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## College Students and the Draft

Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has just released some very encouraging—as well as very important—information to college students. The information consists of the tabulation of the latest Gallup poll on the question of college students and the draft.

The results of the Gallup poll on the question, "Should college students be permitted to finish their present college course before being drafted into the army?" show an overwhelming vote in the affirmative. The "yes" vote was 69 per cent of the ballots, with only 31 per cent dissenting.

If the selective service program follows the Gallup lead—and it has been proven to be an accurate indication of public opinion—then freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in universities and colleges today probably will be given an opportunity to finish their courses before they are taken for a year's service in the army.

THAT bit of news should be welcome in just about all student circles. The majority of college students have worked hard and spent considerable money, hoping to get an education in some chosen field. As the selective service act pressed closer to them they began to see their hopes of a college degree vanishing. Now, it seems, there may be a chance that they will be allowed to finish before being called to serve in the army.

At least that is the desired policy as far as the majority of the public is concerned. Because the selective service army is largely a people's army, the weight of public opinion should be very influential in determining the policy.

A deferment to allow college students to finish their courses is sound national defense. The case for such a deferment was very well expressed by some of the people interviewed in the Gallup poll. "The completion of a college course would make a man more useful to the country than would a year in the army or navy," they said.

NATIONAL defense is not all trained man power. A large part of the defense program must be built about trained brain power and men who are capable of organizing and running the important phases of industry. The present war, as one of the Gallup interviewees said, "is a war of brains as well as fighting soldiers."

Not to be forgotten also, is the welfare of the country after the war. The most important work of all—that of getting things back to normal, of setting up the machinery for a more lasting peace, and of rebuilding the country—should not be forgotten. Much of that work is going to fall upon the college-trained man and woman.

It would not be unfair discrimination to grant a deferment to men and women taking courses in which they can contribute more to national defense than by taking up a year's training in the army. It is a sound military and national policy. Apparently the public is aware of that.

The board of Ottawa Collegiate institute is trying to solve a mystery of 1913, revealed in a letter from an honor student of that year. Miss Sybil Stewart complained that the "gold" medal presented to her in recognition of her scholastic standing has turned out to be nothing but gilded bronze.

Hamilton college has one English composition student who goes in for realism. He wrote on "My Roommate Gives Me a Haircut." Clinging to the theme paper which he turned in to David H. Bettle, instructor, were several small, closely-clipped hairs.



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## The Passing Parade

By CORINE LAMON

Not a lot is new these days, but here are a few items a FEW people on the campus may not have heard yet . . .

Correction department: Elaine Clark, Kappa, does NOT have Bob Broderick's ATO pin—she gave it back a couple of weeks ago . . . and, for Doc Henry's information Ann Brown is NOT an Alpha Phi and Hartley Neeland is NOT a Sigma Chi, although they ARE pinned—he is a Phi Delt. . . also, Barbara Todd is NOT going STEADY with Porky Andrews. . .

And now for what IS what: Ena Livingston took Bob Glaze's OAC Sigma Chi pin . . . grads Ruth Tawney and Don Lewis, SX, are soon to be married . . . Dorothy Heck, Gammaphi, and George Olsen, Phidelt, are going steady. . .

Jim Davidson, Chi Psi, and ATO Carl Little (two of the most kissed-off men on the campus, ACCORDING TO Jim Hickey) have been squiring Theta's Betty Rathbun about a lot . . . and Jack Lansing has his pin back AGAIN . . . Duke Iverson dating Joyce Timmons, Alpha Phi transfer from UCLA . . . Ruth Condon and Don Swink going steady . . . Bonnie Uhl, Alpha Phi, seen a lot with Bill Barrish, Kappa Sig . . . likewise Evelyn LeMasters, Kappa, with Ehle Reber, Sig Ep. . .

Date Bait (of sorts)—Dick McClintic says he has been trying to plant his SAE pin for nigh onto THREE years—you know the old one about "if at first you don't, etc." Dick . . . Kay Scott, Theta, gets a new powder blue Olds CONVERTIBLE next week.

Old - steadies - that - haven't - been - in - print - for - a - long - time department: Nancy Gardner, Theta and Les Thayer, Sig Ep—they're pinned, incidentally . . . Sally Mitchell and Steve Bodner, Phidelt . . . Bob Young and Fayette Wasser . . . Barbara Trimm, Gamma Phi, and Jack Winslow, Chi Psi—she has his sweetheart pin . . . Norma Campbell, DG, and Johnny Craig, Beta—they claim a long-time RECORD. . .

