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# INTER-SORORITY BALL—MAR. 22

## Should We Have Compulsory Military Training?

Expiration of the present draft law on March 31, 1947 presents before Congress and the American people one of the most important and long-reaching decisions to be made this year for it has direct bearing on the entire male population of the United States.

This decision is:  
1. Should the draft law be extended?  
2. Should army training for the future young men of America be left entirely to volunteers wanting to enter service?

3. Should each male citizen receive one year of military training when he graduates from high school or when he reaches the age of 18 years?

Or, 4. Should each male citizen between the ages of 18 and 20 years receive a relatively short period of basic training and then be given an option of joining the organized reserve, regular army, or specialized training program for which he would receive benefits?

Universal Military Training has been the source of debate for the questions, Would UMT make the U.S. better prepared; is training needed in view of the Atomic Bomb; Would UMT be an aid to international security and a would it improve the health and character of our young men?

**Draft Law to be Voted Out**  
The draft law as it stands is scheduled to be voted out. In lieu of this the War Department proposed, through President Truman on October 23, 1945, one year of training for all men between the ages of 18 and 20. After this period, they would be placed in the general reserve for six years and later be transferred to the secondary reserve.

According to Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans, executive director of the Reserve Officers Association of the U. S., who spoke to the New York Press Association in Syracuse recently, the proposed bill is not the most advantageous to the United States.

The cost of training a soldier has been over \$5,000. For this expended amount the soldier would get one year of training after which he would be required to do 18 weeks of civilian life and forget his military training. Gen. Evans does not consider this program either satisfactory or economical.

Another plan was initiated by the War Department which would provide for an initial basic training period of several months at the termination of this period the young men would be given an option of joining the regular army, joining an organized reserve association or attending specialized

schools at periodic intervals.  
For this time the individual would receive pay from the government, he would be entitled to old age pension at the age of 60, and he would be eligible for benefits provided.

**Faculty and Students Interviewed**  
A cross section of faculty and students at RIT was interviewed to get reaction on UMT. Although a sufficient number to get an accurate percentage of pros and cons were not interviewed, 66 percent of those interviewed were in favor of some sort of military training and 33 percent favored the volunteer method. This percentage approaches the Gallup percentage of 72 percent of population who are pro military training (Time, March 3, 1947).

Of those interviewed the majority felt strongly enough to go on to write their congressman. Byron G. Culver, supervisor of the Publishing and Printing Department who served in the last war, had one son in this war and another son eligible under the proposed law, commented on the writing-to-congressman question, "I think not only should people write but it is appropriate to write now that the budget is being hammered at while Secretary Marshall heads for Moscow."

Reactions and comments from interviewed persons were:

**Paul Warren, P&P senior, officer World War II, father of 3 month old son:**  
"Every nation that has practised UMT has been defeated and soundly defeated because they relied on that."

**Warren favored ROTC initiated in every high school in the nation. Subjects will be in the regular high school curriculum. After high school graduation, men will report to Army training centers for several months to add practise and experience to theory.**  
**Ralph Tufts, Instructor, Navy, World War II, father of a 3 year old son:**  
"I am for Universal Military Training definitely, absolutely, and positively."

**Mrs. Catherine Christian, P&P senior, World War II Vet:**  
"I think it is well for the other fellow. I would not like to have my son serve but I found out that it didn't kill me."  
**Mrs. Lawrence Manel, RIT store, Mother of 15 year old son:**  
Mrs. Manel is opposed to military service on compulsory basis and does not want her son to enter at all.

**Bob Moore, Associate editor Sprit, Former Professional Soldier:**  
Moore favors military training (Cont'd. on Page Six)

## Retailers Will Present Fashion Show, March 19

The Fashion Trends Class and the Costume Coordination classes are giving a fashion show to which every one is invited. The fashion show is to be in the cafeteria March 19 at 4:00. Tea will be served. All the clothes that are modeled are made by the girls themselves.

The committee consists of Betty Margarian, commentator; Lucille Halpin, chairman; Betty MacCargo and Ruby Jabo, refreshments; Barbara Poyser and Helen Bentley, starters; Ruth Bishop, publicity; Jane Shafer, Jane MacDonald and Barbara Slater, decorations

## What Department Can Top This?

In the last two months, many of the Publishing and Printing instructors and students have had difficulty in staying awake because eleven new babies (and there are more on the way) have kept them busy.

Girls were born to the Tufts, Bowles, Duffey, Gorters, Yergs, DiPawits and McVillies, while DeWitts and Higgins were the parents of sons.

The Ritchies rang the bell with twin girls.

## Piano Recital Feature at Gleason Hall Tea

On Sunday, March 16, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., a tea for Residence Hall girls and their guests will be given in Gleason Hall. Piano selections by Jean Armour, a student at the Eastman School of Music, will be a feature of the program. Arrangements for the tea were made by Carolyn Ekstrom, Publishing and Printing senior.

## New Record Changer Added to Carnegie Set

A new Webster record changer has been added to the Carnegie set by a donation from the Sprit. This changer is attached to the original set and both are operated by the same speaker. Students may learn to operate the machine if they make arrangements for a demonstration lesson. Only those who have had this instruction will be allowed to use the set.

## Cup Will Be Awarded To Outstanding Sorority

Alpha Psi, Delta Omicron, Phi Upsilon Phi and Sigma Kappa Delta will compete for the Inter-Sorority cup to be awarded at the Ball on March 22. It has been announced, Patricia Fitzgerald will present the cup to the winning sorority.

