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'The University Liked Them'

The ASTs are leaving. Official word of the impending departure of this last military unit on the Nebraska campus was released today by Chancellor C. S. Boucher.

The 13,000 men who have received AST training at UN will not be forgotten. The university liked them, and they liked the university. And there is little doubt that they profited greatly from the training which they received on this campus.

The ASTs entered the university life, participated in university activities, dated university girls. They became foster sons of Nebraska, Cornhuskers by adoption.

Of course, they griped about the university and the state, sang songs which poked fun at Nebraska's unpredictable weather. But it was good-natured griping. For the most part, they were really quite happy in their war-created role of University of Nebraska students.

As their stay at UN ended and they departed, they left behind many pleasant memories, many favorable impressions, many lasting friendships. The songs they sang as they marched to classes, the familiar pictures of the ubiquitous "Oogots," their valuable contributions to university activities—all these will be remembered. And it is quite certain that they, in turn, will not forget the benefits which UN offered them—a chance at collegiate education, the opportunity to share in the life of the university.

With their departure ends another chapter in the history of the University of Nebraska, a chapter marked by the university's service to state and nation as it trained these 13,000 young Americans.

Army . . .

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 nutrition building on the ag campus, the housing of the soldiers in the AST program was made possible.

Major Raymond Ellis, director of the school division of the 7th Service Command, wrote recently, "This headquarters greatly appreciates the co-operative spirit and sustained effectiveness of your staff personnel in the team job of training the large number of trainees that have passed through your institution during the two year period of rapid growth and adjustment of the AST."

This official statement reflects the co-operative attitude of the army and the university administration in administering the educational program thru which 13,000 students from every state in the union have passed.

Looks With Pride.
 Col. James P. Murphy, infantry commandant, looks back on the record today with pride as the last of the trainees are about to leave Nebraska. He recalls how the faculty rose to the occasion in doing the actual teaching of the trainees and how improvisations were made to accommodate the "visitors" here.

"The boys liked the atmosphere here," he says. "Many of them were easterners and believed we were backwoodsmen when they first arrived. They later changed their minds. They like the way the faculty conducted their classes and we look back with pride on the accomplishments at the University of Nebraska."

Pre-medics, pre-dents, area and language students, pre-engineers and advanced engineers were trained here. During the two years, there was not a single death among the 13,000 men stationed here. Their grades were good and they now have gone on to many of the major battlefields today to earn high honors for themselves. A few have been killed in action.

The trainees moved into Love Memorial library in early April, 1943. Prior to that time, but not attached to AST, a detachment of

the Air Forces, trained here. The STARS, the classification unit housed at the college of agriculture, arrived on April 16, 1943.

Ingenuity Required.
 The men were housed on two campuses. They were fed under improvised conditions which called for ingenuity. More than 1 million meals alone were served at the Union to the trainees and thousands of meals on the agricultural campus.

"We take our hats off to the nutrition and food experts at the Student Union and ag college, for a job well done in feeding the men," says Colonel Murphy. "They had to operate under unfavorable conditions and at all hours of the day and night. Without their help, we could not have succeeded."

Contributing their services to the operation of the army program were many members of the civilian faculty of the university. Dean O. J. Ferguson of the Engineering college was the director of the educational services for the AST. Dr. C. D. Schultz served throughout the two years as educational supervisor. Professor George Darlington was his assistant.

Many of the other faculty members had an active hand in administering the educational side of the vast program. Scores of faculty members also taught in the classroom. The trainees attended classes regularly although under military jurisdiction. There were as high as 2400 of them on the campus of the university at one time and as many as 900 in the STAR unit for one period.

But soon the 17-year old reserves, the last of the AST, will be gone from the campus. Then AST will be officially closed.

Altho she has already made her film bow at the age of seven in Paramount's "The Unseen," Nona Griffith retains the unpretentious ambition of her young life. It is to own an Indian hat, "with feathers."

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LETTERIP

Dear Editor:

What a thrill to read Mr. Hancock's letter and realize that at long last someone with the innate ability and intestinal fortitude necessary for such a move has struck the first blow in a campaign which will certainly end in the complete eradication of Greek social organizations on this campus, and that finally the intellectual stagnation and criminal neglect of moral development so characteristic of these groups will give way to the scholarly spirit and the true social feeling.

