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# Victor C. Vaughan House Medical Dormitory Under Construction, May 1939 Photographer: Eck Stanger

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**Caption:**
HOSPITAL ADDITION RISES A STORY: Framework for the interns dormitory to be located just north of University hospital has reached the second story level. In the background at the left is the Neuropsychiatric Institute, recently-completed hospital wing. The interns' quarters will be joined to the hospital by a pedestrian tunnel.
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## Victor C. Vaughan House Medical Dormitory Under Construction, March 1939 Photographer: Eck Stanger

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**Caption:**

VAUGHN [sp] HOUSE RISES: Masons, carpenters and plumbers are pushing construction of the new University medical dormitory at Glenn and Catherine Sts. This scene shows bricklayers busy on the west wall as forms are being constructed in the background. The approach of spring is speeding up building throughout the city.

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## Victor C. Vaughan House Medical Dormitory Under Construction, July 1939 Photographer: Eck Stanger

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Ann Arbor News, July 11, 1939
**Caption:**
MODERNISTIC LINES ARE IN EVIDENCE in the new dormitory for University medical students being constructed at Glen Ave. and Catherine St. The shell of the building is complete and interior work will be pushed in hopes of having the residence hall ready for occupancy in September. Ann Arbor Construction Co. is the general constractor.
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## Victor C. Vaughan House Medical Dormitory Near Completion, September 1939 Photographer: Eck Stanger

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**Caption:**

MEDICAL DORMITORY NEARS COMPLETION: Now more than 70 per cent completed, the Victor C. Vaughan Residence at E. Catherine St. and Glen Ave., new dormitory for medical students, is shown above. The residence will house 139 men.

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## Group Of UM Students From Different Countries Gather In Front Of Vaughan House, July 1951 Photographer: Eck Stanger

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## WWII years changed campus, students' lives

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World War II

■ More than 32,000 Michigan alumni were known to have served.

By LIZ COBBS SEP 0 2 1999
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Robert G. Lovell was a medical student at the University of Michigan and was studying for a chemistry test he was to have the next day.

But his studies were interrupted by a neighbor who gave Lovell startling news. The day was Sunday. The date was Dec. 7, 1941. The Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor and America was at war.

Across the country, individuals and groups looked for ways to help in the war effort and the U-M's faculty, staff and students were no exception.

U-M President Alexander G. Ruthven appointed a University War Board on Jan. 9, 1942, to oversee the university's planning for the war effort.