Delta Omicron, a three-time winner, is entitled to keep the cup but is returning it to competition this year.

## Camera Club Plans Contest

March 20th is the date set for the 2nd Camera Club salon. Any student in the department may enter if he complies with certain specifications.

- All prints must be mounted on 16-20 mounts
- All prints must be in by March 20.
- All prints must be the student's own work.
- No student may enter more than four prints.
- Prints that have been entered in Camera Club salons before may not be entered in the coming salon.

Phil Allen, chairman of the salon committee, has not yet announced the judges, but they will be three outstanding photographers.

Judging will be held at the Camera Club meeting and will be judged on the point system: three points for an accepted print, five for a blue ribbon print, and seven points for the master print. The student having the highest salon score of the year will be given an award at the Photo-Tech banquet.

After the salon the best prints will be hung in the school cafeteria and then will be placed on display at Marks and Fuller's for two weeks.

Seventy-five prints were entered in the first salon held in December. Of these, 23 prints were selected.

Andrew St. John won first prize with a table-top shot of a gremlin and a shoe.

## Father Mulcahy Will Speak To Newman Club

Father Mulcahy will speak to members of the Newman Club on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Auditorium using as his topic "Euthanasia—Mercy Killing." Joseph Delella, president of the club, announces that anyone is welcome to attend. Dancing and entertainment will follow the program.

"I'm a girl of twenty-two. Hair of gold, eyes of blue. Men have said that I have 'it.' Nicely mannered, do not spit. Built for love. I knock 'em dead in fact. I've got an extra head."

One of the big dances of the year is the Intersorority Ball Saturday, March 22, at the Masonic Temple ballroom (Collegiate Club). A formal affair, the dance girls attending will receive 2:30 perusal.

Bob Bruce and his orchestra will provide the music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets bought previously to the dance are \$3.00 per couple, tax included, and purchased at the door are \$3.25 per couple, tax included. Tickets can be obtained from sorority meetings, Miss Thomas at Clark Union from Brad of the Retailing Department on the second floor of Eastman building.

This is an annual affair and much competition is found among the four sororities. One of the sororities will at this time receive the Intersorority Cup for the highest scholastic standing.

Evelyn Rose and Diana Lea are co-chairmen of the dance and members of the four sororities are working on the committees. They are headed by: Chelsea Booram, posters; Ruth Becher, orchestra; Shirley Stone, place Joan Warner, decorations; Marilyn Adams, chaperones. The chaperones will be Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Elling; Dr. and Mrs. Warren Davis; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goble.

Men will not be required to wear tuxedos.

## Sewing Machine Purchased by Hall Association

The Residence Hall Association has purchased a Singer Sewing Machine, which is to be kept in the kitchen at Gleason Hall. Features on this machine are the presser foot which will go over pins, a new type regulator for the number of stitches per inch, and the back tacker which automatically feeds the stitches. Extra attachments include: a foot hammer, a ruffler, an edge stitcher, and gatherer. This electric machine can be run by knee, hand or foot action.

Several demonstrations on the use of the machine are being given by Miss Evelyn Tipping to the girls of the Residence halls so that maximum efficiency will be obtained.

Nature is an eternal democrat. She mocks and snubs the snob.

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HR—870

We believe that we're setting something of a precedent for SPRIT by presenting two sides of a question that concerns a majority of the men students at this institute. The first argument by you-know who—a gent who, by the grace of the VA and the taxpayers, is attending RIT. The con argument was written by Mr. Donald White, instructor in Reporting and Editorial writing, who is also a veteran.

The bill, HR-870, intended to increase payments to students from \$65 to \$100, has been introduced by Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers, of Massachusetts. This bill would also increase subsistence allotments to \$125 for married veterans with an additional \$10 for each child.

Without the benefit of statistics I hope to show that the veteran is entitled to the increase, from a standpoint of morale and necessity.

Surely, such a bill as this, if passed, will provoke howls of anguish from the taxpayers—the same taxpayers who, not long ago, said, and I quote dozens upon dozens of them, "Nothing is too good for the youth of our country. Nothing!"

When the Bill of Rights was passed, the sum of \$65 was, it seemed, almost sufficient. That, you will remember, was long before the nasty old OPA restrictions were lifted. In fact, at that time we were still fighting for the victory.

But with the death of the OPA, prices skyrocketed and the veteran saw that check for \$65 shrink to less than half its size. This, of necessity, forced him to rely on his hard-earned savings—and I do mean hard-earned.

Then the war was over and the tickle taxpayers began to tinkle in a different light. Magazines, ranging from pulps to slicks, began printing exaggerated stories about those "ragged veterans" who preferred to accept \$20 a week for \$2 weeks than work for the very same amount of money.

Those labulous jobs the vets had heard about overseas were certainly not in evidence—not that they had believed the stories. All they wanted was a job that payed a decent wage that permitted them to live in pre-war style and there wasn't.

So while some of the vets reaped the fruits of their country's gratitude by sleeping in pup tents and piano boxes, others went back to school to complete an education that, in many cases, had been interrupted by enlistment.

These men (and women) found rents and food higher (in spite of the OPA) and they learned that checks could not be trusted to arrive on their due date.

In fact they found that the check would pay for rent, food and very little else—and the rest was before prices doubled.

Webster's definition of subsistence is given as "a means of support, maintenance, or livelihood." The \$65 check makes a joke of the word itself.

