

# Plan Recreation Room For Second Battalion

At long last the Second Battalion in Love Library will soon be enjoying the pleasures of its own day room. Half of room 302 where Battalion Headquarters is now quartered will be converted into a recreation center for AST trainees in the library.

Plans have already been laid for this long-thought-of conversion. The present occupants of the space, the dent students, were moved out last night and it is expected that the room will be ready for use some time next week. Easy chairs and a radio, magazines and books will be installed. Ping-pong tables are being obtained, and possibly a pool table may be procured.

### Place for Recreation.

The need for a place of recreation and relaxation within the Library for hard-working ASTs has been considered at length, and it is hoped that enough facilities may be installed in the new day room to satisfy the trainees. Battalion Headquarters will remain in its present location, but will be partitioned off from the day room.

## Figures Show Height, Weight Age Averages

Statistics revealed by the physical education department show that the average AST trainee at Nebraska is 19.97 years old, stretches up 5 feet 9 1/2 inches and tips the scales at 159.5 pounds. These figures are based on information received in last term's GI physical efficiency tests.

Characteristics of the basic engineers are that they are 19.5 years old, measure 5 feet 10 inches and weigh 161.2 pounds. The advanced engineers are 19.9 years old, 5 feet 7.9 inches tall, and average 156.2 pounds. The average age of the area and language group is 22.1 years, while they are 5 feet 9.7 inches. Their weight averages 156 pounds.

## STAR Notes

BY PFC. PATSY NOTO.

The "Case of The Missing Star Column" is still a mystery to me. Every time I turned to Page 4 of the Nebraskan last week, "Gold & Co." stared me in the face. Whether or not this was a direct hint to get one of their \$2 beautifying mask treatments, I don't know.

Many hearts were broken two weeks ago when a shipment of old-timers was made. Men who had entered the unit four months ago, and were now considered part of the decorations, finally left our happy family. Among them were Cpl. Fred Friestedt, Pfc. Joseph Epstein, and Pfc. Herbert Pensky. Friestedt was our art manager, and a very popular figure at Morrill Hall. He was also well-known at the USO, and left a few mementos hanging on the wall in the Art Room. Epstein was the lovable Study Hall monitor, and had been here longer than anyone else. The Love Memorial Hall girls felt the loss of Pensky. He was often around dating Lorraine French.

**Lt. Bowman Rather Busy.**  
Lt. Bowman had more on his hands at that same time than ever before. First, Lt. Neff got a seven day leave, leaving the office to "Pvt. Hargrove" and his mad ideas. Secondly, Captain Adams fell ill and had to spend a few days in the hospital. Thirdly, Lt. Cook was encountering his first difficulties as the father of a baby and experienced men know what this means. Thanks to the Infantry training Lt. Bowman received, everything kept running smoothly. Upon Lt. Neff's return, he too was given a well-earned leave.

Last Saturday night the Home Ec girls threw their first "Leap Year" dance right in our gym. Packs and packs of hungry wolfesses, who had been starving for the past three years, invaded the place. Picture this with a decorative background, cokes, sweet puke-box music, and you can see that everyone had a wonderful time. Before your imagination runs away with you, let me add that the amount of chaperons was

## Birthday Ball Replaces Army Hop Next Week

In consideration of the Lincoln President's Birthday Ball committee, Col. James P. Murphy, acting for the air corps detachment; and Miss Pat Lahr, manager of the Union, have agreed to give up the second monthly army dance which was to have been held in the coliseum Saturday, Jan. 29.

Due to the Union's booking of the only available orchestra in Lincoln and the only dance floor big enough to hold such a dance crowd, the three groups connected with the campus military dances have agreed to relinquish their bookings for that night in favor of the President's Birthday Ball celebration in connection with the March of Dimes campaign.

An all-military birthday ball will be held in the coliseum that night to which all Lincoln service men and service women will be admitted free with their dates. Music will be furnished by a Lincoln Air Base band and the dance will last from 9 to 12 p. m.