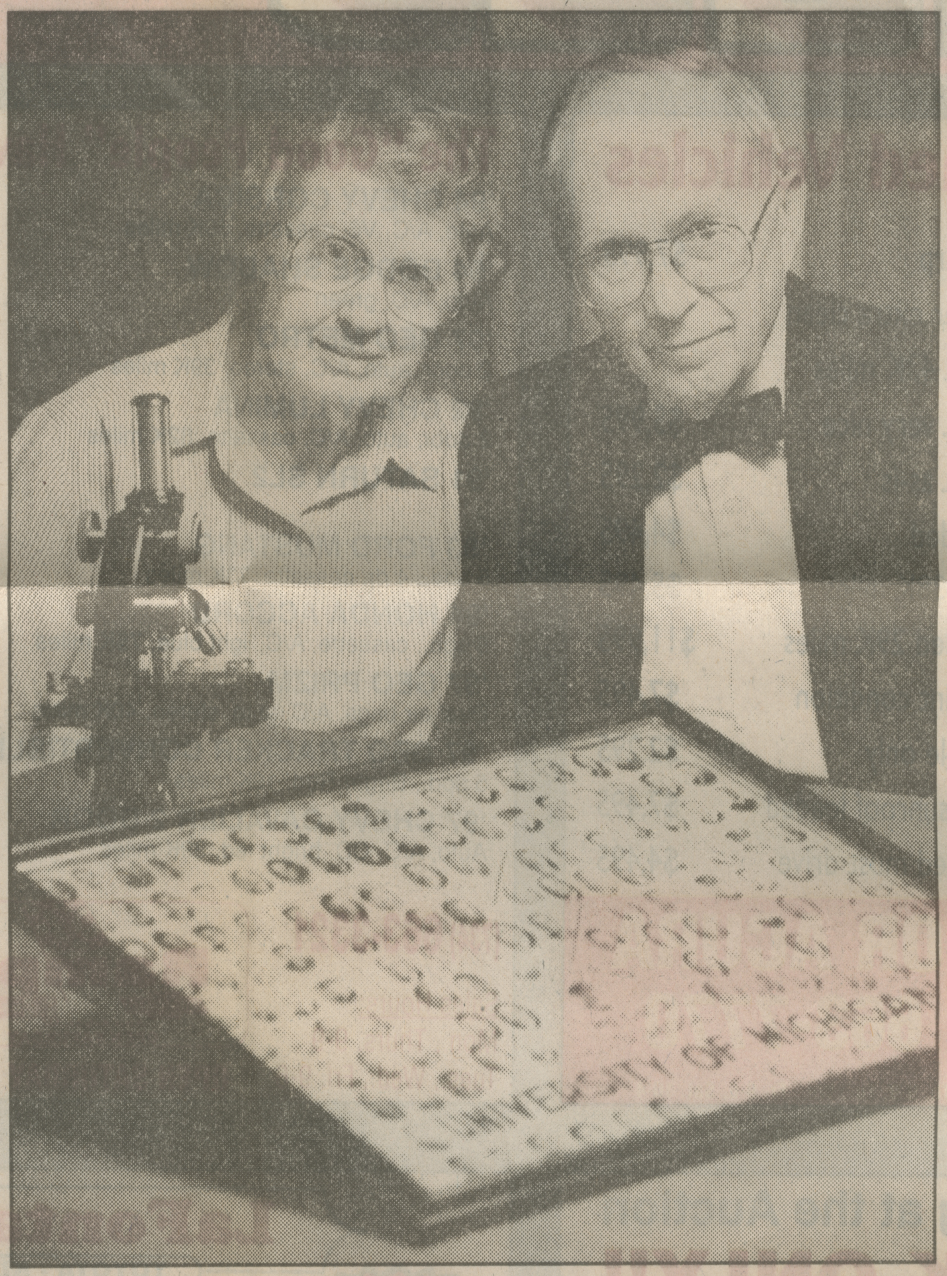
Since students were urged to stay in school because of the need for college-trained officers, the war board recommended an accelerated year-round, three-term academic program.

Lovell entered an accelerated program offered by the medical school. So for the next three years, Lovell went to school for three semesters, with about a one-week break between semesters, until he graduated from medical school on July 29, 1944.

Lovell, now 79, is a clinical professor emeritus of internal medicine at U-M's medical school and former assistant dean of the school. When he thinks back to that time, he recalls taking lots of exams.

"The stress was considerable. It was arduous," he said.

But students were willing to do it. And Lovell said he was all set to go



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**Drs. Nancy and Ronald Bishop met in the same U-M medical school class during World War II. The Bishops, who graduated in 1944 from the medical school, remember how the war changed university life.**

housed enlisted soldiers and soon-to-be soldiers.

Ronald C. Bishop stayed in the Vaughan House when he became an Army private. Bishop was in his

dents were grouped in fours and were assigned to dissect a certain part of a cadaver on a table before them.

Rider and three other women

And Lovell said he was all set to go into the Navy, but a collapsed lung kept him out. Shortly after graduation, Lovell was hospitalized with tuberculosis.

The fall of 1942 marked the beginning of Army, Navy and Air Force housing and training its soldiers at U-M. So, it wasn't surprising for students on their way to classes to see soldiers marching. In fact, some students became soldiers themselves.

More than 32,000 Michigan alumni were known to have served in the military, according to "Michigan on the March: The University of Michigan in World War II" by Brian A. Williams (Bentley Historical Library, 1995).