Jean Holmes, DG, is Alaska-bound, we hear . . . Virginia Bubb, Chi O, and Liz Daggett, Pifi, seen coming out of a fortune teller's . . . Bert Sinclair claims he is "FORTE IN AMORATO" of a certain Delta Gamma . . .

Cute LITTLE couple: Helen Mitchell and Roy Rammerell, Phi Delt.

## Campus Calendar

Professor Moll's poetry group will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in room 104 journalism. Please bring your copies of "Gargantua's Mouth."

Tea will be served at 4 o'clock today in the YWCA bungalow.

University YMCA luncheon group will hear Bob Calkins talk on the campus politics at their weekly program meeting this noon in the "Y" hut.

All social chairmen of men's living organizations will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the men's lounge in Gerlinger hall.

Amphibian practice at 5 and 7:30 Thursday—every Amphibian and pledge must be present.

## International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

The world war is at present being fought on four fronts, namely Africa, Greece, the British Isles and the Atlantic, and Washington, D. C.

On the African front last night the British reported success in halting the German panzer drive toward the Suez canal. The nazis have already recaptured much of Cirenaica, in the northern part of Libya, where a few months ago

Cummings the British made a startlingly successful drive on the Italians. Australians and New Zealanders drove west along the Mediterranean coast of Egypt into Libya, captured Tobruk, Derna, and Bengasi, and seemed headed straight for the important Italian port of Tripoli.

Successful in Ethiopia Then the British Imperial army in Libya was apparently weakened in order to strengthen the forces driving into Ethiopia. The British have been successful in Ethiopia, at any rate, but at the same time German reinforcements landed at Tripoli have swept back over Libya, driving the British back to the Egyptian border.

Last night a United Press correspondent with the British forces, named Jan Yindrich, got out a dispatch from the besieged port of Tobruk giving an eye-witness account of war in the desert. The Germans attacked during a dust storm, Yindrich wrote. Eight hundred nazi infantrymen climbed out of 30 trucks and advanced in close formation on the outer perimeter of forts as the dust suddenly cleared. The British spotted them, their artillery laid down a heavy barrage behind the infantrymen to keep them from retreating, machine gunners opened a withering fire, and the eight hundred were just mowed down.

Opportunity Alfred Lord Tennyson immortalized the charge of 600 men at Balaklava in 1854 during the Crimean war in his poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." Here looks like a chance for some Teutonic Tennyson to do likewise with "The Charge of the Panzerites at Tobruk."

Men are men whether they wear British brown or nazi green and there is something about 800 men advancing in close formation with artillery shells falling behind them and machine gun fire in front that grips the imagination.

But although the picture grips my imagination I have no desire to be one of the 800. As you, my gentle reader, read this and then walk around Oregon's peaceful campus, ask yourself what it was that they died for, these men who are now covered with flies and gritty with sand, swelling under the African sun. The answer is words, words, words.

Heavy Fighting On another front the battle for Greece was going on in deadly earnest last night. "Heavy fighting" was reported along a 150 mile front stretching from Mount Olympus, fabled home of the gods, across the Greek peninsula to the Adriatic sea. Berlin claimed the British were being encircled in the Mount Olympus region, which was a contradiction to their Tuesday night's boasting. Two days ago the Germans claimed the British were evacuating through the port of Pireaus while the British denied this and said they were bringing in reinforcements.

In the Mediterranean the British annihilated an Italian convoy of eight ships, according to London reports. Three of Mussolini's destroyers were sunk and the British lost one during the battle, the admiralty said. The convoy was said to be taking Italian troops to Tripoli to strengthen the Axis north African drive.

One Most Severe On the third front London suffered one of its most severe bombings of the war last night. Hundreds of planes dropped fire bombs and explosives, the British reported.

In Washington the treasury department announced that a load of gold from South Africa had arrived in New York harbor. One hundred and thirty-two million dollars worth of the so-called "precious" metal was purchased by the U.S. from the British treasury. News stories didn't say, but one presumes the gold will be buried in the Kentucky hills with all the rest of the stuff the U.S. has been accumulating lately.