

It appears, therefore, that the American college students, especially, should be keenly conscious of the job in national defense that lies just ahead of them. The nation will put its trust in these students as a natural reservoir of leadership, and officer material. They, therefore, should be more than anxious to maintain themselves in the best physical condition possible. Theirs is truly a rendezvous with destiny -- not in a vague and shadowy future, but tomorrow. They are preparing themselves mentally for the task ahead and it would seem inconsistent if this preparedness did not include physical and spiritual development of a similar rigorousness, quality and quantity.

The students of all Universities have within their grasp the opportunity to develop a plan and pattern of self-discipline, physical fitness, and preparedness for eventual service in the armed forces of their country, or as skilled and hardened workers in civilian defense that could serve as a model and inspiration for all Americans.

The challenge to our University men is at hand. Will they take the initiative as natural leaders and prepare themselves to "Fight the good fight"? For it is only by the most strenuous and complete preparation on the part of all that we can expect ultimate victory for our way of life. Those young men who accept this challenge and assert their leadership, and their numbers will be legion, are urged to select the U. S. Navy as the instrument through which they will strike the final blow to preserve America and keep its symbol of honor, our Flag, flying unsoiled and nobly over its institutions in whatever part of the world they may be.

Sincerely yours,

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