Ann Arbor resident Carl A. Brauer, who started his freshman year at U-M in 1942, joined the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The group was placed on active duty in the fall of 1943 and quartered in West Quad, he said.

"We ate, slept and studied together," recalled Brauer, who went on to become a real estate investor and broker and is currently owner of Brauer Investments in Ann Arbor. "We went through drills from 6:30-7 a.m. and classes started at 8 a.m. During the week, we had a curfew of 8 p.m. and had to be in our rooms. About 10 p.m. lights were out. Our lives were very controlled."

Brauer said he was commissioned as a deck officer after earning his bachelor's degree in engineering on Saturday, June 23, 1945. The next day, Brauer married his high-school sweetheart, Isabelle.

But instead of going on a honeymoon with his new bride, Brauer was sent to a camp in Missouri where he went to teletyping school. After that he was sent to the Brooklyn Navy yard, then shipped to Guam where he was in charge of a radio relay station. He stayed there until the war ended.

Not only did students' lives seemingly change overnight, but campus buildings did, too. Dorms, like Vaughan House, that once housed incoming freshman students, now

an Army private. Bishop was in his junior year of medical school when he was asked to resign from his commission in the Medical Administrative Corps, which prevented him from being drafted, to go into the Army Specialized Training Corps program. Soldiers in the ASTP stayed at the Vaughan House.

Bishop still remembers the summer break in June 1943 when he went to Fort Custer in Battle Creek to be inducted as a private with other ASTP unit members. But there would be no fanfare for the student-soldiers. Fort staff assigned the new recruits to various duties that night and Bishop was given a non-medical assignment to KP duty.

Female students on campus were also busy during the war. Williams wrote that a Women's War Council supervised the sale of war stamps and bonds, volunteered their time to the Red Cross, helped the buildings and grounds department on campus, worked in local defense plants and took a variety of war-related courses, including one on motor mechanics.

Nancy V. Rider was also a medical student and was in the unique position of being one of 12 women in a class of 120. The female medical students stayed at the AEI House, a women's medical fraternity – not sorority – located where the Power Center stands now.

For two years during medical school, Rider said she was involved in several aspects of running the house, including planning the meals and taking care of students' accounts. Rider made sure the students did what they could for the war effort.

No matter how busy she was though, Rider took the time to write home to her folks in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her letters, saved by her mother and later returned to her, are now a part of the Bentley Historical Library's war-related collections.

Besides taking care of the AEI House, Rider also had to endure a grueling schedule in medical school. In one particular class, stu-

Rider and three other women were grouped at the same table when four of their male fellow students came to them and asked if they could be of some help. The women flatly refused.

"It was a very nice offer, but I didn't think we needed help," she said.

One of the male students was Ronald Bishop. About nine months after graduating from medical school in July 1944, Nancy Rider became Nancy Bishop.

Despite the intense physical, military and educational preparation and pressure, students still found time to relax and have fun during the war years.

Dances were held on Saturday night, big bands of that time would come to Ann Arbor and perform. There were fraternity and sorority gatherings, and varsity sport activities. But no matter what activities students attended, the on-campus military presence was a constant reminder of war.

"We would even march in formation at half-time during Michigan football games," Brauer said.

After the war, the Bishops returned to Ann Arbor in 1951. Besides working as a professor at U-M, Bishop became chief of the medical service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in the 1960s.

Nancy Bishop placed her career on hold to raise the couple's four children, two of whom followed in the footsteps of their parents and became medical doctors. After their children grew up, Nancy Bishop took a job at the U-M Health Service in the late 1970s and worked there until she retired in 1985.

After recovering from his bout with tuberculosis, Lovell began practicing in 1946 at U-M and met a nurse there whom he married in 1948. He and his wife, Betty, who died 13 years ago, have "five great children."

Going to school and working during the war years was tough, students say, but they persevered.

"It wasn't fun, but it was essential," Lovell said.

