

Farewell To UO

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As the days become longer and the "x-ings" on the calendar increase, the shadow of March 4 hovers over the Term III Engineers of ASTU 3920. On that day, after nine hard months, this group will be graduated from the basic course of ASTP engineering and will return to line outfits or continue their schooling in either engineering or medicine. Many will be glad to leave—many sorry, but certainly none will forget the last nine months.

Memories of UO . . . That first day, when we were ushered into the dining room of Straub hall, amazed by it all . . . The first and most tragic event, just a few days after our arrival—the death of Frank Hammernick . . . The shuffling of men and consequent formation of sections and the cadet officer system . . . Military drill . . . those summer nights (including Sundays) in study hall . . . the spontaneous air corps-engineer rivalry, now at its peak . . . The ASTU newspaper . . . The trips into the mountains with Lieutenants Davis and Near . . . The first soldier dances in Gerlinger hall.

As fall came, so did the girls and better times. The original confusion cleared up by the open houses . . . The variety of house dances . . . The Campus Serenade, with Owen "Fathah" Bailey and his super orchestra, Don Dittman and Sy Klempner . . . The football games . . . The visit of the OSC beaver . . . The campus dogs . . . The animal called Rodney . . . The trips to the graveyard (for military lectures, that is) . . . Martin's grave . . .

Those unforgettable days in Sigma Chi and the sorrow of leaving. . . The meals, especially the midnight snacks . . . Serenading . . . Reveille, soon followed by the early morning "Taps and bed check" . . . Monte Carlo (ask any basic III) . . . Maxine Davis . . . The Armistice day parade and the battalion reviews . . .

The battle of Cemetery Ridge . . . Those fiendish chem. labs . . . The continuous loss of best friends through elimination from the program, and the suspense of wondering "Who's next" . . . Valentines, alias T.S. slips, unpunched. . . The basketball team, especially the sweet victory over the air corps after they predicted our defeat by 20 points . . . Those orien-

tation films . . . The "fox-hole" . . .

Famous Quotes and Unquotes—You men . . . now fellows, I hate to bring this up again, but . . . It is indicated . . . Them's the ones we want . . . Smisst . . . Hit me . . . They won't ask this in the test . . . All down hill from here . . . If you ever get to calculus . . . Anyone who doesn't make at least 50 on this test . . . At ease! . . . If you have 10 red headed girls . . . You sad — . . . Stack arms.

The March '44 graduates have always contributed their share of gripes, but their service here has been pleasant and interesting, to say the least. At times a few of the unthinking minority of both soldiers and coeds have aroused bitter feelings, but in general, relations have been amiable. Army regulations have caused the civilians to be inconvenienced in a number of ways—we're sorry that had to be the case.

This has not been college life, but it has been a reasonable facsimile of it. At this time, in the name of all the army graduating class, we wish to thank the various social committees, the faculty, and all the coeds who made our assignment here so enjoyable. The first group of soldiers to complete their full course of ASTP training here bids farewell to Universitas Oregonensis.

Ad Lib

(Continued from page eighteen) pull off with the slightest touch . . . this leaves you a smooth cap which stands between you and the rich Jersey-juice beneath . . . try a fork along the edge . . . it doesn't work since the cap is made to fit too well . . . now the question of whether the lieutenant and nina will betray skeezix's trust . . . this does nothing toward getting the milk into your glass . . . try a knife on the edge of the bottle cap

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. . . nothing moves . . . at this point you do one of two things: you may plunge your fork into the middle of the bottle cap; (use a downward stroke) . . . this will cover a radius of five feet with splashes of milk but is not an economical way to do things . . . the record: a direct hit on a flight leader at a range of seven feet, three inches is held at present by malcolm (flight e) . . . the record is not official since malcolm used a soup spoon instead of the approved four-tine fork . . . the other things you may do is go get a cup of coffee . . . it is not as good for you but it may save your mind from cracking . . . after an encounter with such a milk bottle you wonder why the yale-lock co. doesn't wise up and make its vaults in form of a milk bottle equipped with an unstapled cap . . . wally hopkins cries out that there would be over 2,000,000 miles of wire used a month if all bottle tops were stapled . . . a brooklynite couldn't understand how a cow could lay those pint bottles with the caps already on . . . less efficacious methods of removing the caps were discarded and the nerves of all milk-drinkers were at the snapping point . . . frequent milk baths may have been good for anna held . . . but the guy in o.d. across the table does not like you any better for his being the target of your erupting milk bottle. . . then that glorious morning when we found the milk-bottle-caps were

stapled . . . now for several days our milk has come equipped with the sturdy "no-slop, no-scoop, no-squirt" bottle caps . . . result, much higher grades in calculus and general improvement in the detachment disposition . . . it gives the soldier something he can depend on . . . and tho he is miles from home he knows when he picks up his bottle of milk that the cap will come off . . . all of it . . . in one simple movement.
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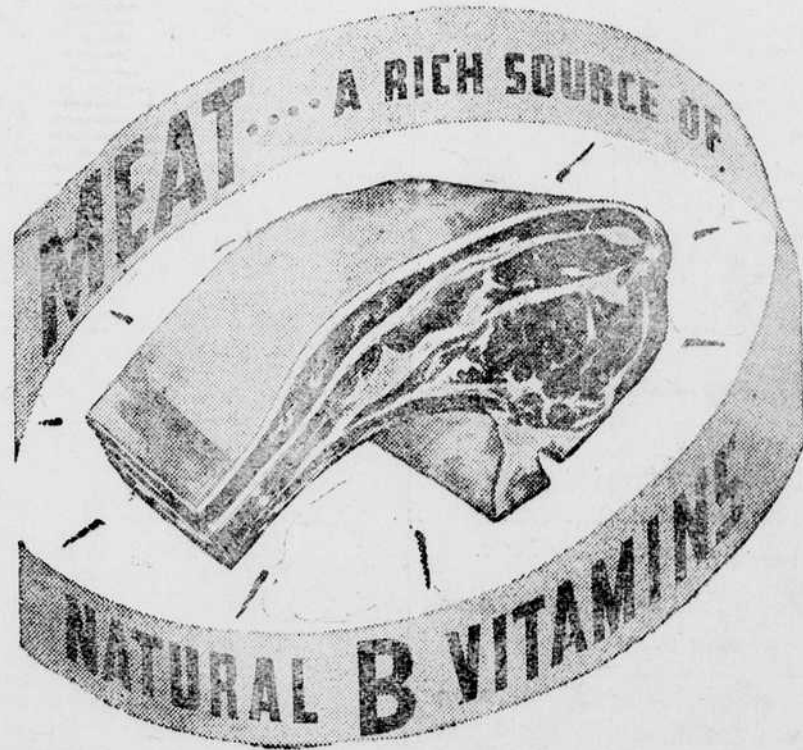
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