Because of the cancellation of the regular campus military dance, the Union has pledged to give the men an extra dance in March.

The first January dance will be held tomorrow night as scheduled with Dave Haun's orchestra beating out the rhythm for UN army men and their dates and Lincolnette hostesses.

## Barney Reveals Names of Blood Donors from AST

A list of trainee blood donors to date was released yesterday by Lt. Chauncey E. Barney, Commander of Company F in the Field House. Nineteen from Company B have volunteered their plasma, but are waiting till they can be taken care of. Information about the Blood Bank Drive may be found elsewhere in this issue.

The following men have donated blood so far: James Karnes, Fred Steed, John Tobin, Robert Baker, Henry Lamapol, Frank Stepanek, John Walberg Jr., David Meyer, Goodwin Steinberg, Burnam Pope, William Reckner, Richard Huitger, Donald Robinson, Fred Patton, Dwight Patterson, William Rew, Harold Publicover, Frank Schmidt, Louis Bosnyak, Thomas Michels, William Meckling, Richard Wemper and Richard Wagner.

in direct proportion to the amount of girls.

### Men Flock to Concert.

There were more STARS at the Student Union Sunday afternoon listening to the University Symphony Orchestra than you could count at reveille. Men who could never be found for details were seen for the first time. Sgt. Orne lamented that he didn't have his roll book with him. The "Overture to the Bartered Bride" and the

How many people know that we have two Robert E. Adamses here? One of them is our Captain, while the other is our mess sergeant. And what an efficient mess sergeant the latter is! The secret to his success is that he takes a personal interest in the coed workers. The Lincolnette dance last Sunday found him cheek-to-cheek with Pat Cockeran, the girl who loves to smear gravy on your potatoes. However, those weren't any gravy smears that were seen on Adams that night.

### "Corn-Feds" Take Revenge.

Ever since two Sunday's back, I have been afraid to take a stroll on this campus. Our neighboring fems from the dormitory are evidently after my hide. From the way three of them manhandled me that night I'm glad I've taken the \$10,000 insurance policy. Irked by my words, "native cornfields" in a recent column, they hauled me off the bus and deposited me head-first into the Ag campus well.

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## Precious Moments by Lew Davies



"... and how about a date for the fire drill Wednesday night? ..."

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## GI Physical Efficiency Ratings Improve 9.5%

During the fall term AST students improved their physical efficiency ratings by 9.5%, according to figures released by the Physical Education Department. "Charles Atlas" of Nebraska's ASTP proved to be engineer Roscoe D. Newton from Company B with 90.57 per cent. He scored 634 points out of the possible 700 perfect total in the seven efficiency tests.

All trainees took these Army PER tests early in the term and again in late December in seven events which tested their strength, endurance and co-ordination. The basic engineers showed an overall improvement of 6.86%, while the advanced engineers increased their ratings by 7.57%. The language students in Company C raised their marks 3.16%.

**Vierk and Peers Also High.**  
Strong man Newton achieved his high mark in the second set of tests. In the first ratings he scored 620 points. Statistics on this "Charles Atlas" show that he is 19, weighs 150 and is 5 feet 8 inches. Runner-up for the "Atlas" title was Ernest Vierk, a German student in Company C, with records of 622 and 614 points in the two sets of trials. Third place on the list was also held by Company C in the person of George Peers, who registered 620 points for an 88.57 PER in the December test series.

Other high men over the 600 mark included Jack Maticka, 614; Bill Burns, 613; James Chandler, 612; Kenneth Weiser, 608; Neil Arntzen, 607; Donald Pope, 606; Frank Racher, Lewis Brannon, Matthew Brade, 605; James Bernardi, Maxwell Smith, John Scanlon, 604; and John Jex, 602.

**Statistics By Units.**  
Statistics broken down by events for each unit may be found below. Performance in the two sets of tests is given in the average number of times an exercise was done, or in the average time it took. Percentages indicate the gain in achievement based on a perfect point-score of 100 in each event.

