

CADET NURSES

Future Ladies With Lamps Light Up University Hall

With the echo of the footsteps of aviation students resounding in our halls, many of us thought that the University's part in the war was to be just that. However, with the passage of the Bolon Bill in June 1943, more cadets were admitted into the University—cadets in skirts.

In the first detachment that entered the University, there were one hundred and nineteen women, with a negligible number dropping out before the completion of the semester. The second group numbered sixty. Three groups are trained here each year.

The young women attend classes at the University their first semester in training. While at the University these pre-cadets, as they are called, ponder over such subjects as anatomy, physiology, chemistry, micro-biology, and psychology. English courses are taken with full-time regular students. In addition to their classes here, they work in hospitals, where they make their home for the semester.

The women accepted must all be high school graduates. They must go through a rigorous physical examination and a special aptitude test lasting an entire day when applying. If they pass, they are qualified for the course, all expenses paid. They must, however, agree to remain

in an essential nursing field, which includes work in any civilian or military hospital, for the duration of the war.

As students, they are average or perhaps a little above average. Although they work more than the average college student, student nurses have time for social affairs too, provided by the hospitals.

The National League of Nursing Administration is in charge of the cadet nurses. They are sent to the University by the Hospitals who apply to the government for funds.

Dr. Marion Weightman of the University is chairman of the Committee on Nursing Education. Other faculty members serving on her committee include Dean Andrew J. Townsend, Miss Almeda Janney, Brenton W. Stevenson, Dr. Bess V. Cunningham, Dr. Archie N. Solberg, and Walter V. Burg. Captain Frank R. Hickerson, associate professor of education, is in charge of drilling the cadets.

Mrs. Ewing of Toledo Hospital, Miss Weyland of Robinwood Hospital, Miss Short of Flower Hospital, Mrs. Young of Women's and Children's Hospital, Mrs. Houck of Lucas County, and Miss Nicolas of Toledo State Hospital are also on the committee in charge.