

#1
HSC coll:

HUMBOLDT NEWS LETTER

HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE, ARCATA, CALIFORNIA, DECEMBER 29, 1943

SERVICE TO COUNT ON COLLEGE CREDIT

Do you remember the World War I verse about the Oxford lads

"Who took the khaki and the gun
Instead of cap and gown!"?

For World War II veterans, the verse might undergo some revision and read:

"Who took the khaki and the gun
But won his cap and gown!"

When "V" Day comes, demobilization will not be altogether painless. Experts are busy now preparing a battery of tests to be administered then, designed to measure several factors:

- (a) General scholastic level
- (b) Values received from in-service training and experience
- (c) Values received from courses taken under the Armed Forces Institute.

Results of these tests are to be sent to the college of your choice (Humboldt—we hope)—to be evaluated in terms of semester hours of credit applicable toward graduation. Be sure to investigate the plan for giving these tests—as it will be unlikely that subsequent opportunity will be provided for receiving credit for the in-service training.

Early in the war, the State Colleges adopted a plan to allow six units of blanket credit to all who successfully complete the basic training, and nine additional units to those who complete officer's training. Since this plan was announced, the American Council on Education in cooperation with the Armed Forces Institute has been working out the above plan for credit on the

basis of examinations. It is safe to say that Humboldt will follow the plan of the other colleges and universities in awarding credit for military service.

Of course you know about the Armed Forces Institute—and the wide variety of courses you may take either direct from the Institute or by correspondence from a great many colleges and universities. Recent reports indicate that thousands of young men are enrolled in these courses, including a surprising number of men overseas. Too busy? Probably you are—but many soldiers and sailors will find the time to earn at least a few college units before they report for demobilization.

Should you be discharged before the war ends, educational assistance awaits you. Assistance (tuition fees plus a weekly allowance) is available for one year, or for a period equal to the length of time in military service—whichever is the lesser. The period of assistance may be extended in the case of superior students. Inquiry should be made through the Veterans' Welfare Division of the Department of Pensions and National Health.

A bill is now pending in Congress providing for the appropriation of funds to make possible a year of schooling (elementary, high school, or college level) for honorably discharged veterans and members of the merchant marine, with tuition and fees paid, supplemented by a stipend of fifty dollars per month for single men, seventy-five dollars per month for married men, and ten dollars additional for each child.

HUMBOLDT STUDENTS IN VARIOUS SECTORS

Capt. Walter Schocker, '34-'39, has shot down his third plane in the South Pacific offensive. He recovered from a broken arm last spring and has seen almost daily action this summer and fall.

Herb Gomes, '36-'40, now a captain in the Army Air Corps, was recently named by a radio commentator as one of three pilots who had done outstanding work in a major battle with the Japanese. His name has also appeared in Associated Press dispatches.

Dr. Max Todd, '28-'31, is now stationed somewhere in England and is a lieutenant in the Army Air Forces Medical Corps.

Dr. Paul Roberts, '31-'33, was recently promoted to be a captain. He is a flight surgeon of a fighter squadron stationed in England.

Lieut. Milton (Bud) Villa, '36-'41, is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. He is flying Vega Venturas, and says that the weather down there is ideal for flying.

Captain Merwyn Riddle, '38-'41, has written that he is now serving in the Indo-China wing of the Army Transport Command in India.

Tom Amen, '38-'40, was recently promoted to the rank of a full lieutenant in the Navy. He is a gunnery instructor at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. His wife, the former Gladys Grove, '38-'42, is with him at Corpus Christi.

Leland Westerlund, '38-'39, was recently commissioned Second

Continued on page 2, col. 1

THE LIBRARY
HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE
ARCATA, CALIF. 95521

HUMBOLDT NEWS LETTER

EDITORIAL STAFF

President Arthur S. Gist,
Chairman.
Mrs. Claire Speier Gustafson
C. Edward Graves
Maurice Hicklin

HUMBOLDT STUDENTS IN VARIOUS SECTORS

(Continued from page 1)

Lieutenant. He is in the Army Air Corps and is an instructor in Meteorology at U. C. L. A.

Sgt. Herman W. Jones of the Medical Corps has been in the Aleutians for 18 months. He has recently returned to his base hospital after spending four months at an outpost farther west. He reports having seen some wonderful sunsets and rainbows but isn't so enthusiastic about the weather.

Adair Roberts, '35-'36, was visiting around college the other day. He is just back from 18 months in Greenland above the Arctic Circle in the Army Ordnance Department as staff sergeant. He has some interesting stories to tell about skiing on the icecap, hunting and fishing and photographing the midnight sun. He is waiting to be re-assigned—somewhere.

Wayne Cochran, '35-'36, who was navigator of a Flying Fortress until he was severely wounded in France, has written that he is now using crutches and hopes to be able to return home in February.

Wayne Biord, '30-'34, was in town recently. For over a year he has been with the Navy Medical Service in the Panama region. He is not especially enthusiastic over the tropical scenery in that part of the world.