In this day of dollar hoarding and \$75 suits even the munificent sum of \$25 a week will not pay for

## CON ADDITIONAL SUBSISTENCE

COST FOR PRESERVING THE THREATENED CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

392,757 American lives lost

673,434 American men wounded (seriously enough for pension aid)

\$349,778,607 World War II total cost to America

The war is over. Men have returned to civilian life. Internal affairs are turbulent. External affairs are alarming. The Atomic bomb is a dagger suspended by a thread over our head. The program of the United Nations is uncertain.

Because young men went to the aid of the people, the people retaliated by paying benefits for those who fought, in order that their return and readjustment to civilian life would be as easy as possible.

The people provided the G. I. Bill of Rights providing education, unemployment insurance, on-the-job training, loans, pensions, hospitalization, insurance and medical aid. A total of \$6,200,000 was spent for veteran assistance during 1945.

According to the present budget, \$7,343,000,000 has been allocated for veteran commitments; yet, additional financial aid

SCHOOL DATE *by angle/*

Watch that first step. It's a "T" long one!

is being sought.

Those who are taking advantage of schooling provisions form one pressure group. The subsistence ration as stipulated is inadequate for living needs. The major points stressed by this pressure group is: 1. Education is the best insurance America can provide for itself. What could be stronger than a well educated America which could comprehend situations and adjust to them? 2. While attending school, a man has all he can do to master his schoolwork. Financial worries should not be added. 3. The ration when first provided was sufficient but now living cost rises have made it inadequate.

Veterans who avail themselves of educational benefits find advantages because the government pays for the tuition and for books and fees up to \$500 a year. Thus, the worry of attending school is not a problem. The government pays at least 66 2/3 percent of living costs for the students.

Supplemental part-time work should provide for the remainder of this sum. WHY?

Because the veteran is the government. As the government he should provide for those men physically and mentally handicapped as a result of fighting for the country, but as the government, he should not provide a living for each of the millions of men and women who served in the armed forces.

Unemployment benefits are being received by 1,250,000 veterans, pensions are being received by 2,288,000 veterans; on-the-job training is being received by 714,000 veterans. Each paper that one picks up has column after column listing jobs available. When jobs are available, should a living be provided?

The veteran aid as allotted for 1947 is equal to the budget for operating the entire government of the United States in pre-war years.

Income taxes cannot be paid at the present rate for a long period of years. Each person filling out a return attempts to find every possible deduction in order that he will not have to pay an income tax. Tax is the only method of paying for these benefits that the American people have voted for the veteran.

Who will have to pay the tab? Present calculations indicate that in the 2130, (this is 1947) Americans will be paying for World War II.

We the people (veterans) think that living costs should come down and thus we should begin with the downward ascent and put as much pressure in downing the prices as we put on upping the prices.

Thus from evaluating the situation reading about the national debt and finding what effect the proposed bill to provide subsistence for each single student with \$100 a month and each married student with \$125 a month, discussing the situation, and actually realizing why we believe as we do, we can ascertain why it is necessary to sacrifice a little, work enough to supplement the present ration, set an example for the nation and set the direction for the government.

The veterans won the war. The people in America produced the goods, followed the direction of the army and created a victorious team. The veteran can use the same mentality and flexibility, target that the government owes them something, but in turn remember that they are the government and thus act in the most beneficial manner to aid the government.

## Dear Editor . . .

313 Frost Avenue  
Rochester 8, New York  
February 26, 1947Editor of Sprit  
Rochester Inst. of Technology  
Rochester 8, New York

Dear Editor:

In regard to veterans attending school under the GI Bill of Rights, I have a suggestion which I think will benefit most of the veterans. It has to do with the unused portion of the tuition fees sponsored by the federal government.

According to this Bill of Rights, the government will pay fees and book costs up to the amount of \$500. At this institute these amounts, in its present departments, do not exceed \$500. In most cases the figure is considerably lower. Under the present plan there is a balance of money not being utilized by each veteran student which the government is willing to make available for the student's use.

I offer the suggestion that this balance of money be used either in part or wholly to purchase additional reference books. It can be done through the various departments in co-operation with the Institute Book Store. There are many very good books of reference and instruction which are beneficial to the student's education. They could be purchased by the Institute Store and loaned to the students along with their other books and supplies. The students of course, are under no obligation to take these books if their total expenses exceed the \$500 allotted them.

Many universities and colleges in the United States have adopted this policy, and reports from these schools are very favorable. At least, it is worth trying. No one can lose money, because the money is there to be used. Why don't we use it in this way—a way in which we have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Sincerely yours,  
William F. Meluskey

## "WHERE TO GO

A display of live baby chicks will be featured from now until June at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. A horned lizard from Texas and a tree-toad ambystoma (a five foot snake) are also on display in the "live" exhibits on the main floor. A collection of quartz crystals, beta known as the Herkimer diamonds, are on loan from Little Falls.

In the Hall of Man on the second floor, there will be a display of hand carved ebony ivory articles made for Kingman Habber by two tribes of South-East Africa, the Chingama and Yasa.

The third floor will feature a collection of antique glassware and handicraft by the Rochester Needlecraft Club.

Temporary paintings of beta by Emerson Little will be featured at the Memorial Art Gallery from March 4 to March 25. There will also be a collection of Contemporary American Paintings on display.

## KRAUSS-SCHMIDT

Mrs. Peter Krauss, Plymouth Ave. South, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret S. Gerani F. Schmidt, son of President J. Schmidt, Highland Avenue. Miss Krauss teaches at Stearns High School and is a graduate of Nazareth College. Schmidt graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology.



