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## Make It Voluntary

On the face of it, 310 students look like a good attendance record at the first All-Campus Vespers service held last Tuesday in the Union. In fact, too good.

Students were crowded in parlors XYZ of the Union, or stood outside. If such attendance continues, the services will have to be held in a larger room which might not be as suitable to the half-hour of friendly quiet that is the aim of Vesper services.

The committee in charge, however, is not as yet anxious to make such a change, because it is afraid that after the present pledges of the fraternities and sororities are initiated, the attendance at Vespers will fall off. Why? Because the greek houses have a system of requiring pledges to collect a certain number of "activity points" before the pledge is eligible for initiation. Pledges get "points" by working on campus organizations, and by attending certain campus meetings, such as the Coed Counselor charm school programs, YW freshman concession groups, men's intermurals, etc. Included in the "pointed" list is the All-Campus Vespers service.

The greek activity point system serves the excellent purpose of forcing students to acquaint themselves, despite themselves, with the campus doings and widens their circle of friends outside their own particular group.

It does not seem, however, that Vespers, fundamentally a religious service, should be included in the "point system." It is just the same as bribing an adult to become a member of a church because the minister wanted a larger congregation.

**SUGGESTION:** That the university build a sidewalk or at least throw down a few flagstones in place of the dirt path worn by students "cutting" from Pharmacy across the lawn of the Old Campus to the library. Everything possible should be done to encourage students in their use of the library!

**POLITICAL NOTE:** Quote from a release of the "Young Americans for Roosevelt" headquarters: "Formation of a nation-wide non-partisan movement of young voters to work for the re-election of President Roosevelt was announced recently by Barney Ross, co-chairman of the group which will be known as Young Americans for Roosevelt."

Maybe we misunderstood the dictionary definition of "non-partisan."

## V... - Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Lt. SAM WIGGANS, Farm House and one of last year's senior ROTC men, was back on leave en route from Camp Atterbury, Ind., to Fort Jackson, S. C. He reported an impressive list of former UNites now at Camp Atterbury: Lt. PAUL EVELAND, FH, Lt. JOHN SAUTTER, Lt. ERWIN WITTE, Lt. BUD WEHRMAN, DU, Lt. LESTER WILDERDINK, Lt. BILL SCHAUMBERG, Beta, Lt. TOM GRISWOLD, Sig. Alph, and Lt. MORT ZUBER, SAM and former business manager of the Nebraskan. All these men are expecting transfer some time this week.

Lt. ALAN JACOBS, ZBT Innocent and former editor of the Nebraskan, is now going to "exec" school at Fort Sill, Okla., as is Lt. HAROLD SALISBURY, Beta.

Lt. DALE WOLF, Farm House Innocent and another ex-Nebraskan man, is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

PRESTON HAYES, Innocent president and member of Sigma Nu, graduated from OCS at Fort Benning, Ga., with his commission as second lieutenant. He is now on leave, heading in the direction of Camp Butner, Raleigh, N. C., to the 89th Infantry division.

Lt. "LEW" LEHR, Kappa Sig here last year, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., and writes that he wants very much to receive the Serviceman's edition of the rag so as not "to lose out on news of the campus."

A few of the former AST area and language men who were stationed on the campus last year have now landed in France with the 71st and 114th Infantry. They include: Pfc. WILLIAM ALLEN, Pfc. ERNEST VEIRK, Pfc. RICHARD KERR, Pfc. CHARLES SCHMIDT, Pfc. CHARLES STEWART, and T/5 DONALD SMITH. Another AST man, T/5 HARRY STUTMAN is now at Camp Maxey, Tex.

A/S NORM LEGER, Kappa Sig, is with the Navy V-12 unit at Greencastle, Ind.

It seems the last release on KEITH R. REED was some 18 weeks old. He was commissioned a second lieutenant Saturday after completing bombardier training at the Carlisle, N. M. Army Air field.

Lt. WILLIAM H. "HANK" GREENE, Phi Delt and grad of '43, writes that he is fast recovering to "his old abnormal self." Hank is an officer in the Seventh Armored division which spearheaded the Third Army's drive across France, and it was division which took Chartres, gateway to Paris.