Rudy Renfer, '32-'34, is now a chaplain and a captain. He has recently been on duty with a Medical Unit in Arizona.

Julius Hooven, '32-'36, who enlisted as a Seaman 1/c has been commissioned a lieutenant (j. g.).

Curt Sundquist, '36-'41, is the first man from the Eureka Selective Service Bureau to win the rank of captain. At last accounts he was in the Amphibian Engineers in Australia.

Paul Hunter, '34-'37, is now a First Lieutenant with the Army Engineers Corps in Iran. Some of his letters have recently been published in the Arcata Union.

Ensign Myron Schussman, '33-'39, who had his officer training at Harvard and additional training in destroyer escort duty at Fort Schuyler, Long Island, is now completing his training at Miami, Florida.

Tom Hansen, '39-'41, received his commission as Second Lieutenant at the Artillery Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, Maryland. He is now receiving three months special training in ordnance.

Toivo Arvola, '34-'36, has recently arrived "somewhere in India." He is acting as meteorologist for the Army Air Force.

Gene Flocchini, '38-'41, is a Warrant Officer (j. g.) He has just finished two months of maneuvers in Louisiana, and is now at Camp Howze in Texas.

Stanley Johnson, '36-'39, was recently in town. He has seen much action in the South Pacific including an escape from a warship sunk by the Japs. While here, he acted as best man at the wedding of his friend, Carl Rimby, to Lorraine Hathaway, an H. S. C. co-ed.

Lieutenant Buell Oberholser, who was here in the fall semester of 1941, was in North Africa from January, 1943 to October, 1943. He made over 50 combat missions in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He came home recently to his wife and a new baby girl.

FACULTY IN SERVICE; NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Dr. Homer P. Balabanis, who was on leave of absence with the O. P. A. this year from February 1 to August 15, is now again on leave in government service. This time he is with the State Department in Washington as chief economist working with the rehabilitation program for devastated countries in South-eastern Europe.

Captain Harry E. Griffith is with the Army. He is located at present at the Army Air Base in Salinas, California after having been assigned for duty many months in Washington.

Lieutenant James J. Hunter is with the Navy teaching in the pre-flight school at St. Mary's. He received his training in Florida.

Edmund V. Jeffers, S 2/c in the Seabees is now located at Pleasanton, California. His preliminary training was received at Camp Peary, Virginia and in Connecticut.

Don W. Karshner, CM 3/c is also in the Seabees and is now training at Camp Peary, Virginia.

Lieutenant Harry D. MacGinitie is with the Army giving pre-flight instruction in meteorology at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. His training was received in Florida.

Sergeant George E. Murphy is in foreign service doing interesting work in classification and assignment at a replacement depot.

John Van Duzer after serving in the Army several months was discharged. He is now teaching full time at the College and acting as Dean of Men.

Miss Sarah Davies who was the President's secretary for many years resigned in January and is now with the Pan-American Airlines in San Francisco. Mrs. Claire Gustafson is now Secretary to the President.



Top row reading left to right:
Tinkey and Elkinton, managers,
Ward, Goddi, Fiedler, Sigler,
Coach Hoos.

Row Three:
Briggs, Galloway, Giulieri, Du-
Mond, Fitzpatrick, Piersall, Par-
ris.

Row Two:
LeMasters, Iten, McCain, Mur-
ray, Thorn, Caro, McMillan.

Bottom Row:
Montgomery, Orlando, Long-
holm, Del Fatti, McGrath,
Speier, Lee.

REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS IN 1941?

HOOP LEAGUE FORMED

The big athletic event of the year for Lumberjack sports will be the basketball league for service men in Humboldt County to be staged in the College gymnasium during January and February. There will be seven service teams and the College varsity entered in the league, which is to be a single Round-Robin with each team playing once each week. The College team will participate in the games, but the wins and losses will not count and they will not play for the trophy.

Many of the service teams have been playing games with the College hoopsters and with other opponents, preparing themselves for what looms to be a tough league as all of the service teams boast veterans from last year along with many additional new players. Teams entered include the Orick Coast Guard, Eureka Navy Section Base, 107th Cavalry, Blimp Base, Coastal Patrol, two teams from the Naval Air Station at McKinleyville, and the Lumberjack Varsity.

The library is making a collection of autographed camp papers. Mr. Graves would appreciate receiving a copy of your paper with your name written on it. Without the autograph it hasn't much value. Write on it also the years when you were in school.

From Chico Service Men's News Letter we learn that Chico Staters are sending back to their Science Department specimens of flowers, shells, butterflies, cones, and other scientific specimens from strange and distant lands. Dr. Niles, Dr. Lanphere and Mr. Telonicher would be delighted to receive similar gifts from Humboldt men.

A three-point buck was seen the other day walking through the new stadium at the College. Mr. Telonicher and Mrs. Lanphere both saw it from their class-rooms, so it must be true. The new stadium, by the way, has been several football games this fall between six-man intramural teams.