Whether or not other organizations will quickly disintegrate after the fall of Alpha Phi is uncertain, but once having gained a foothold in this outpost of apathetic Amazons it will be a simple matter, on the next moonless night, still accompanied by those hard-bitten preservers of campus virtue, the AWS board, to make a stab-in-the-back attack at the AOPi house. Following the truly worthy general plan of Mr. Hancock, this appropriate building could quickly be converted into the proposed dairy barn. In this way, social fraternities would be dispatched and at the same time the Nebraska farmer's well-earned money, originally intended for the construction of buildings, could be used in luring bigger and better instructors to this campus.

Richard H. Sundermann.

To the Editor:

Something about Bill Hancock's recent letter on Greek letter organizations didn't penetrate this thick skull, and because if there's one thing I can't stand it's to be left

Goddess . . .

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 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Reid is secretary of Mortar Board, past president of home ec club, a member of Student Council, ag exec board, A.U.F. council, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The presentation of the Goddesses concluded a review of the history of ag campus, narrated by Julia Crom and Melvin Jones. The remainder of the Ag Day program, scheduled in place of the pre-war Farmers' Fair, consisted of special music, folk dances by the ag physical education classes and community singing. The students attended an all-ag picnic later in the afternoon.

T. J. Thompson . . .

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 scholarship of \$100 to be awarded to a student giving promise in the field of physics upon recommendation of the department of physics.

Frederick A. Stuff Scholarship: Applicants for this \$50 scholarship must have completed the sophomore year, be majoring in

English, and be recommended by the department of English.

Andrew V. Anderson Scholarship: This scholarship of \$100 will be awarded upon joint recommendation of the chairman of the civil engineering department and the dean of the Engineering College to a last semester junior in the department of civil engineering. Applications should be filed with the civil engineering department chairman.

Gus Prestegaard Scholarships: A scholarship fund has been placed at the disposal of the University Foundation, and scholarships and grants in aid for worthy students have been made from the fund during the current year.

Miller and Paine Scholarships: Ten \$100 scholarships for students of good ability, promise of success, and in need of financial assistance has been established. Other things being equal, preference will be given to holders of Regents Scholarships who have completed one year in academic courses or will have completed the same at the end of the current semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Putney Scholarships: Scholarships and grants in aid for worthy students have been made from the fund established, and additional

V . . . — Mail Clippings

Harold Harshaw.

Lt. Nate Holman, Sigma Nu, and his brother Bob Holman, Sigma Nu, are both home on leave. Neither of the boys knew the other was coming home and their parents did not know Bob was coming. Lieutenant Holman is an administrative officer at the infantry training replacement center at Fort McCellan, Alabama and Bob is home from the Great Lakes Naval hospital. Bob was a marine raider and a member of Carlson's Raiders, famous for their activities on Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomons, Emiru in the Bismark Islands and Guam in the Marianas. Bob received a leg wound on the original beachhead landings at Empress Augusta Bay.

Capt. Marvin Kroeger has been assigned to the "Bombing Bulldogs" as a pilot. The Bulldogs are a squadron of medium bombers in the 15th air force stationed in China.

in a muddle, this is written—not as an argument but as a request for an explanation.

What, concretely, is meant by "mental repression," "emotional perversion," and "intellectual falsehood," and why do Greek letter organizations cause these evils?

To arms? Let us depart from the tradition of international conflict and make ours—if conflict comes—follow a definite clarification of objectives.

Hopefully,
 MADGE REINHARDT.

scholarships will be made to students of merit in amounts of \$50 to \$100 for the coming school year.

Franklin E. and Orinda M. Johnson Scholarships: To be eligible for this fund, of ten \$100 scholarships for undergraduate students of demonstrated outstanding scholastic ability, the student must have completed his junior year at the end of the current school year. A student to be considered must be nominated by his advisor with the approval of the department of his specialization, his college or school. After nomination each eligible candidate will be required to take an examination at a time and place to be announced.

Music Contest . . .

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 Altho she is not a music major, but instead is taking a general course in the arts and sciences college, Patsy plans to continue her piano studies since her ambition is to be a concert pianist. The orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Henri Pensis, will offer a "pops" program of lighter favorites including a Mozart overture, a Strauss waltz, and a Rumanian rhapsody.

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