# Sunday Morning

A Short, Short Story

By Don Smith

Joe stopped in front of the old house with the front porch roof that sagged slightly at one end. He looked at it shrilly.

He could have whistled loudly enough by pursing his lips, but he used not the way of small boys. He is both fingers and split the air with the blast of a steamboat whistle.

The door of the house opened and Hank came out, slamming the door behind him and taking the rickety four front steps with one leap. One might say that those front steps had not felt Hank's weight since he was five years old.

"What say, Joe," he asked as he skidded to a halt near his friend. "Not much," said Joe.

The two turned and walked down the sidewalk towards town.

"Say, Hank, whaddya think of that new girl that just moved in up the street? You know the one. Her old man owns a '41 or '42 Plymouth."

Hank bent over, picked up a rock and shied it at a passing dog. The rock missed the dog by feet, boogied once, and sailed through a crack window, breaking the Sunday morning calm with its crash. Falling glass sounded in the cellar and the two boys quickened their pace and rounded a corner to comparative safety.

"I know the one you mean," said Hank. "She ain't had—got awful nice hair. Why?"

"I dunno. I just wondered if you'd seen her."

"Yeah, I've seen her. Hey, there's a cat!"

The two boys fanned out and began stalking the cat. The cat, with an almost suicidal ignorance of small boys, glanced once and returned to the business of watching a pair of worms build a nest.

This proved her undoing, for the tail that had been twitching slightly in anticipation was now held fast in Hank's fist and the air was filled with yowls of indignation and the jubilant shouts of the boys.

"What'll we do with her, Joe?" asked Hank, trying to keep the cat from traveling up his chest to his shoulder. "Should we throw her off the bridge?"

"Now, we did that with of lady Murphy's cat. Lemme think."

"We could tie a can to her," volunteered Hank again.

"Naw, that's stale, too. Let's do something different—I know what. Let's put a parachute on 'er!"

He whipped a handkerchief out of one pocket, string out of another, fastened the corners of the handkerchief with string, and in a few minutes had a somewhat less than serviceable parachute.

"Gimme your handkerchief, Hank. I need a sling."

Hank transferred the struggling cat to the other side of his chest, produced another handkerchief,

and handed it to Joe.

"Okay, Hank. Now put the son-of-a-gun down."

Joe, who had, having quietly slipped, held onto Hank's sweater as he tried to pull it away from him, its last attempt at revenge left four places on Hank's sweater where threads stuck straight out. More threads clung to his claws.

Hank pounced by the cat to the ground while Joe made a triangle out of the handkerchief to be used for a sling. Then he put it under the cat's belly behind the shoulder, tying it tight enough to make the cat gasp slightly. This done, he attached the parachute.

"All right, Hank, pick her up."

Hank picked up the cat and held it up in front of him while Joe kept the parachute out of reach of the cat's flailing claws. In this way, they walked to the bridge under which flowed the creek, 40 feet below, swollen now by spring rains.

"Ready, Hank?"

"Ready."

Together, they leaned out over the railing. The cat, now in full realization of its position, squirmed mightily in an attempt to get its claws into Hank's arm. It only succeeded in making small pieces of flesh from the hand holding it.

"Drop 'er, Hank," said Joe, almost in a whisper.

Joe, with some trouble, freed his hands of the cat which plummeted into the stream, the air-tight-insufficient parachute streaming above it.

"Darn it. It wasn't big enough," said Hank. "Next time, we'll make it bigger."

The cat, already forgotten by the boys, disappeared around a bend in the creek.

The two boys turned from the railing and sauntered down the street, hands in pockets, alternately kicking a tin can in front of them.

"Hey, Joe, do you think old man Barnes'll find out who swiped his lumber—those boards we used for the club house? I saw the cops go in his place."

Joe detoured to kick down two of four stakes holding rope that surrounded a patch of new grass.

"Now, the cops ain't been to see Pop yet. I'll bet the old man's mad though."

At this point, Hank and Joe passed a small Italian fruit stand, helped themselves without hesitation to apples on the stand, ran a hundred yards, and stopped without looking back.

"Whaddya say we go to the movies this afternoon. Mom gave me a dime for collection."

"Sod mine. I'm with ya."

And it was, aged 11 and Joe, aged 12, gave up their theater, their sweaters, straightened their ties and walked up the sidewalk to Sunday school.

The End

**BLOOMINGTON, IND. (ACP)** They thought that all types of animal life had been represented in the suggestions for a school mascot last year at the University of Indiana, but the latest idea proved to be wrong.

Newest and most original suggestion is the offering of a pet's pedicle. According to the owner's description, it is a beautiful and docile animal with a large bushy black and white tail. And he is willing to part with his pet if it is accepted as the school mascot. The beauty of the offer is this; the skunk has been "dehydrated"—no fumes.

## Tobogganing at U of R Stadium



Photo by Bert Lang, Jr. Members of the Photo Tech department show here tobogganing at the U. of R. stadium are: Bill Himmetsick, Nancy Ledgers, John Stragg, Jesse Barr and Joe Lund.

## Junior-Senior Snowbrawl



Photo by Jack Barach. Seated, left to right are: Shirley Pinder, Marty Loper, Walter Madison, Shirley Carrier and Larry Roberts, who attended the Junior-Senior "Snowbrawl" at the Midvale Country club.

## More Info On Barracks

According to the latest report from Mr. Simmons's office, both the Broad St. barracks and the Edgerton Park housing project are due to open soon.