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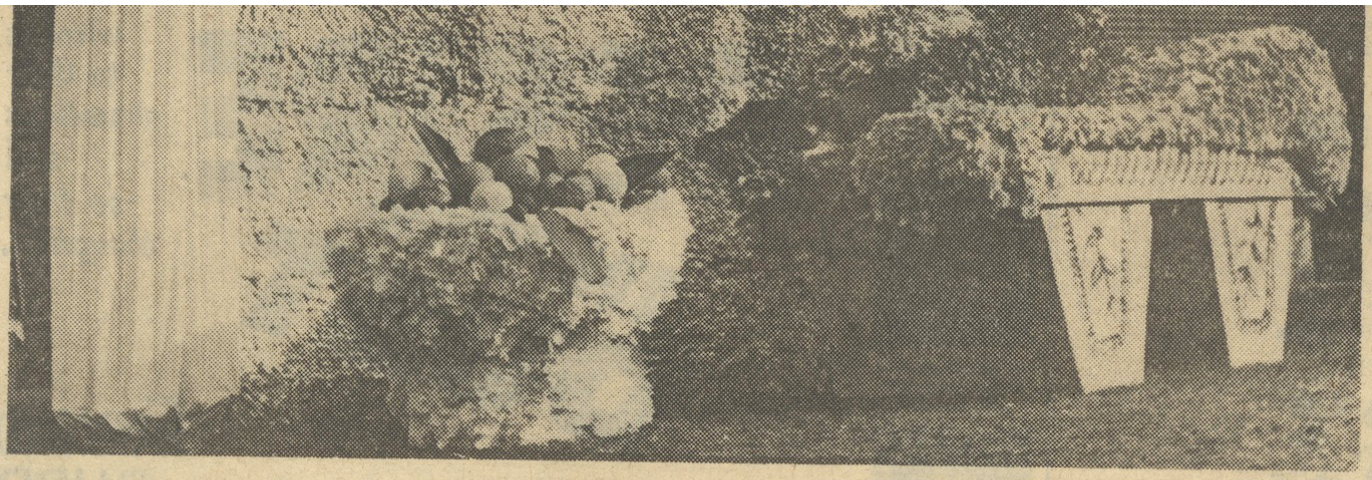
## Rumsey House Judged Homecoming Display Winner

'HUNGRY LOOK': A large homecoming display at Lambda Chi Alpha faternity, 1601 Washtenaw Ave., features a Michigan football player dangling a small Minnesota Gopher in front of his open mouth. The display's title is "Yon Michiga Has a Lean and Hungry Look," carrying out the homecomin theme, "Roman Rampage."



**PHILOSOPHERS:** Students from Gomberg House in South Quadrangle used the theme "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" for their display. The last few words have been changed to say "for today Gophers die."

**THUMBS UP:** Strauss House residents at East Quadrangle evidently think Michigan footballers will be full of life today. When spectators placed thumbs up it meant life for Christians during persecutions in ancient Rome. Thumbs down meant death.

**FIDDLER:** "Bumpus Fiddles While Minnesota Burns" is the title of the display at Delta Gamma sorority, 1800 Washtenaw Ave. A record number of displays—75 in all—was built this weekend for the homecoming festivities.

# *Rumsey House Judged Homecoming Display Winner*

Allen Rumsey House was the overall grand winner in the University's homecoming display contest, as well as first place winner in the men's independent housing unit division, it was announced this afternoon. Allen Rumsey is located in the West Quadrangle.

Gomberg House in the South Quadrangle, won second place in the independent men's division, and Hinsdale and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma, honorable mention.

Jordan Hall received the first place award for women's dormitories, with Stockwell coming in second; and Mary Markley and Victor Vaughn receiving honorable mention.

Kappa Delta received first place for sororities, Chi Omega received second place, while honorable mention went to Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta.

Among fraternities Theta Delta Chi took first place and Lambda Chi Alpha, second, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma, honorable mention.

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