

*Crotchety Old Vets Want Bars...*

# 'To Be or Not To Be' Lieutenant Big Decision For ROTC Troopers

By Bob Thalhoff

At periodic intervals throughout each week of each term the University campus is seemingly overrun by a horde of uniformed youths. These are the 978 ROTC cadets on their way to or from 50 minutes of drill.

And what a motley crew they are!

There are those lusty-lunged and fuzzy-cheeked freshmen with caps askew and sauntering gait. They probably can't tell you the meaning of the army's favorite term "esprit de corps," but they have more "esprit" than can be handled by their superiors or by themselves.

They are very likely in their second term of what to them might constitute six terms of involuntary servitude, or they might be figuring that this ROTC business is "for real." At least it's one way of playing soldier one period a week instead of making like Johnny Doughboy seven days a week near some Korean town whose name they possibly couldn't spell even if they could write it to the folks back home.

These freshmen garbed in green gabardine are just one year and much cajoling about "picking up the step" and "dressing up the rank" behind their basic buddies, the sophomores.

**Second Year of Basic**

Now consider the plight of the poor sophomores. There they are with one whole year of experience between them and the freshmen. And yet they still eat the humble pie doled out by the advanced cadets—the fellas with the pink pants and snazzy looking service caps. Soon the sophomores must

choose, if they are invited to do so, whether they would prefer to go into advanced RO training or into the service. In most cases they have little chance of following any but either of those courses. Yes, like the frosh their's is a bleak outlook.

**Juniors Give Orders**

Next up the collegiate chain of command are the juniors who have finally attained that long awaited chance to get off the receiving end and onto the giving end of the orders. Having already signed the contract for advanced training they are securely settled in the college routine.

Only minor difficulties such as flunking-out or being separated from the RO program can prevent their successful graduation.

This summer they'll all go to camp at such far away places as Ft. Eustis, Va., Hamilton Field, Calif., or Ft. Lewis, Wash., that paradise of the Pacific slope. This will be a great experience because many haven't been to summer camp since their days in the Scouts. And some haven't been further from home than the U. of O.

**Cadets Well Trained**

At the top of the whole heap are the senior cadets. The regular seniors, who have completed from one to three years of the program, have the situation well in hand. They've been to camp; are fairly adept at handling the "troops"; have chew-

ed and thoroughly digested the contents of numerous field manuals; and have snapped to attention when the military instructor entered the class room four days a week—week in and week out.

They are set to fulfill the clause in the contract regarding "two years of active duty." And it won't be long now.

But don't overlook that small group of special seniors, the most mystified personnel in the entire set-up. They are the fellows who are taking their first and final year of RO. They are vets of another war—way back in the last decade—who signed up in the program because if they had to go back they'd like to go as officers. (Not to mention the folding stuff that rewards their efforts.)

Five or six years ago they were pretty sharp at this military business, but time has erased quick responses to smartly-barked orders and the nomenclature and disassembly of an M-1 is now a Chinese puzzle. Slowly and painfully they are re-learning the old and learning the new. Harassed by nervousness and lack of preparation they run their squads and platoons through basic movements.

They have this and next term plus summer camp to catch up with their fellow seniors. Perhaps then they too can pack their bags.

The army needs second lieutenants!

## Religious News

With the conclusion of Religious Emphasis Week Wednesday night, campus religious groups are back to normal and the usual number of open houses, forums, roller skating parties, international teas, and buffet suppers are scheduled.

**CHRISTIAN HOUSE**

Visiting Beavers from Corvallis Christian House here for the basketball game Friday night will be special guests of the Oregon group at a buffet supper to be held at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Three features are on the agenda for next Sunday: the newly inaugurated class on "The Prophets" led by Victor P. Morris at 9:45 a.m. in the First Christian Church; the youth week church service at 11 a.m. with Bob Peterson as speaker; and the evening fellowship discussion on "Faith for These Days" with Roy McCall, head of the University speech department, as leader.

The International Tea Hour with Wah Chun as host will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, is the date for the annual ski trip, reservations for which may be made by calling 5-3427 or 5-3491.

**LUTHERAN HOUSE**

Student questions arising as a result of Religious Emphasis Week will be answered by Rev. Harold Albee from Central Lutheran Church at a discussion meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

A roller skating party leaving at 7:30 p.m. from Lutheran House will be held Friday night.

**WESTMINSTER HOUSE**

Westminster House will stage open house after the basketball game Friday night. Sunday will

feature a forum at 6:15 p.m. on "The Meaning of Stewardship" with Bill Pearl leading the discussion.

**WESLEY HOUSE**

Oregon Wesley House members will hold a joint meeting with the Oregon State Wesley Foundation Sunday in Corvallis.

Members will leave Wesley House at 4:30 p.m. Reservations for transportation may be made at the foundation, phone 4-1043. Bob Briggs is in charge of arrangements.

Campus religious group presidents and publicity chairmen are reminded that the deadline for material to appear in this column is 4 p.m. each Wednesday.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

- 2 p.m.—Movie Comm., 313 SU
- 4 p.m.—Concert Comm., 313 SU
- Group Dynamics, 112 SU
- IVCF, 213 SU
- YMCA, Ger. Men's Lounge
- Board of Deans, 337 SU
- 4:30 p.m.—Symposium, 333, 334 SU
- Ford Comm., 110 SU
- 6:30 p.m.—YMCA, 315 SU
- SU "Clambake", 213 SU
- YMCA cabinet meeting, 318 SU
- 6:45 p.m.—Phi Beta, 112 SU
- 7 p.m.—Hui-O-Kamaaina, Ger. 3rd
- 7:15 p.m.—Druids, 111 SU
- 7:30 p.m.—Found Lecture, Dad's Room SU
- 8:45 p.m.—YMCA basketball NCC gym

### 'The Milky Way' To Run Friday

Final dress rehearsal of "The Milky Way," touring show of the University Theater directed by Gordon Ericksen, will be given at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the laboratory theater in Villard Hall.

This will be the last time the comedy will be presented on the University campus—after this full-dress rehearsal, the show will hit the road and play in towns throughout the state.

The comedy was made into the Danny Kaye movie, "The Kid From Brooklyn," and concerns the trials and tribulations of a meek milkman who accidentally KO's the world's middleweight boxing champion in a street brawl, and then rises to success in the boxing world.

Elmarie Wendel and Bliss Stanley head the cast, which includes Gordon Howard, Doris Philbrick, Ken Olsen, Dave Swanson, Don Nation, and Al Reiss.

Jo Secoy is technical director of the production.

### KOAC to Air Radio Drama

"A Drink of Water," a psychological drama, will be presented by the Radio Workshop players at 4:30 p.m. today over KOAC.

Janet Harris will direct the radio adaptation of the short story by Wilbur Daniel Steele.

Starring roles are played by Elmarie Wendell, as "Mamie Ryan," and Glenna Hurst, as "Claire Mayo."

The supporting cast includes Lorin Miller, Denali Groth, Don Frost, Vern Stolen, and Vern Beard.

Sound and music will be under the supervision of Kathleen Wisdom.

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