He stated that one of the barracks will be open March 15. The opening of the other two is undecided. He went on to say that if reservations are desired for next year, requests must be in before the close of this school year, after which time it will be first-come-first served, at some tentative room assignments have already been made.

These barracks are to be used for veterans only with the exception of a small percentage of rooms which will be available to non-veteran students.

The interior of these barracks, Mr. Simmons said, are primarily sleeping rooms with one storage room in each barracks. Single rooms will be \$20.00 per month and the double rooms will be \$17.00 per student. These fees will include linen and linen laundering.

Rooms contain bunks, all suitable bedding, a desk and necessary chairs. He went on to say that there has been difficulty in obtaining chests of drawers or dressers. Therefore, provisions have been made for open closets with a clothes bar, wash hooks, and two large shelves above.

There are several advantages to living in these barracks, several of which are being on campus and within a short distance of school facilities, and being near the downtown area and theater. Mr. Simmons pointed out that the Edgerton Park quarters for married veterans and their fami-

## Get Ahold Of This

From way back Chemistry students have been considered a little "tetchy". Perhaps the statement should be broadened to include chemist's families. The following was written by a chemistry student's wife:

Mister Donick (Direct Cerint) Die Komratie department. Rochester Instatoot of Technolgie Rochester, New York

Er yew persist in deefinin my uttee-mate-um (\$5 werd) about not blovin' umoany'nyas at my huzbin. I will hev to laik steps to chaa-zize (\$35.00 werd) yew.

Don't ferrig, if yew cuntinyew to indjuh in this awfil parracyder, yew will hev to KOOP with me, a eyate wif. I do NOT allow peple to anioe my huzbin laik that!!!

lies offer many desirable conveniences. This building has been completely remodeled, with new heating and plumbing units, it provides laundry and drying rooms an ample playground behind the building, and schools within the picturesque park area.

There, two types of apartments are available, each being complete within itself. The first type is referred to as the one room apartment, which includes a kitchenette, a bath, and a combination living-bedroom. The second type consists of a kitchenette, a bath, a living room and one bedroom. However, this living room may be used as a combination bedroom-living room, depending on the size of the family.

The project is on a direct bus line, about one block from the subway and is within easy walking distance to the Lake, Driving Park, and Dewey Avenue shopping districts.

## Student Labor Brightens Up Dorm Kitchen

Do you believe in crystal gazing? Well, some of the powers that be, namely Council at King's Christian hall called upon the sorcery arts to gaze into the unknown and see what could be done to brighten up the future of its kitchen on the first floor. Theoretically, this room is where the girls entertain the friends of the family and are expected to display their achievement in the fine arts of cookery. It also houses the sewing machine, so other time arts are likewise practiced within its four walls. However, one retains the feeling of its not being quite finished, though its looks' most of the necessary equipment.

Out of the mist, to help rectify this and presenting a bright picture for the future, came a plan, proposed by section "B2," Interior Decoration II Retailing students; Barbara Patrick, Betty Shershen, Dorothy White, Betty Whitney and Ruth Whittard.

An informal air is desired for this room, so a quaint chintz with versatile color scheme possibilities was chosen for the key pattern. This material will be made up into double-width curtains which will make it possible for either top or bottom pairs to be opened or shut individually, to control light, air or privacy, as desired. For the large kitchenette curtain a wide striped material which repeats the green, red, blue, beige, and white of the chintz will be used. The cushions of the maple sofa and matching chairs will gain new splendor in their enhancing dark-green covers. These will be edged with rose-red welt for the chairs and natural brush fringe for the sofa.

Since the kitchen table is essential in preparing and serving refreshments it is planned to make them an asset by painting them in a gay color with Peter Hunt decorations possibly the tone of gold in the drapery motif. The committee suggested also that a radiator cover be made to match so that it would serve as a magazine table under the window.

The plan also included a more efficient furniture arrangement which would give as spacious an effect as possible. It recommends that the bathroom and dressing room, now used for a linen closet, be converted into a sewing room. This would give the seamstress privacy, the advantage of a long mirror already on the bathroom door, and proper light, with the proposed floor-scent light fixture. The entrance would be through the single door in the hallway.

On the power room a low table, with a sewing machine could be used even though the lounge is occupied by another group.

To thus utilize the room requires that the French doors be locked and curtained to look well from both sides. On the power room a low table, with a sewing machine could be used even though the lounge is occupied by another group.

All these proposed improvements were accompanied by estimated costs, both for the material and for the labor involved in the plan. Each choice also carefully considered suitability and serviceability. Council, although completely unexcited, retained its usual practicality and chose the great advantage of student labor. So the new kitchen is longer in the misty future but an actual project capably under way.

—Pat Ambuske

## Koffee-Klatch

On Thursday February 27, in the Beaver lounge, a Koffee Klatch was given for all members of the faculty and their staffs. The purpose of the Koffee Klatch was to introduce old and new members of the faculty.

Miss Frieda Rau gave out identification cards to all who attended. Coffee and tea were served by Miss Esther Tipping, Mrs. Louise Pinder and Miss Evelyn Thomas.

Refreshments were served by Miss Thurber's catering class who are to be commended on the fine job they did on handling the refreshments.

## Dorm Notes

"Early to bed, early to rise . . . oh, we forgot! This is the *Dorm* column, so we'd better convert that opening phrase to "Late to bed, and almost late to rise . . ." to know you like to present to us an interesting and *sometimes* time saving system of early a.m. arising.