Mrs. Ellen Walter died suddenly in August. Dr. Jessie McComb is taking her place this year.

SPORTS AT HUMBOLDT

Although lacking manpower for inter-collegiate competition in football, the Commuters defeated the Dormites in two six man football games. The Dormites turned around, however, and whipped the Commuters in a two out of three basketball series.

The Lumberjack hoopsters are entered in the Service Men's League and also are looking forward to their only collegiate games with Chico State in Chico, January 14 and 15 and in Arcata, January 29 and 30.

The varsity roster includes Francis Godec, guard, an all-county player of last season; Axel Lindgren, guard, remembered by many Humboldters; the cousin combination of Brett and Mark Melendy at forwards; and Walter Sweet of Arcata at center. Sut Walsh also has been alternating at one guard post. Although inexperienced and lacking in height, the boys are upholding the traditions of HSC.

Mrs. Alexander Brizard, for many years secretary in the Arcata Union High School, is now Assistant Registrar.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS SOCIAL EVENTS

The Men's Association of the College, although small, has sponsored a number of enjoyable events this year. Early in the fall the men gave a pancake breakfast for faculty and students at the new Council Crest fireplace. "Pop" Jenkins was in his usual form, flipping flapjacks for an enthusiastic and hungry crowd.

Next came the annual Men's Picnic, the date of which was changed from spring to fall so that the men could get together before anyone was called into the service. Assembling on a bright, sunny October afternoon at the beach near Dr. Lanphere's new home, the fellows and faculty men enjoyed a picnic lunch with all the trimmings followed by a good "bull fest." It was a particularly successful affair this year, for the men of the College had a chance to become well acquainted with each other and with the faculty men at the beginning of the term.

The third rousing event sponsored by the Men's Association was the Hallowe'en party held in the gym. Dressed in old clothes, faculty members and students alike entered into the spirit of Hallowe'en with gusto. Contests of nimbleness and skill—apple bobbing, pie eating, nut rolling with the nose, and relay racing—kept everyone laughing and in high spirits. The prize of the evening went to "Gilly" Negro who bested President Gist, hands down, in swallowing lemon cream pies. Between contests there was dancing, with the schottische and the polka in popular demand. "Pop" Jenkins fried doughnuts all evening right in the gym—they tasted wonderful with apple cider.

In addition to the social gatherings fathered by the Men's Association, there have been fre-

quent college dances in the gym to which service men were invited. These dances have served to keep up student morale as well as provide recreation for the soldiers and sailors stationed in this area. On Wednesday of the last week of school before Christmas vacation, the A. W. S. and the Men's Association sponsored a Christmas party for the faculty and students in the gymnasium. Each person brought a ten cent gift. After playing games and dancing, the group gathered around the Christmas tree while a jovial Santa Claus distributed the presents. The group then sang Christmas carols, led by the singing trio, Kay Swap, Joyce Bruner, and Nancy Crane.

DISCHARGES VALUABLE

A faculty member who was in uniform in World War I has a bit of advice to offer men in service now. This is it:

When you receive your discharge have it recorded at the first opportunity at the county recorder's, preferably your county of residence. The fee is nominal, but the value is considerable in case you have the misfortune to lose your discharge. And, unless veterans of World War II are quite different from those of World War I, there will be many a service man who will be unfortunate enough to lose his discharge, or to have it stolen—and they are stolen; sometimes along with other valuable papers, sometimes by some one who wishes to pose as an honorably-discharged service man.

The front of the main building of the College and the roof have received a coat of green camouflage paint. It blends into the redwood forest behind it beautifully, but some students like it better as it was in "the good old days."

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Dr. Natalye Hall of the faculty sends the following greetings to those in service:

"To the Humboldt boys in the service, some of whom I have had the pleasure of knowing personally, I send greetings for the New Year. Although a recent member of the Humboldt family, I appreciate the qualities of the college that make it dear to you. Realizing that no one could take the place of Dr. Balabanis in your affections and esteem, I am striving to attain the ideals for which he stands.

"We of the faculty, proud of your energy and courage on the fighting front, feel that, in a sense, we are working for you here. We hope that as a result of their studies at Humboldt the students still left to us will go out better equipped to face the problems that peace will bring when you have won the victory. We know that you do not wish to return to an unchanged Humboldt, since nothing that is static is really alive. However, we are trying to make Humboldt the college it would have become had you been here with us. Continents or oceans may separate us physically, but we are with you in spirit today and always. May your wishes for the New Year be fulfilled."

Bruce Wylie, '37-'39, radio-man second class in the Navy, has been cited by his commanding officer for his ability to take orders under fire and for bravery. He has also received action ribbons for Casablanca and Sicily.

Lieutenant Jack Schmidt, '37-'39, who is completing the final stage of his overseas training at the Great Falls, Montana, Air Base, was recently in town to welcome the arrival of a daughter in his family. His wife is the former Dorothy Fountain, '37-'41.