistically pleasant hours" for interested watchers, and five hours per week of military training, the ASTP trainee does not have time for athletics and other strenuous types of contests. Great care is exercised to prevent an injury which might cause the trainee to miss any classes, thus resulting in the trainee being dropped from the Army Specialized Training Program. Such obstacle courses as Mr. Bentley enjoys watching do not have a place in this program.

The men in the Army Specialized Training Program have cooperated fully with the university officials and the army. They are a fine group of men and we are proud to be associated with them.

HARLAND G. PATTISON
Major, Infantry
Commanding Second Battalion

Fiji Housemother Edits Service Letter

"Mom" to all Nebraska Phi Gamma Deltas is Mrs. Mae Minier, another housemother who edits a fraternity news letter, which she mails monthly to all her Fijis in the service and in vital defense jobs. There are more than 300 Phi Gams whom she keeps in constant touch with one another, their campus, and their fraternity through her "Echoes".

In addition to the monthly edition of news, "Mom" includes an up-to-date directory of all Fijis in service. This list of locations

has enabled many boys to meet in various outposts of the world.

Then, too, Mrs. Minier's news letter was the inspiration for another Phi Gam edition, "Bull Session Echoes from Mom's Room," edited by an alum, Herb Hillman. This bi-monthly is a resume of all campus and fraternity news.

Fraternity letters are Cornhusker morale and this paper is only one of the many things Mrs. Minier is loved for. "Where's mom?" is one of the first questions asked by returning Phi Gams.

KING'S

The Gay Nite Spot

SATURDAY, OCT. 23rd

JACK SWANSON
and his band

Dancing 9 to 1 Admission 55c

Just One Mile West of Town

Letterip

Dear Editor:

It is the sincere desire of the men in uniform here on the University of Nebraska campus that during our stay here we shall be able to win the respect and friendship of each and every Cornhusker, and that when our time comes to leave Nebraska, we shall go feeling that we have been accepted by you as true Cornhuskers.

If we are to achieve this goal, toward which we are not setting our course, it is essential that an understanding be reached between the two campus factions—civilian and military. We realize that in any group as large as our own, there are bound to be present individuals who are perhaps a little lacking in thoughtfulness, and whose natural tendencies may in addition be strengthened by the moral support of numbers. Because the voice of this minority may quite easily and frequently overwhelm the efforts of those more thoughtful of us, we do here ask your indulgence and forgiveness of the guilty. They, too, are desirous of your friendship but they unfortunately have underestimated the value of your respect as a prerequisite to the friendship they seek.

Not many months ago most of us were attending college as civilians, just as you are doing now. Then all at once we found ourselves leaving school to join the army, some of our own will, the majority otherwise but for all of us, entering the army meant abandoning plans and ambitions, and relinquishing conveniences and pleasures we had known all our lives. The future was uncertain. We did not know that before long we would be returning to college campus nor was our inclusion in the Specialized Training Program anything of our own doing. At present we dwell in marble halls. Compared with the lot of our fellows on the world's battle fronts, our life is indeed a bed of roses, but now that we are here, we wish to make the most of it.

We wear the uniform of the Army of the United States. Of that we are justifiably proud, and we are proud also of the part we may at any time be called upon to play in easing our great nation through its area of crisis.

Last Wednesday an article appeared in the Daily Nebraskan in which a student criticized the physical training system in force here for army men. None of us have any doubt but what this article was written in a spirit of constructive reflection, but nevertheless, its effect upon the military body of the university was revolting. A great wave of resentment arose in response, and this is undeniably traceable to the fact that our pride was infringed upon. We are certain that the writer

was ignorant of the reaction which was imminent to the writing of such statements, for otherwise he would not have offered them for publication. Our resentment was a natural phenomenon, and, I think, understandable.

If we are to succeed in our effort to make friends of the Cornhuskers, it is imperative that an occurrence such as that of last Wednesday will not come about again. We have met many of you, and we like you all immensely. We know that you will not let us down in our attempt to make you like us equally as well.

Lawrence H. Berlin—ASTP.

(Ed Note: It is impossible for the Daily to print complete letters received from soldiers on the campus; cuttings were made by the managing editor. Contrary to Nebraskan policy, we print an unsigned letter. Hereafter, it is requested that writers sign their letters.)

Dear Editor:

The purpose of the obstacle course, as is that of all calisthenics, judo, swimming, or what have you, is to keep our men in trim. Not enough commendation can be directed to our phys ed staff. Their program is both versatile and effective. The obstacle here, truly, is not a difficult one, but serves quite well its small part in the program.

JOHN F. SIMON—AST.

Dear Editor:

Permit us to submit for your approval the fact that infantry basic has at least partially equipped us for future physical activity by frequent administration of projects such as 22 mile marches, infiltration under fire, and rigorous calisthenics, and that some of the other services were not so trained before entering college.

Please consider our advice that your (sports editor's) obviously fertile talents might well be directed toward such highly merited topics as, Resolved: That verbose amateur journalists are a detriment to the advancement of society. (We suggest) that the war effort would not be hindered by a few more salvage collectors or bond salesmen; let us leave the establishment of training aids to the war department.

Some Labeled Readers.

Dear Editor:

Every man who is training here has completed a basic army course—many an advanced one. . . . It is not for the extreme development of our physical frames we were sent here, but for the furthering of specialized fields of education imperative to the winning of this battle in which we are now engaged.

Pvt. Irving H. Lichtenstein—ASTP

FOOTBALL GAME

NEBRASKA

VS.

KANSAS

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

2 o'clock

Student Activity Tickets 5.50

Faculty Tickets 6.60

General Admission \$1.75 Fed. Tax Included

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Latsch Brothers, 1124 O St.

Knol Hole
Adm. 25c

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Adm. 50c