Basic Engineers.

Event	Nov.	Dec.	% Gain
Push-Ups	20.7	24.7	14.4
Squat Jumps	41.4	49.4	14.3
Sit-Ups	48.7	49.7	1.5
Pull-Ups	6.0	6.2	3.2
Burpee 20	11.8	11.8	0
100-Yr. Carry	24.4	23.0	14.6
300-Yd. Run	44.3	44.6	-2.9

Advanced Engineers.

Event	Nov.	Dec.	% Gain
Push-Ups	22.4	24.9	8.5
Squat Jumps	42.2	48.6	10.5
Sit-Ups	43.1	46.9	6.5
Pull-Ups	5.3	6.3	21.8
Burpee 20	10.2	11.7	5.2
100-Yr. Carry	23.1	22.9	0.5
300-Yr. Run	44.2	44.4	-2.0

Area and Language.

Event	Nov.	Dec.	% Gain
Push-Ups	24.1	25.3	3.8
Squat Jumps	45.8	47.9	2.8
Sit-Ups	46.5	48.4	3.4
Pull-Ups	5.6	5.9	6.5
Burpee 20	11.4	12.0	14.9
100-Yr. Carry	24.1	23.8	3.0
300-Yd. Run	44.2	45.5	-11.9

## Battalion Banter

Since the army has taken command of its stomachs and ordered every man to eat breakfast at GI mess halls, we understand that a well known dairy hangout is considering writing to Washington to complain about the waste of food at its morning meals now that soldiers have discovered willy-nilly the joys of Union chow. P. S.: The

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## Field House Pits New 5 Against "A"

Saturday afternoon at 3:30 in the Coliseum, the revamped Field House five will tackle Company A in an Army tournament game. Company B will meet the powerful Air Base Raiders in the pre-lim to the Nebraska-Minnesota fray Saturday night.

Several days ago the Field House was not able to field a team to meet B company, but since then Lieutenant Schaffer's men have been working out, and have organized a team made up from the holdovers of last term's team. The entire first team which ended up in third spot, was transferred from Nebraska, leaving the B-2's in a tough spot. The starting whistle will find John McNeilly and Jerry Hays at forwards, Bill Lane in the pivot, and Ed De Silva and Dick Froeschle in the back court.

For the first time this season, the Red and White Raiders of A Company will find themselves the favorites. They have lost two games this round—to B and C Companies, but will be meeting a team in their own class Saturday. The Raiders will probably start off with Olivers and McCaully at the forward posts, Livingston at center, and Pigott and Ahoie holding down the guard positions.

The evening contest will find an improving B Company meeting a colorful, and powerful Air Base quintet. Scheer, Fuller and Company may give the Raiders a good run for their money—the Hustlers have height. Messrs. Tatum, Krafft, Hudak, Brady, and Koval always put on a good show, and play a dazzling brand of basketball. They're riding on the crest of a six game winning streak, and have what is generally considered the best club in these parts—service or otherwise.

**Intramural Schedule**

Saturday, Jan. 22, A vs. Field House, 3:30.  
Saturday, Jan. 22, B vs. Air Base Raiders, 6:30.  
Tuesday, Jan. 25, B vs. Air Corps, 6:30.  
Saturday, Jan. 29, C vs. Field House, 7:30.  
Saturday, Feb. 5, Air Corps vs. Field House, 3:30.  
Saturday, Feb. 5, A vs. Air Base Raiders, 6:30.  
Tuesday, Feb. 8, B vs. C Company, 6:30.  
Saturday, Feb. 12, A vs. Air Corps, 7:30.

food is pretty good after all. Through our usually reliable grapevine we hear that one of the company commanders recently received an anonymously sent copy of Dale Carnegie's incomparable "How To Make Friends and Influence People." He's been seen lately deeply engrossed in its pages.

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