When the alarm goes off as it inevitably does . . . you reach out your left foot quickly, so as not to expose it to the frosty morning air too long, and you deftly, with the terminal member of said foot, delicately depress the lever that is causing the nerve racking and incessant clatter announcing, "Time to get up!" All during this skillful operation you should be careful that with the other foot you aren't disturbing your peacefully-sleeping-irritable-when-awakened roommate.

At the same time you see out one eye (the one that's least sleep laded) on a reconnaissance tour of both clock and wristwatch and ascertain that as per usual you still have 7 minutes, 7 minutes ago then, up and at 'em! During this time you also work your way down under the covers, to the end of the bed, stick that same left leg out and with that extraordinarily dextrous toe turn on the radio!!! (Also if you have long legs you could stick the window, but this would involve quite a few contortions so best to skip it for now and practice up on it first.) By prearrangement you are tuned in to your favorite program. . . the first blast of "Bea, Ma Daddy, Eight to the Bar," really an eye-seener—you'll all start beating a path to the washroom and on the way you'll discover that the floor is v-r-y-c-cold and the line doesn't run anywhere most of all to the girls' lavatory. . . along here you see doors—caution advised here—particularly when there are three or four "R. M.'s" involved. Speaking from experience too much momentum so early in the morning may result in bruises and lacerations. . . .

When you see the door is ajar, you see doors—caution advised here—particularly when there are three or four "R. M.'s" involved. Speaking from experience too much momentum so early in the morning may result in bruises and lacerations. . . .

Then among other small details of getting dressed, breakfast etc., you see your mirror and wonder why—see the taking of room

"dejections" and seeing that the Percalae are lying smooth so you won't have to stand "atfitions." All this between 10 to nine and nine o'clock, isn't easy!"

Meanwhile the radio is still blating away your favorite songs, each inclined to remind us of someone here in the Dorm. For instance when they played:

"There'll Be Some Changes Made", it reminded us of Edith Delaney who is moving from 604 to 410—well, she can send at least two blankets home now! And Betty Eggleton has taken off, not for the "St. James Infirmary," but to 102 Spring St., cold you know—just another sixth floorite doing her yearly suffering! "Dear Mona" are visiting Joyce Empey and Marilyn Adams this week-end—remember the good impressions, kids!

"The Old Lampighter" had nothing on Don Burns, "close friend" of Mary Erenwein. She received a lovely "Don-made" brass lamp with the Blue Devil insignia on it and also inscribed, "To My With love from Don." Nice going, Mary.

Ellnor Peckham, Bob Wegley; Bertha Jacobellis, Johnny Kron; Ellis Logan Clayton Schoetz will make two-somes at a veritable "Winter Weekend" at Simpson this week-end. Glen Gray's arrangement! Look! look! the weather man's doing a real job of decorating, too.

P.S. "Ten Dozen Roses" also reminds us of Johnny's thoughtful remembrance to Bert last Saturday. (We interrupt here for a poem by the fool who's program this is)

Tommy and Molly

Were lying in the sand

The sand was cool to

Tommy's tummy

But hot tamales!

To continue:

A nifty arrangement was the theme for the Photo-Tech after snack party, "It's All Over Now." Betty Countryman finds that "It's So Peaceful In The Country," as she spends the weekends at Robbie's home in Albion.

Indubitably, "For Sentimental Reasons," Beth Brownstein has said "Yes!" to David Klionky of Seneca Falls—I guess she just "Can't Help Loving That Man." And Joe Price of Elmira will tell you that it's because "Smoke" Gets In His Eyes," that he and Mary Helen "Smokey" Stover will be

## Gleason Hall Kitchen



Masters of the culinary art or, bottle washers supreme—are Jeanne Von Daacke and Eleanor Lee.

married June 28th, at St. Mary's Church in Elmira.

"That man again."

"A man has two reasons for doing anything, a good reason and a real reason."

A not so "Surprise Party" was held by and for Liz Armit in 402, March 4th—with a cake furnished by her Mom.

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow," leaves Martha Ul stranded in Elmira, and Marya Reddout and Louise Blanchard snowed in at Naples.

"Did You Ever See A Dream Walking"? Well, Ann Hyde must have been dreaming or else how could she make such a perfectly ludicrous mistake as she did last week when she found out on the Dorm steps, much to her dismay, that in her haste to get downstairs she had grabbed not her black head scarf but a very black and lacy slip! No wonder she couldn't get it on right. Bet her date had hysterics!

All this in ten minutes, what fine and active memories we have, we'd better be off to school now—"Open the door Richard," And remember, 4 Brandies, 18 Scotchies and 6 Southern Comforts equals 1 Bier!!!

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The Evening and Extension School, with an expected enrollment of four thousand, is offering three new industrial courses. J. E. Olson of the Camera Works is instructing a class in planning for manufacturing plants which includes layout and maintenance problems, supplemented by lectures by fourteen visiting engineers.

A course in Quality Control, the advanced study in measurement, using precision instruments, will be held in the Clark building under the supervision of Edward R. Close of Bausch and Lomb.

An intensive full-time training course in industrial safety, offered in cooperation with the Training Committee and the Industrial Safety Group of the Industrial Management Council of Rochester, will be held March 20 to March 25. The course, designed for individuals selected by industrial management who can apply the knowledge gained effectively, consists of a series of lectures, conferences and laboratory periods.

Mr. Burton Stratton, director of the Evening and Extension division, stated that the new courses were the only ones of this type being offered in any extension school.

