Navy Plans To Separate ROTC, V-12

Rathbun to Command NROTS; Whiteford To Head V-12 Unit

Plans are under way to divide the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTS) and the V-12 units here, as was announced by naval officials Wednesday. In the past these two units have been consolidated. The Naval ROTC is a permanent unit, while the Naval V-12 Program is a war measure; therefore, the two units should be separate and differentiated from another, officials said.

Commander Whiteford is the executive officer in charge of the Naval V-12 Units. All the administrative business of this unit will continue as before. The Naval V-12 students are occupying West and South Bells.

Commander Rathbun is the executing officer in charge of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTS) Club and Program as it is carried out here at Rice. The administrative business of the NROTS is carried out exclusively in the Navy Building. The NROTS students are occupying East Hall.

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Welcomes New WAVE

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At Houston Country Club

Transportation To Be Furnished By Travel Bureau; Queen of Prom Will Be Elected at the Dance

The highlight of this weekend will be the Junior Prom. The Prom will be held at the Houston Country Club in Saundersville at 8 p.m. Saturday night from 8 until 11, the Ellington Field orchestra furnishing the music. This will be a highlight in itself as the Ellington Field orchestra will be making its debut with Rice students. The orchestra is well known in Houston and the Southwest for its fine music. The price of admission will be $2.00 per couple and $1.20 per guest.

Those people that do not have a ride out to the Country Club may go to Salliyport to present their difficulties to "Murder, Inc." The latter is striving to meet the transportation needs. Anyone who has a car and would like to offer other passengers a ride is asked to sign the list which is available in Sallyport. In any way it is hoped that everyone wishing to attend will be able to get a ride.

FROM THEME SONG

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Coach Joe Davis has had his team practicing pasts and more passes throughout the week in order that they may not make the same mistakes which cost them two victories last week against their first foe; Randolph and Kelly Fields. Probable starters, according to Coach Davis: enders, Bill Henry; guards, Rusty Darling and J. D. Thomas; forwards, Green, and forward, Pearson; center, forward post is still unfilled.

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**Editorials**

"Give Us Liberty ..."

There has been a great deal of rumor (or scuttle-butt, as the navy would say) concerning whether or not the navy trainees here will be granted liberty every night. Whether this is true or false, we don't know; but we do offer some arguments for this extra privilege.

We will attempt to give our viewpoints by presenting first, the argument against nightly liberty and, second, our refutation of it.

1. Many trainees are falling to keep up their studies in the Insync 2. If liberty were granted every night and many more would probably be forcefully separated from the school.

2. It is agreed that we would lose some trainees, but, the point in question is, would we lose any more than we are going to lose anyway? No! All the trainees have been here five months or more, and the majority had completed at least one term before being called to active duty in July. If this group of men can't recognize their study needs, they are not fit to become officers in the navy.

3. You're in the navy now. The men should be subject to the discipline of the navy, along with its closely regulated liberty.

This is perfectly true; but these men are in a special set-up, the college program. Every man in the V-12 Unit realizes how lucky he is to be able to continue his education, and his only complaint is that many similar units throughout the country have this extra privilege.

4. Liberty on Wednesday nights and week ends is enough.

Agreed. Trainees in most cases, with only one night during the week for liberty, the individual feels that he must take advantage of it regardless of classes, examinations, and games scheduled for the following day. On the other hand, if liberty were granted nightly, he could go out whenever he could spare the time.

Another related to this is, that more liberty would cause the dorms to "settle down." Those who had prepared their lessons in advance would be free to go out, hence leaving the dorms quiet for others to study.

In conclusion, we might add several more reasons why extra liberty should be granted.

1. It would certainly increase the morale of the unit.

2. It would force the trainees to learn to take care of themselves. They would either learn to budget their time, or prove good in their office qualification.

3. It would encourage the men to utilize some spare time during the day, in order to lighten their evening work.

**Society**

Grace Ellen McIntyre

Grace Ellen McIntyre is to be married to Mr. Walter H. Pritchard, who will be honored with a buffet supper for the wedding of his daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd Breck, Jr., Tuesday evening in Lake of the Woods Chapel.

The wedding of Betty Lou Steinbugler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey, to Lt. Verlan Prichard, will be held at the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Galveston, Thursday, October 17, 1916, at the post office. It is expected that all of the guests will remain at the Lackeys' home that evening in order to lighten their evening work.

The wedding of Mrs. Corinne Powell of Bastrop, to Lt. W. S. Mackey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mackey, was held at Mrs. Corinne Powell's home last Monday evening in Lake of the Woods Chapel.

The wedding of Mrs. W. S. Mackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mackey of Houston, was held last Monday evening in the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Houston. The bride attended Rice where she was a member of the Pallas Athene Literary Society and the University of Texas where she enrolled in the Delta Gamma sorority.

**THE THRESHER**

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Although there was no dance or tremendous party this weekend, Rice students continued to show just how much they enjoy being students.

Many, many people were seen at the Hasty Pudding Club last night. Among those present were Betty Lou Steinbugler, Mary Magdalene, and Elsie Pitt. And Maggie, Kevin, and Jane Kirkpatrick, if you missed them, well, they were many.

We also saw Jack Jep-

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

It takes a hard pull to get there,

Before the war Bell Laboratories' scientists put quartz crystals to work in such a way that sound conversations are carried on two pairs of Long Distance wires at one time.

