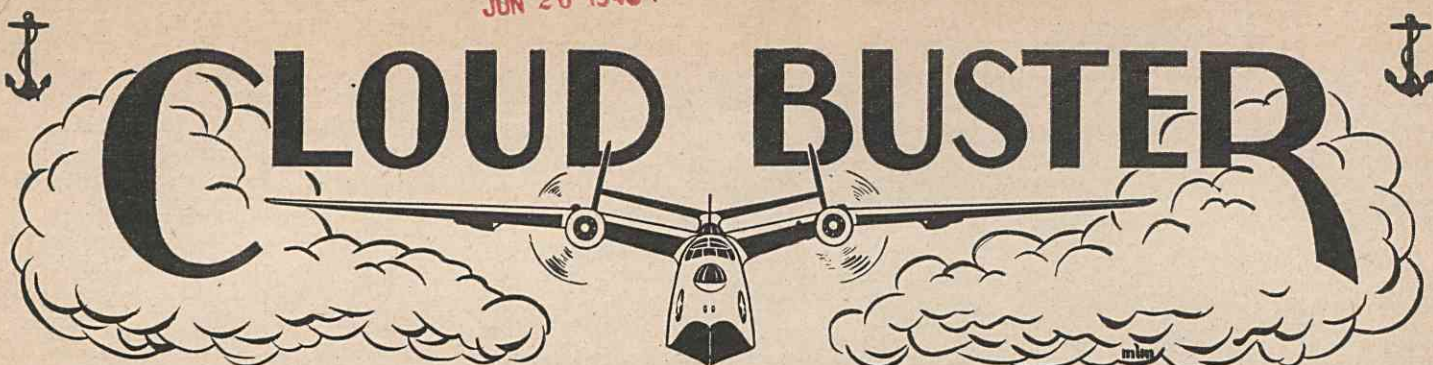


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Tenth V-5 Officer Training Course Underway Here

The Tenth V-5 officer indoctrination class—143 strong—began training this week at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here.

From east and west, north and south, they came—logging in for one month's instruction in Naval customs and traditions, military drill, and physical conditioning, prior to becoming instructors in the Naval aviation physical fitness program.

Among the well known sports personalities present are Lieut. Henry Sanders, USNR, former director of athletics at Vanderbilt University; Lieut. John Harding, USNR, from the University of Miami; Lieut. (jg) Paul Holstein, USNR, from Washington and Lee, and Lieut. (jg) John Baker, USNR, from George Washington University.

Boston University contributes a major part of its coaching staff to the Naval program, namely, Lieut. Walter Holmer, USNR, and Lieut. (jg) Russell Peterson, USNR. Harvard and Niagara are represented by Lieut. Charles Whiteside, USNR, Crimson rowing coach, and Lieut. John Gallagher, USNR, director of ath-

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Next Cadet Dance Scheduled for May 8

The May dance for the regiment of cadets will be held next Saturday evening in Woollen gymnasium, with swing music as usual furnished by the popular Pre-Flight band.

Starting time for the affair will be 2030 and the last dance will end at 2315. Taps will be at 2400.

Members of the senior battalion will be permitted to wear their blue uniforms, while the remainder of the regiment will wear khaki.

A vocalist is expected to be on hand for the occasion, possibly Cadet Paul Owen, 23rd Battalion member who formerly was tenor soloist with Fred Waring's band.

Cadets Always Welcome At Service Center During Town Liberty Hours

Pre-Flight cadets have an open invitation to visit the Chapel Hill Service Center which is open every weekend during town liberty hours, David Sessoms, director of the Center stated last Thursday. The Center has no connection with the USO but is a locally sponsored project located in the Methodist Church opposite Sutton's drug store.

Cadets will find there three ping-

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Sports Poll Rates Football Tops for Physical Training

Football holds first place in the minds of eastern sports writers as one of the 10 best sports for physically developing the nation's youth.

In a recent poll of eastern sports scribes conducted by the Public Relations Office of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., the gridiron game came out on top as the only unanimous selection for inclusion among the "10 best sports for rounding out and developing the participant's physical

endurance, agility, coordination, poise, confidence, and fighting spirit."

A close second in the voting was track, selected by 93% of those polled, followed by boxing and swimming which shared the third spot as the choice of 86%.

The other six sports nominated for the Big Ten of physical conditioners, and the percentage of the total ballots they represent, are: baseball 83%, basketball 81%, wrestling 69%, hand-to-hand combat 48%, soccer 38%, and gymnastics and tumbling 35%.

All of these "10 best sports" are included in the naval aviation physical fitness program.

While all of those responding to the poll did not give reasons for their choices, a number of them did. A selection of representative reasons offered by various sports writers in making their nominations is given herewith, grouped under each of the sports.

Football

GRANTLAND RICE, North American Newspaper Alliance, New York City: "Football is the greatest of all team games in the way of body contact and heavy pressure. It is probably the best game to develop quick thinking under pressure."

JIMMY DOLAN, Columbia Broadcasting System, New York City: "Football is war on a small scale, as well as a contact sport."

PAUL JONES, sports editor, The Asheville (N. C.) Citizen: "Any sport which teaches, or improves, the physical endurance, agility, coordination, poise, confidence and fighting spirit of its participants seems essential to any training for war. The more competitive training, the better. That's why football tops my list."

Track

DAN PARKER, sports editor, New York Daily Mirror: "Because obstacle course racing develops the

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Football



Track



Swimming



Boxing

IN A RECENT POLLING of eastern sports writers, football was chosen unanimously as one of the 10 best athletic activities for physical conditioning. Track, including obstacle course running, was a close second in the balloting, followed by swimming and boxing which tied for third.