

Army and UN

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BEFORE

Just a year ago this month, the Nebraskan carried a front page headline to the effect that the army air corps was coming to Nebraska in the form of 300 flight cadets.

UN students greeted the news with mixed feelings, especially when they found that the army was taking over the new library. "Back to the old morgue after all," they said. And then they waited to see whether they were going to like the army or not.

Bunks Enter Love.

March 21 the air corps officers arrived. Bunks not books went into the library and coeds combed the closets for extra coat hangars. And still they waited to form an opinion about the army. There were a few gripes about the "boys" taking over a perfectly good library, but mostly UN had curiosity.

Finally, on March 30, as coeds went to classes they heard new whistles, not a Nebraska variety, but more like California, Texas, Maine, and South Carolina. "Hmm, they said, 'the army is here and it looks fine to us.'" Crosswalk traffic behind the new library stopped with the posting of "No Trespassing, Government Property" signs.

And UN went back to 8 o'clock classes. Students howled about that and about not being able to walk across their own campus. Looks like the army expects to run things around here, they said.

G. I.'s Accepted.

UN was so busy trying to decide whether to like the army or not, that it had little time to wonder whether the army liked it. An air cadet wrote an article of appreciation of UN to the Nebraskan after about 10 days here, and that's where the students gave in and decided to take in the cadets as true Nebraskans. Part of UN's own ROTC left for parts unknown, and coeds, at first wary, turned to the cadets for dates and southern accents and Saturday night fun.

Then the dorm got quarantined for scarlet fever. Coeds blamed the army for bringing the germs, particularly since third floor of Northeast had become a GI infirmary. About that time, the STAR's arrived on ag campus, and germs were forgotten in the general excitement. Only one thing was worrying the coeds—where were they going to live next year when the army took over the dorm, frat and sorority houses. Chancellor Boucher nipped that in the bud with a spring announcement that houses would stay civilian, and UN settled down with no worries to watch for further developments.

Campus Kept Busy.

The ASTP was still a vague rumor in those days, but the activated ROTC, STAR's, and cadets kept the campus busy with social life, speculation, and rumor.

When students went home in May, they had formed some pretty definite ideas about the army. It had taken over the university, no doubt. There were 8 o'clocks and no library because of them. No week night dates, so coeds had to coke by themselves or, worse yet, study. They (the GI's) pushed Ne-

Editors Ready GI Swan Song

Communique from the library front (delayed by rumors)—latest hot tips can't seem to decide who's going where when, but the Nebraskan is saying farewell today. Sunday, your faithful (?) Army News editors will dedicate our final, ultimate and last edition of the Nebraskan Army News to the soldiers' farewell to the university—farewell at least for quite a few of us.

We have met a lot of deadlines amid frantic pounding on this keyboard since last September. It will seem rather sad to end our gremlin-like newspaperman existence of trying to keep out of the way of big "disapproved" stamps and yet cover the various military activities on campus. That reminds us—must rush back to the library for the latest "Have you heard?"—"No, what's up?"—"I haven't heard about it either."

THE ARMY NEWS EDITORS.

AFTER

It has suddenly dawned on UN students, mostly the coeds, that tempus is fugiting at a terrific rate, April 1 is getting close, and this year it means something besides April Fool's day.

The AST boys know well what April 1 or thereabouts means to them—goodbye Nebraska. Just what it means to the campus they leave behind them is something civilians joke lightly about in spite of the fact that they are just beginning to realize how much the army does mean these days.

Little Things Count.

It could be the fact that UN stands to lose out on some finances that is going to make students miss the GI. But it really isn't anything big like this. The things that gripe a little bit now and then are the things civilians will be lost without until they have time to get adjusted again.

"She's Got Em," "Paddy Murphy," "The Air Corps Song" and even "Dear Old Alaska U" have become so much a part of campus that students have forgotten how to sing Husker songs.

They'll miss the mess in the Union at GI dinner time, they'll miss getting run over on the Union steps by hungry cadets, and they'll miss side-swiping piles of books and overcoats in the halls.

War Show Rates.

They are sure that there will never be another War Show like the one of 1944 with Joe Stynes, Rog O'Reilly, Stanley Green, Jerry Broder and his orchestra, and the dozens of other soldiers that cooperated and had fun making the production such a success.

Coeds will miss coke dates at 9 in the Union after study hall, and they will miss Alabama, Wisconsin, and Vermont pin-mates. They'll miss the men in general.

Civilians will have to learn all over how to walk on the sidewalks. No more wondering what is being said when a cadet starts sounding off in German.

Last May UN went home for the summer, wondering what it would be like to come back to a military campus. This May it will go home for the summer, wondering what it will be like without the army. They will tell the Air Corps and the AST so long and good luck and all that stuff, and they'll hope that maybe the army has liked it here just a little, because they liked having them here a lot.

Nebraskans off the sidewalks and got student classrooms so that civilians had to trip clear over to Law for Spanish class.

This then was UN and the army a year ago. What civilian men thought about the cadets taking over their best girls was censored, and what the coeds thought about being taken over was obvious by the Saturday night fun. Anyway, Nebraskans liked the singing, and they were pretty sure that they were going to like the army. "Wait 'til next year," they said, when there won't be any tweed coats and plaid ties to contrast with khaki.

Doughboys Do . . .

Army Socialites Leave Memoirs Behind

. . . So We Hear

The "boys that are leaving" have left no small impression on old UN campus, to say nothing of the pins and rings they have left with certain coeds. Very early on the list were Harold Leventhal, Phi Sigma Delta from Boulder, and SDT Frayde Sobel—of course, they had something of a head start since Frayde got her little pin in summer school. Then she got a honey of a diamond right about Christmas to sew things up, but perfectly.

Not far behind were Jack May and Alpha Phi Carolyn "Candy" Held, who surprised all with Candy's turning up with a flash on third finger, left hand, on New Year's eve . . . Back from furlough came A&L Bill Maurice of Ohio and presented his badge to Alpha Phi Mary Sinclair.

Before this, Harvard's David Lowenthal and Anita Kezer, Theta from Oklahoma A. & M., became engaged, informally, but the informal part of it was not to stop their folks from becoming acquainted and everything being just real chummy and so it looks real much like the real thing.

Strictly "on the ball" was Michigan's Chi Psi Fred Lehmann whose sweetheart pin found its way to the Pi Phi arrow of Adrienne Waggoner, all of which makes for a right happy combination except that Fred has already left for the ski troops . . .

Only recently did Dale Wolf, former UN boy, hang his Farm House pin on Gamma Phi Clarice Marshall—and about this time news that Harvey Aronson and

SDT Lenore Simon are going steady, mild for these days, we'll admit, but after all, Lennie is still a freshman . . .

Beta Marries.

Harold Salisbury, former UN Beta, did things up really right when he married Theta Shirley Wright on March 11.

Not even going steady are Air Corps man Mal Harris and Alpha Phi "Margie" Swanson but people and people would like to see more of that couple and we can see why . . .

More aviation students doing a bit of all right are Edward Smith with Alpha Chi Jean Larson and Leo Sweeney with dorm's Lois Nelson . . . to say nothing of Marty Herschkowitz and SDT Becky Silver . . . That's all . . .



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