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Dear Deltas!

Gee, there aren't many of you left at Northern! That is all the more reason you should work hard this rushing season. I know there will be many new Deltas, and nice ones too.

All day I have been thinking that Northern will open tomorrow. Am I right? Yesterday I saw an exciting football game at the College of the Pacific and I could not help but wish I were in school when I saw these young boys and girls in their colorful sport clothes. Yet, I was happy that I was wearing a uniform.

And the Navy certainly was well represented at the stadium. The game was played by the V-12 "Tigers" of Pacific and the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight "Airdevils." Much to our sorrow the latter lost. Everyone is talking football now.

Lights have been put out so I am in the lounge and will be until an MAJ (master at arms) decides differently. If I had to go to work in the morning I should not be up now, but as it is I do not have to report to the dental clinic until 1430 (2:30). No, I shall not sleep any later but as long as I know that I do not have to get up I can stay up. I guess I stated that in rather a complicated manner.

I have been in the dental technician's school for eight weeks. There are two, three weeks remaining. It is a fine course. There are other schools on the compound also, such as x-ray, physio-therapy.

occupational therapy, lab-school, electro-cardiograph, and surgery. When a corpeman on corps-leave completes his particular course he usually receives orders to some other Naval base. So maybe my address will be changing soon.

However, I like this compound. The recreational facilities are growing right along. Our outdoor pool is lovely. There the boys and girls have a great time with a rubber life-raft. The baseball field and tennis courts are nearby. The bowling alleys and pool tables are very popular. Every night there is a new movie. Last Sunday night I saw "Dragon Seed." Don't miss it. When there are dances at least twice a month. The music is provided by the corpemen's orchestra. Whenever a group wants a picnic - the recreation office is notified. All transportation and food are taken care of by that

office. So you see - there is plenty to occupy our free time. -3-

The night before pay day which falls on the 5th and 20th of the month is a busy time for the girls. You see our hair is inspected as we stand in pay-line. The girls that have to worry are the ones with tresses 4, 5 inches below the collar line. One certainly sees a variety of hair-dos on pay day. The difficulty lies in the fact that the fog seems to linger around until 0930 on pay days. Other days we awaken finding it sunny. It's quite the life. The boys' pay-line is next to the stoves so they get a big kick out of our inspection.

I better "hit the sack" now. We have double-deck bunks. Since I have been in the Navy I have had a lower. Even though my sheet has almost more thickness than my mattress I still sleep

well. The new Staves' barracks  
are near completion. (I under-  
stand we shall have thick  
mattresses, anyway thicker.)

Well girls, let me know  
who has returned to school  
and how your rushing comes  
along. I wish you the  
best of luck. I'll be think-  
ing of you all. Do you  
think it necessary for  
me to say, "Don't study too  
hard?"

I hope you have returned  
to Northern, Miss Truffley.  
The girls certainly need you.

Goodnight, Delta. I wish  
that you would say "hello"  
to Mrs. Lautner, the Bottome,  
the Roberts, and the Butten  
for me, please.

As ever,  
Lotta