

EDITORIALS:

A Note of Optimism With Sincere Appreciation

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ammoth War Day Celebration Set For May

Naval Relief Ball, Flue-Cured Frolic Headline Big Duke Dance Weekend

Pan-Hel to Sponsor Tobaccoland Dance In East Gymnasium

Hoover Announces **Graduate Awards** For Current Year

Lights To Remain Undimmed in Gym

Summer Session **Explosives Course** Begins on June 8

Rifle Club Offers **Firearms Training**

Cline Heads Duke Ministerial Group

Navy Benefit Ball May Attract 5,000; Begins In New Gym at 8:30

All-Student Recital Scheduled Tuesday

Program to Include Sextet, Solos, Glee Club

Fire When Ready, Harvey



Grass Saving Contest Causes Slogan Barrage

Johnson Selects YMCA Cabinet

For Coming Year

Pegasus Postpones Coed Horse Show

When Blackout Whistles Blow

Japanese Course Not Yet Assured

Twelve More Entries Needed to Fill Quota

Duke Y Delegation

Sing to Feature

Brantley Watson Named President

Golson Hawkins

Sexes To Part | Program To Observe National War Effort



Of Pi Gamma Mu

To Attend Retreat

Committee Planning To Get Outstanding Speaker for Occasion

Pan-Hels Plan **MayDayDance**

Trial Blackout Comes Tonight

Manchester to Talk

At T.K.A. Banquet

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A Note of Optimism

Possibility of a vast Allied offensive against the Axis nations sometime this spring or summer is rapidly turn-ing into a definite probability, according to reports com-ing in from Washington and far-flung Allied outposts.

Where, when, or how this offensive will take place is still a matter of conjecture, but the fact that it is coming is encouraging news to millions of impatient Americans, weary after months of defensive maneuvers and discour-aging defeats.

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Recent bombings of Tokyo and other Japanese cities, presumably by American planes although not reported as such in Allied communities, expressions the fire move in this direction. It has been estimated that one-fourth of the Japanese merchant fleet has been sent to the bottom since the beginning of the war, and other losses in men and equipment suffered in recent offenses have been enormous. Whether or not Japan will be able to shift to the defensive and with seriously reduced military strengths hold what she has gained against the greatly strengthened and reinforced Allied forces is a question to which only Time holds the answer.

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As the situation now appears, it is almost a certainty
that a second front will be opened up in Europe before
the end of the summer. The opinion of many military
observers is that this front will take the form of an Allied
offensive against Korway, a belief that gains substantiation from apparent German expectations and a feverish
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is worried over the prospect of having to split her forces
and fight on two fronts, a situation which she has so far
been able to avoid, goes without saying.

A major thrust from the West avoids the new activate.

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A major threat from the West would mean virtual abandonment of the Nazi Russian campaign except for purely defensive measures. The blow to German national prestige by another forced postponement of the long-threatened march into Moscow would be exceeded with the relational prestige of the Nazional Prestige of the With the relating of German pressure on the Russian front, the Red forces would have two alternatives open to them, either one of which could aid materially the Allied cause. First, Russia could redouble her efforts to the west in an all-out attempt to drive the diminished German forces back and effect a telling blow which might end forever the Nazi threat against Russia, possibly giving her a chance to move into Germany. Second, see might shift a major portion of her army, particularly the air force, to the east and strike at Japan. A major offensive launched from some point such as Vladivostok is entirely within the realm of possibility.

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Of course, the possibility remains that the Allied nations may consider themselves unprepared this summer to attempt an actual invasion of the continent. In spite to attempt an actual invasion of the continent. In spite federal in much of the equipment, we are still sadly dendered to the continent of the expension, we are still sadly dendered to the continent of the continent of the continent of the continent in the chiefs, we may confine our efforts to air attacks and to sending aid to Russia in the hopes that she would be able to hold off the great German offensive which will undoubtedly come if the continent is not invaded by the Allies. Continued resistance by the Russians under those circumstances, plus the amount of arms which could be produced by the Allied nations during the interim, would almost certainly spell defeat for the Axis in the following year.

Taken as a whole, the military situation today looks considerably more favorable for the United States than at any time since the beginning of the war. Despite the fall of Battaan and continued Japanese successes, the Allied forces are gradually reaching a point of military preparedness and position from which they may soon be able to turm the tide in their favor.

National defense, that passive term which has been eliminated from American war philosophy, may soon be adopted in desperation by Germany and Japan—they may find, however, that the borrowed phrase requires more than mere printing and ballyhoo to make it effective.

With Sincere Appreciation

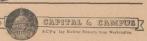
It is with sineere appreciation and great satisfaction that we note the installation of new fluorescent lighting in the undergraduate reserve room of the West campus library.

For years a prolific source of student gripes, the old lighting system has been the object of this column's most rabid attacks during the past year, and recently led a group of students to circulate a petition requesting active steps to alleviate the long-neglected condition.

The response to our pleas and to those of the student body, however, is gratifying, and it is to be hoped that future justified and sincerely-made requests will be an-swered in like manner.

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By The Way



Incidentally

THE NEW ARRIVAL



Letters to the Chronicle

I haven't esten very many meals in the Union dining hall this year, but some of the fellows have come to me in recent understanding of the allowness of the lines. Acting in their interest, as president of the SGA, I went down to see MT. Thorspon to try to get some explanation of the problem. After my talk with him, I concluded that most of the trouble has been caused by the lack of silverware. For a number of years, the Union has been able to replace its silver shortage of about 300 doeen pieces a year with no bother at all. However, now that we are in this war, stainless steel eating stensils are very hard to obtain.

A lot of us have different pieces of this silverware in our rooms, and it seems to me that if sy up to us now to get it back to the Union as soon as possible. I realize a lot of fellows take it because they don't care for the Union food—I cannot question their objections at that point—but as the matter stands now, if this silver continues to be taken, we shall soon face a real-problem.

ce a real problem.

Time will have to be taken to wash the knives, forks, and coms and we'll have to take two hours to eat meals which we'll have to take two hours to eat meals which we've got to remember that in order for us to be able to dge a substantial complaint about the food, we have to get own ducks in a row first. This is one way of preparing our-lives for a sound approach to the true Union problem.

Keate Jones.

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Monday, May 18—N.R.O.T.G. and Physical Education Exams Tuesday, May 19—Classes Rection M.W.F. at 6th period Wednesday, May 20—Economics 38; Spanish 2 Thursday, May 21—English 1; English 2; Classes Reciting TATAS, at 6th period Priday, May 22—Perioh 4 Saturday, May 23—Spanish 2; Classes Reciting M.W.F. at 6th Nondry. May 23—Spanish 2; Classes Reciting M.W.F. at 6th Nondry. May 23—Spanish 2; Classes Reciting M.W.F. at 6th

period
Monday, May 25—English 1; Euglish 2; Mathematics 8
Tuesday, May 26—Spanish 4
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