



Col. Rising

Rising new on ROTC staff

By Mary Shackelton

Col. Lucien E. Rising, a new member of the ROTC Dept., says the Army is on the right track in training individuals for military service.

According to Rising, the army has cut out a lot of the "Mickey Mouse" while retaining enough discipline to keep people at their physical and mental best.

Asked if he thought the U.S. would possibly be involved in a war in coming years, he said he saw the possibility "if we don't maintain a strong defense."

"If the possibility for war didn't exist, there shouldn't be an army," he said. "War is not a problem if we stay strong."

Before coming to UNL this August, Rising was stationed at The Hague, in the Netherlands, as an Army Attache since 1971.

Rising said he requested a teaching position because he "likes to deal with young people." He also said he thought the Midwest was a good place to bring up children and that the Midwestern people he had come in contact with seemed "open, honest and straight-forward."

Rising, who has had 24 years of military service, received the B.S. degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an M.S. in aerospace engineering from the University of Arizona.

From 1961 to 1965 he was an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences at West Point.

In 1968-69 he served part-time as Assistant U.S. Mission Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Vietnam under Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and part-time as a Deputy Province Advisor.

In 1969-71 he was Chief of Military Operations Division of Limited War Laboratory at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland in a research and development program.

Altogether, Rising has spent 11 years overseas, six years in Italy, three years in the Netherlands, one year in Korea and one year in Vietnam. He speaks Vietnamese, Dutch and Italian.

Italy was his favorite country, he said. The food, the Italian people and their sense of humor, which he said is similar to the American sense of humor, were reasons he gave for his preferences.

While in Italy, he served as an aide to a four-star Italian general, who spoke no English.

"Basically people are the same all over the world when you get to know them," he said.

Rising attributes his choice of an army career to his godfather, who was an army man. He also entered military school in the 5th grade, which he said influenced his decision.

He said he "takes satisfaction from associating with people of integrity and belonging to such an organization."

Asked if he hoped his sons would choose military careers, he said he has "no hang-ups about his children following in his footsteps" and would not try to influence them either way.

Rising will be at UNL for three years. Next semester he will begin teaching, probably military leadership and map reading on all four grade levels. He said he wanted to teach on all levels so that he could get to know students at all levels.

After retirement from the army, which will be around 1980, Rising said he would like to teach mathematics.

Center will unify special education programs

Construction of a graduate speech and therapy building is expected to have begun by today, UNL business manager Ronald Wright said Tuesday.

The Barkley Center, when completed, will contain teaching, research and clinical facilities to teach the deaf and hard of hearing, persons with speech defects and the physically handicapped, according to an office of University Information (OUI) news release.

The building, funded entirely by the estate of William E. Barkley, former Lincoln bank and insurance executive, will be built east of the Dental College, the OUI reported. Completion of the \$1,391,000 building is expected in January 1976.

According to OUI, Barkley's \$4 million gift to the University was donated "to train teachers for the deaf and hard of hearing, to work with children with speech defects and to teach speech reading to adult deaf persons."

The building will centralize the instruction of special education teachers, according to Robert Stepp, Jr., director of the Specialized Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

At present, Temple, Henzlik and Nebraska Halls contain facilities to instruct special education teachers. With the construction of the Barkley Center, special education instruction programs will be unified, Stepp said.

Trustees of the Barkley estate will be recognized at a reception Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Columbus Room of the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

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