Lt. Greene, knocked out by a German mortar shell, was unconscious for four days. He received treatment in a field hospital near the front lines. This action took place on the other side of the Seine where "his boys" saw plenty of front line combat action.

## LETTERIP

A "G. I. JOE" has written: "How about mentioning something about the Joes who have never forgotten their old alma mater and are always thinking of that day when they'll be able to come back to sit in the Corn Crib and have a coke or dance at the Mortar Board party in the coliseum, or to walk in sosh or econ class...?"

The writer of this letter was Myron "Bud" Levinson, SAM of '41-'42, known on the campus for his versatility as a ventriloquist, and as a star performer of the Kosmet Klub of that year.

He has himself answered his plea with a poem dedicated to fraternity brother Harold Stein, now in Italy. Entitled "G. I. JOE," it is one of several of Bud's poems published recently in "Yank," "Saturday Evening Post" and "Stars and Stripes."

Of Harold Stein, Bud says "Harold thinks as much of the 'Old School' as I do, and has been overseas a long time... He was in North Africa, Sicily, and now in Italy. "G. I. JOE" is a tribute to him... I'm afraid it doesn't do Harold justice. He's a great guy."

G. I. JOE.

What's happened to him?

Hadn't you heard? Why he's fightin' with the "Fifth"

Fighting in the filth and rubble in what is left

Of that land called "Sunny Italy."

Naw—you'd probably not recognize him, 'cause

He's not that kind that stands out from the rest.

Seventeen months ago he was fighting too.

Fighting the battle of books—

Hunting, searching; always seeking

To quench his thirst for knowledge.

Oh, books brought him facts and figures, sure—

But they didn't tell him what it would be like

On that beach at SALERNO.

Still a bloody war didn't stop his burning thirst.

Over there, he learned the hard way.

Bullets and bombs, not books, were his homework.

And this college of war has taught him much.

It's shown him that the world isn't all "sport jackets

and steaks."

Ration K and fatigues are the mode of the day.

Joe has learned plenty. Enough to teach

That paperhanger that he can't destroy

Those things penned on a tattered manuscript

Called "Inalienable rights."

Yeah, Joe's gone for a while

But he'll be back.

He's not out there to be a hero—

Just out there to do a job, 'cause

He's not that kind that stands out from the rest!

—PFC. M. LEVINSON, U. S. Fourth Air Force.

## Mosher Speaks To Vesper Group Tuesday In Union

Art Mosher, key-note speaker for the North American Student Conference at Wooster, Ohio last year, will address the second all-university Vesper services in parlors XYZ at 5 p. m. on Tuesday.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, Mr. Mosher has spent 10 years in India at the Allahabad Farm Institute. At the present

time he is teaching at Hartford, Conn.

While in India, Mr. Mosher and his wife, relinquishing his salary lived for a time in a native village, in a native hut, and on native food so that he would be better able to help the Indians.

Student leader for the service will be Bill Miller. Suzanne Pope will be the pianist.

Co-chairmen on the services are Miller and Shirley Hilmer. Robert Drew, Methodist student pastor, is sponsor. Members of the committee are Joyce Crosbie, Lavawn Johnson, Marylee Holler, and Betty King.

## Four Graduate Musicians Get Master Degree

Four graduate students of the university school of music have been awarded Master of Music degrees. The four students, Reiner Andreesen, Harold Avery, Ruth Erickson and Barbara Payne are the first to receive such a degree since its institution on this campus in 1943.

All of the four received their degrees at the close of the 1944 summer session. Reiner Andreesen is superintendent of the consolidated schools at Filley, Kas., and is also organist, choir director and band director for the Hanover Lutheran church in Hanover county, Kansas. Harold Avery has gone to Jackson, Miss., where he is chairman of the department of music at Belhaven college.

Miss Ruth Erickson is teacher

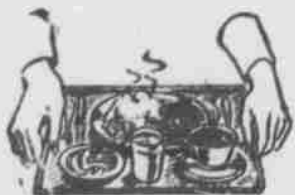
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of voice and public school music methods at the University of Idaho at Moscow, Ida., and Miss Barbara Payne is now an instructor in piano at the university school of music.

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