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# Early Days of Livingston Park Recalled

When an R.I.T. instructor talks of his Rochester home, he might be mentioning one of three places: Livingston Park, 60 So. Washburn street, or 64 So. Washington street, for these are the locations of the faculty houses.

Livingston Park has an illustrious background. The whole section surrounding the park was once known as the "ruffed-shirt ward" because of the quality of the hair that grew on the heads of the men who lived there. Though slightly degenerated, she still holds her head high with pride of the men she is. Where once grand ladies serenely promenade, you can see children happily at play; the private parkway is no longer closed to traffic, the roadway that once sported the carriages of Colonel Nathaniel Rochester and other members of the city's social elite.

In the spring of 1945, 60 Livingston Park, one of the typical homes of aristocratic Rochester of the middle 19th century, was acquired by Rochester Institute of Technology to become a residence hall. At that time certain additions, a playground for the girls and an office for the director were made. In the year of 1945-46, 28 girls lived there with Miss Evelyn Tipping as their director. These girls, all upperclass students, shared apartments with either three or five other girls. The girls were almost entirely self-governing. They elected their own house president. They all felt and carried out cooperatively their work, problems and responsibilities. You can tell, just by talking a few minutes with any of the former inhabitants, that there was a gay group. Picnics in the back yard, parties, and other fun things took place at the end of the year, parties and just the fun of dorm living made the year at Livingston one to be remembered by all the girls.

There are at present seven families living at this residence hall. They are the Wilsons, Tituses, McCains, Wrights, Nortons, Boams and Todds. These couples all have special interests in the up-and-coming younger generation, due to the fact that each has one or more progeny in that group, ranging in age from 3-month-old infants to 10-year old workhorses of Mr. and Mrs. McCain. Workers are to be the present center of interest among these people. Still, they are prominent in school activities and you can be sure their "home-hered" interests are with the Rochester Institute of Technology. There is a little more to be said about Livingston Park. In the future as in the past and present, it will be a monument to the greatness of Rochester and a symbol of pride for R.I.T.

**PHOTO CREDITS**  
 SPRIT has been informed that photo credits should have been given to Leonard Zoref for the Alpha Psi picture on the back page of the last issue, to Hank Koons for the bowling picture of John Ebert on Page Three and to Jack Barach for the picture of Larry Roberts on Page Five. All these pictures appeared in the February 28 issue of SPRIT.

Manhood has not been born with medals on their backs, nor a barbed few, booted and spurred, ready to ride them.

—Thomas Jefferson

## Foals Department

Some of the food students do get around. Bobbie Gebhard (fr.) spent the week-end at the home of Marion Converse (fr.) in Phelps N. Y. It sounds as though they had a very eventful time. Gilda Lipshutz was the guest of Marjorie Uhl of Elmira. "Marj" is a former RIT student.

Members of the Dietetic Association will hold their monthly meeting at Highland Hospital on Tuesday, March 18. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Estelle Hawley of the University of Rochester, whose talk will be on new findings in nutrition. Dietetic majors are welcome to attend.

No column would be complete without the names of those who are to be married in the near future. Harriet Barnard, Mrs. Hokes ever-charming secretary, will become the bride of Ben D. Morton, a former student in the Photo Tech Dept. on April 19th. The ceremony will be performed at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Murray Cayley officiating. Beth Brownstein, (Jr.) is marrying David Klonisky of Seneca Falls sometime in June. Even the men are doing it! Bob Harrington (fr.) and Hertha Yoeman of Rochester will be wed soon. No date has been set for wedding.

## Phi Sig News

The approach of the Spring season reveals that the Phi Sigma Phi fraternity are not going to be left at the Post as far as social affairs are concerned. Very prominent on the fraternity's list of activities at the present time is the radio raffle (table model). Tickets can be obtained from any of the Phi Sig salesmen at \$10 apiece. April 1 has been set for the drawing.

The high-light of the fraternity's social calendar, the annual dinner-dance, will be held on April 12 at the Midvale Country club. Jack Nunn and his orchestra have been signed up to play on that date. This is the climax of the year for Phi Sig members.

As is the custom every Spring, Phi Sig will have an outing at Ellison Park with its sister sorority, Delta Omicron, on April 27. Committee organizers of both parties are already working, in order to facilitate a well-organized gathering.

In late Spring, a farewell get-together is planned for outgoing brothers. No definite plans have been set for this annual tribute to senior brothers. However, a committee was recently formed to consider the matter.

**MOVIE PROGRAM**  
 Wed. March 13, 1947  
 "Monarchs of the Ring"—A cavalcade of ring claspics. Firpo, Willard, Dempsey, Louis in action at their major fights  
 "Shine"—Louis Armstrong  
 "Moonlight Becomes You"—Eddy Howard with dancing star Valerie Tom  
 "Women Wrestling Champions"—The ladies show their skill in this manly art.

Wife: I suppose that you didn't have the active to do anything as unmitigated as to throw rice at your ex-captain's wedding?  
 Ex-wet Hubby: No, we weren't military about it. As a concession to his teaching, though, we wrapped up the rice in 5-pound bundles before tossing it at him.

## Sportlights

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Keyser	12	8	32 13 2.6
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Lisanti	5	2	12 14 1.4
Reakes	2	0	4 8 0.5
Denning	1	0	2 2 0.0
Stevens	0	1	1 4 0.0
De Rochie	0	0	0 0 0.0
Smith	0	0	0 0 0.0
Richards	0	0	0 0 0.0

The above is a tabulated record of what the members of the RIT Basketball team did for our Alma Mater during the current season—which, by the way, ended this past week-end. Individual scoring honors go to Joe Burgholzer who averaged 14.3 points in eleven games which he played. Burgholzer's ability has been demonstrated time and again during the hoop campaign. His brilliant play making and offensive action have drawn plaudits from the fans—both from our side and the opposition as well. Joe whipped in the top total of 22 points in the Ontario Aggies game, at Guilph, Canada.

