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## No Room For Playboys

Going to College on the present basis, and going to college under the Army's new specialized training program will be two completely different stories. Soldiers sent to college will have little time for social pastimes.

From the time they are selected, until they graduate—if they do—they will have to stay on the ball to keep up with proposed program. Officials planning the program warn those who look upon it as a chance to go to college with its traditional sports, social events and leisurely living, better stick to the Army.

Officials suggested that a good idea of the pace that will be set could be learned from any man who has gone through Officer's Candidate School. It will not be a bit less intensive in the Army's college. Men for the training will be chosen on the basis of screening tests to determine background and aptitude. There will be screening tests every 12 weeks thereafter to weed out misfits.

There will be a long schedule—24 to 25 hours of class or laboratory work and hours of supervised study each week, plus five hours military training and one hour physical training each day. Generally the courses will be far shorter than those customarily offered in colleges and will not lead to degrees. Length of courses include electrical and chemical engineering, seven quarters; mechanical engineering, six quarters; and foreign areas—a study of language and customs to qualify a man for duty as liaison officer between troops and native populations, from 6 to 15 months.

Thus far, no colleges have been formally designated for the training program, although a list of 271 eligible for the work has been published. Those schools do not include institutions which will be eligible for basic educational training and for medical courses.

Col. Herman Buekema, director of the specialized training program, recently announced training would start by March 1, and that courses in engineering would start first. He estimated that the maximum number of men under training at any one time probably would be 150,000 and that 50,000 would complete their courses in 1943. Explaining the screening tests, Col. Buekema said the Army expects a high rate of attrition. At each screening men will be returned to become technical non-coms. This does not represent waste, because such men are badly needed.

"Because they are screened out doesn't mean they are not good men," Buekema stated. "They were picked men to begin with. Moreover, at the screenings others will be chosen to go to officer candidate schools. Men who show great capacity but need development will go no longer. Those showing particular aptitude will get advanced training for some activity connected with the war effort, sometimes outside military life. We know these fellows are rare."

A premium will be placed on engineering talent. Next come medical men, and thereafter psychologists, who will be trained to do Army classification work, and those who will be taking "foreign area studies."



Old Mania...

By BOB KINTER

We are about to give three rousing cheers. Will you join us? Why? The Curtiss-Wright girls have finally arrived. Okay, let's go! There's one hitch in the works, though. The Chi Phi boys took over as soon as they hit town. They waited at the steps leading up to Watts Hall and counted them as they came in. And they got blind dates for a good many of them. One of them was disappointed, though. It seems that during the evening, he noticed that his fraternity pin was missing, and raised quite a to-do about it. She couldn't see why and asked, "What's an old fraternity pin, more or less?" He spent the rest of the night looking for it and his girl friend decided that if the pin was more important than she was, he could look for it himself. She isn't going back.

## Dances, Dances

We hit a couple of the dances over the weekend, namely Collegian Dance and the Delta Gamma formal. At Collegian Dance we had a great deal of trouble with George Pittenger and Ruth Storér. They kept bumping into us. We saw a good many couples and picked out a few who deserve some special note—Cliff St. Clair Beta and Mary Thompson Chio... Bob Hicks Delta Chi and Libby Furst Kappa... Charlie Good Phi Kappa Sigma and Betty Lyman Theta... Dick Marsh Teke and Kitty Vogel Kappa... Lou McCormick KDR and Jane McChesney Theta.

The DYG's had quite a collection of long dresses and tuxedos on Saturday. Among them we picked out Doty Jones, the Prexy, and Al Hack SAE... Sis Kehler and an import... Kay Grabin and Horace Smith Alphasigma Chi... Bobby Mennes and Harry Hofmeister Alphasigma Chi... Sue Hay and Moe Allison Kappasig... June Conrad STA and Private Bill... Aliene Babbitt and Bill Beam Kappasig... Beth Paine, DG alum, and Bob Brookes SAE.

## Trivia

Connie Reddig, ZTA prexy, told her friends around Atherton that she will be married to an ensign sometime next month. Dick Spurch Phisigmakappa pinned one of his home town girls over the weekend. Something happened out at the Phi Sigma Delta house over the weekend, but the boys say it's not for publication for a couple days. It should be a real treat when it finally comes to light. Barney Plessner, BMOC of last year dropped in from Fort Benning for a couple days. —MANIAC.

## Buy War Bonds And Stamps

## We, The Women Compulsory's No Word For The Privilege

Getting the autograph of a worthy notable who has recently published a book is a novelty. Being able to say that you knew the author "when" is a thrill.

Having the opportunity to hear the author discuss her own book is a privilege.

And senior women will have such a privilege when Dr. Laura W. Drummond, director and professor of home economics, begins a series of talks on her recently printed book, "Youth and Instruction in Marriage and Family Living," today.

Divided into alphabetical sections, senior women will hear the educational talks in Women's Building lounge at 4:15 p.m. on days to be announced later. The first group, A, B, and part of C, has been notified by postcards of the initial meeting.

In line with sensible thinking, but contrary to current rumors, the meetings are not compulsory. They are open to interested persons.

Representing a myriad of colleges and universities, Curtiss-Wright Cadettes have arrived and are taking over Watts Hall and parts of the engineering buildings.

Most of them have been at colleges before, but they still need to be made a part of our campus. They deserve more attention and hospitality than a weekend import.

WSGA Representatives, Mortar Board members, Cwens, Junior Service Board, and other coed leaders wandered through the newcomers' dorm Sunday to meet and welcome the slide-rule women.

Just because they can recognize two or three faces on campus, don't think that they're right at home, 'cause they aren't.

We've extended the welcome, but they still aren't inside our doors the way they would like to be.

WRA has opened White Hall to them for recreational purposes and other women's activities are planning special programs for them.

But their present need is for downright friendliness which only depends on each of us who is already sold on the Lion.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

WRA Bowling Club meets in White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

PSCA Freshman Girls' Forum and Freshman Boys' Council Valentine party meets in 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

IE Society meets at the KDR house, 7 p.m.

Ice skating on the College tennis courts, weather permitting, 7 to 9 p.m. Admission, 15 cents.

International Relations Club meets, 5 Sparks Building, 7 p.m.

Liberal Arts Council meets in 9 Carnegie Hall at 7:15 p.m.

The Badminton Club meets in White Hall lounge at 6:30 for a business meeting and practice.

Dr. William Gray will speak at International Relations Club, 5 Sparks, 7 p.m., on recent changes in Latin America.

TOMORROW

Alpha Lambda Delta meets in Miss Bentley's apartment, 5 p.m.

## Courts Open for Skating

Tennis courts will be open for skating from 7 to 9:30 tonight and every night in the future, weather permitting. Charles P. Lebow, president of Phi Epsilon Kappa, men's physical education honorary, announced today. Poor weather has prevented earlier opening of the rink. Price of admission is 15 cents.

## I. E. Society Meets

Members of the Industrial Engineering society will hold their monthly meeting in the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, 7 o'clock tonight, it was announced by the program committee. All I. E. students are asked to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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