Now with strategic metals so scarce, the Bell System is using only 6,000 tons of new copper a year instead of 90,000. And these tiny crystals are helping to provide more communication for each pound used.

They serve on the battle fronts, too. Western Electric has manufactured some eight million quartz crystals for use in the dependable communications equipment Bell System research is giving the armed forces.

In the better days of peace, we will again be directed toward keeping this country's telephone service the best in the world.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

For calls keep Long Distance lines busy ... That's why your call may be delayed.
Basketball got off to a rather disheartening start last Friday and Saturday nights, with successive losses to Randolph and Kelly Fields. Both games, however, gave promise of much improvement to be expected from the Owl quintet as soon as they had adequate opportunity to practice. Both of the service teams were composed of experienced players who had worked together for some time. That, coupled with some rather erratic passing, probably caused the two defeats. In the first week the squad has been going this season.

We will have a good pair of guards in both games gave assurance that tor to the Owls. The performances of Rusty Darling and Grover Noonan of the teams have lost their second game; therefore, they are eliminated from the tournament, leaving 8 teams in the running.

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BNU vs. Rice, Houston

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Bent vs. Rice, Houston

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"I was taking a special course in Pennsylvania when I was wounded. I was in the General Electric School Special Training Program when I was graduated at Schenectady, N. Y. Several Signal Corps lieutenants were in town last week. Alfred Spark and Jack Patillo had a whole week's leaves before reporting to Florida for their new duties. They graduated at Schenectady, N. Y., from the General Electric School there. Patillo's K. S. friends gave him a party at the Plantation Wednesday a week ago, and Lt. Spark was at Bakewell Dry Goods Store, looking over earrings with his friend, George Williams. No doubt for his mother.

The Army Special Training Program seems to have quite a few ex-students, Harold Kimberley at the University—taking courses in military government and German. He is planning on getting home the first of the year. On Liberty, he gave up to Omaha, where what is? United States 35, Chicago, Ill. W. ATR BT, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, is taking a specialized engineering course. He has every weekend off to go to New York or Philadelphia (those lucky guys!) He will leave for Houston on December 26, and he is a big "Welcome" out, Sammy! The Thresher wishes to extend his congratulations to Ed Spainhower, Captain, U. S. M. C., who was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart on November 18. He was wounded by a land mine that killed the fellow he was talking to in Germany. Jim Margrove, former editor of the Thresher, and his wife, Mary, were on the campus last Saturday. Jim was talking to Dr. Taunton, who claimed that the training he had had in German was now his best medium of expression. Jim left Saturday night to take up his duties again. He's a private first class and is in the specialized program.

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there will be carried out in the decorations. The backdrop, which will be Santa Claus on it holding a big 45 for the rest of the year. Brilliant lights will be used to make the decorations. The mantele will be decorated with holly and other Christmas greenery. The fireplace will be decorated in accordance with the real Christmas spirit, and a small fire will be made from lights.

The committees for the dance are comprised of the following: Decorations Committee, chairman, Betsy McInnis; with Dorothy Jean Wegner, Estelle Lindsey, Marielle Spiller, Nellie Alexander, and Jean Hill assisting her. Publications Committee Chairman is Stanley Young, with assistant Pat Trummel, Mary Jo Mattlin, and Ed Jarvis. The program committee is in charge of the dance and Mary Clark Jarvis is ticket chairman.

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scores, the ballroom scene up to particular effect time and again. The costume, setting, and lighting was all excellent, as you might suppose. Because of a "deadline" (not of the Thresher), we were unable to see the last scene, but if it is anything approaching the level of the rest of the play, "Peggy and Peter" came to a brilliant conclusion. It is a brilliant, well-rehearsed production. We were completely satisfied, having seen what was the best presentation on a Houston stage this year.

Ballet Russe

It is curious to note that, in the theatre, as on the football field, when group of actors or players are trained, they seem to approach the level of the spirit of the team in their next appearance. Whether this is due to overconfidence or mere coincidence, we were presented with a case in point this past week. To our surprise and discomfiture, the "incomparable" Ballet Russe seemed to be less able—less precisely organized—this year than last, possibly because expectations had been raised to an unattainable peak. However, the slightly disappointing ballet appearance was due, to a far greater extent, to a combination of circumstances, such as the loss of Blevinska, the formation of the Ballet Theatre, and the consequent loss to that organization of some of the Russe's most capable dancers. In addition to these personal losses, the choreography, costumes, lighting, and orchestra, accompaniment were definitely not comparable to last year.

After these slightly derogatory comments, we must once more say that the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo put on a scintillating performance. The dancing of Youskevitch and Danilova (who, however, is beginning to try) is an epiphenomenon of grace and brilliance. We lived, if slightly over-exuberantly, for the first time. Besides these three old standbys, Miss Tallchief, particular in "Elisir," showed that the Russe still find new and promising dancers under the most adverse conditions. All in all we are forced to admit that the ballet did not live up to our glowing expectations and predictions. If it was not worthwhile showing, it is not quite the four-ball production people thought it would be.

Yoshikl Menuhin

Yoshikl Menuhin furnished the brightest, most musical and exciting appearance of the week. In his playing the violinist displayed all the power of attack, the majesty of resonance, the depth of tone that, combined with a wonderful depth of feeling, mark him as a great performer. His greatest achievement this year was his ability to express himself in his own ability. As he played, they were aware of some of the facial contortions and violent body motions that are the resultant and appearance of men of less stature. This absolute sureness is given to very few men who have, as many of their era. Mr. Men-