The hottest man in our ranks this season was Andy Theophiles who boosted his prestige by coming up from the Jayvees and winding up with a starting spot on the Varsity five.

Two seniors, "Haze" Keyser and "Vin" Lisanti, played their last game against Fredonia, Saturday night. The rest of the team will be back next season, which is a certain relief to Lee Fox. Fox had a tough assignment this season, but with due consideration he did a good job with the Plymouth Avenue stalwarts. While we're plugging or polishing the proverbial spheroid, we'll award orchids to Steve Brodie, for the excellent work and effort in aiding the return of the RIT Varsity basketball team after four years absence from league competition; to Vern Titus who proved a good official timekeeper as surprised us all with his well-versed knowledge of the game; to Clarence Tuttes and Brad Meyer, as the cleverest ticket collectors this side of Batavia Downs and to Dick Sullivan for his stellar managerial performance. The fact that we do have basketball at RIT for the Varsity team—rests with the Board of Athletics at the Institute and its supervisor, Sherman Hagberg.

The Varsity squad is now operating in several post season encounters and will no doubt gain a great deal of experience. Coach Fox has been in search of that right combination all season. No one had a tougher job than he did. RIT had tough luck with Mansfield, a team way out of our class. Equally tough was the losing of

the last three games. Worse than that, Alliance manufactured 94 points against RIT's 45 in 24 weeks encounter. Fredonia polished off all hopes by coming from behind to defeat the local quint, 61 to 51. The official season's over, but the team will play some post season games, as stated before. Some new talent is expected to be in the RIT fold next season. Local West High's torrid tosser, Bailey, is expected to be on hand and reports have it that he is working out with the boys.

Along the corridors there are whispers of the presence in our midst, of a razzle-dazzle basketball team of RIT boys, who have been in steaming and honest training for the usual of all times—a game (for charity, of course) with the RIT Varsity—or what-

ever the team is called, since they do not function as the varsity team now that the regular season is closed. This new team, does not have a "moniker" as yet, but the prospects look good. More on this team and "the game" later on—it will be a corker.

—Bob Mosher

Don't write pleasantries contributing to SPRIT. You know, false lies; new innovation; wet, rainy day; annual yuletide; true facts; pair of twins, etc.

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Seventeen years ago, in 1932, the Little White House was purchased by the Rochester Convention and Publicity Bureau to be used as a headquarters for their office. When an inside stairway to a new basement was cut, a box of buttons was found in the walls. The buttons numbering 300 had been sold at the dedication of the Fredric Douglas Monument.

In the United States the Little White House is one out of 56 houses of a park and is the only house of its type which is used for city advertising and public relations.

At least once each year the Little White House has four guests who can remember the house on its original site. One woman of about 90 years remembers playing in the kitchen and eating cookies baked on the top of an old cook stove in an improvised oven. The others who visit the house during illac time can recall the beautiful illacs which surrounded the house on Sherman Street.

Founder and Executive Secretary of the Rochester Convention and Publicity Bureau, Mr. J. Allan Doyle came to Rochester in 1932 from Detroit. There he had worked with the Detroit Convention and Tourists Bureau and the advertising department of the then newly organized Chrysler Motor Corporation.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Doyle's first place of residence in Rochester was the Frontenac Apartments now better known as RIT students as Kate Gleason Hall.

Mr. Doyle directs publicity campaigns for Rochester. His advertising policy has been to "shoot with a rifle instead of a shot gun." Rochester has been publicized as a convention city, and rightly so, for although it ranks twenty-third in population in the United States, it ranks tenth as a convention city. Last year 650,000 pieces of literature were sent from Washington Square to advertise Rochester to the United States.

—Pete Fisher

## Room Assignments

On March 12th, the prospects of anyone who visit the room they have this year will sign up for them. Their fees, \$6.00 for full time or \$1.50 for part time must be at this time and their names must be signed. On April 6th, Senior girls in the alternating block will have an equal chance of signing up for the room they now occupy.

On April 23rd, Senior girls who want other rooms will sign up for them. April 24th is reserved for the Junior girls that want their own rooms. The remainder of the residence hall girls will sign up on April 30th.

—Hoberta Gehring

## Military Training

(Con'td. from Page One)  
and says "It is the biggest experience I ever had in my life." William Jones, I&P Freshman, World War II:

"I went through it and I don't want my son to go through with it." When the proposed bill was explained, he reconsidered and thought that if trained for a short specified period, the training would be advantageous to the nation.

Donald W. Ritchie, Instructor, World War II:

Ritchie expressed the opinion that the source of the continual bickering is a more important fundamental than the forming of an army to fight. "If people are so stupid that they have to keep fighting each other, then yes, let's have it." Ritchie considers that training in statesmanship and diplomacy in which nations would understand one another would be more beneficial than a UMT program which would continue to match our strength against that of another nation.

Each interview stated above is a reaction from a person in different circumstances. A need for something is expressed by each person.

This story is an attempt to shed the public's tongue with the question posed and start discussion. It is to make people cognizant of the necessity that they understand the question and become excited enough to express their opinion pro and con.

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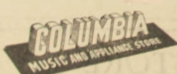
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