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SO IT'S UNDEMOCRATIC By DONALD M. ERB

The concept of democracy outmoded? Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, reveals how Americans have misused the word democracy until it has become meaningless. OLD OREGON is privileged to present Dr. Erb's thesis and believes the address, which was given to the Eugene Round Table, contains some of the most profound thinking concerning our way of life to yet emanate from an American University since the beginning of the war.

THE thesis of this paper is that within the limits of my own horizon the people of the United States of America are, and have been for some time, guilty of gross distortion of the terms "democracy" and "democratic"; that they have used these terms and their derivative, "undemocratic", as convenient excuses for avoiding, or at least opposing, that which they do not like; and that it is important to the national welfare that we do what we can to stop the practice of depreciating these important words and confusing their meaning.

To make the thesis of this paper more clear, it will be useful to enumerate examples of policies and events which have recently been called undemocratic. No doubt many others will occur to you, but I take the following from actual statements, both public and private, which we have recently heard. I give them to you in random order.

For some years our best-qualified experts in the field of law enforcement have been urging that every resident in the United States should be fingerprinted. This was described as an aid not only to the law enforcement agencies, but also as a protection to the person, since fingerprints on file greatly reduce the danger of false identification and also assist the individual and his family in providing aid in case of accident or serious illness away from home, and simplification of procedures in case of death. Yet every attempt to pass a law requiring fingerprinting has been defeated partly because it was described and popularly condemned as being an interference with individual freedom, which was undemocratic.

Rationing, the compulsion of registering stocks of merchandise in the hands of consumers, the control of consumer's habits, is described as undemocratic.

THERE is nothing more serious facing the country today than the maldistribution of effective manpower. To put the skills of men and women where they will render the maximum service toward the winning of this war, regardless of their wishes in the matter but not regardless of their maximum effectiveness, is one of the most indispensable jobs that has to be done. Yet every suggestion of a labor draft or the freezing of labor in certain occupations, no matter how meticulously safeguarded the rights of the individual may be and no matter how elaborate the machinery for appeal and adjustment may be, is popu-



DR. DONALD M. ERB, caught in a characteristic pose, will speak at Commencement exercises on May 30.

larly opposed because it is said to be contrary to our most cherished democratic traditions.

Selective standards in education are said to be undemocratic. Segregation of students according to ability is similarly described. To apply screening tests and the selection of students according to demonstrated intellectual capacity and to assign some of them to manual tasks, others to the learning of skilled trades, and others to academic and professional colleges and universities is described as undemocratic. It is said that unless all of the students are given a universal opportunity for college or university education regardless of their native ability, and unless all of them are given the same preparation for that higher education, then the ends of democracy are not served.

Two years ago I mentioned before a University commencement assembly the fact that a group of well-meaning seniors had told me that to discipline and penalize upper classmen in fraternity houses, regardless of their social behavior or even their incorrigibility, was unthinkable because it was undemocratic.

I WAS informed several years ago that for the University to forbid students to bring cars to the campus with them unless they could demonstrate a need therefore, whether because of outside employment, physical disability, or residence far from

the campus, would be undemocratic. This statement was made and made to prevail in faculty councils in spite of the fact that the Universities of Illinois, Michigan, and numerous others not generally regarded as hot-beds of Fascism had forbidden students to have private automobiles unless they could demonstrate similar reasons therefor. Even this last autumn in wartime, with gasoline and tire shortages, the harshest policy for which I could get support was the issuance of a request that students leave their automobiles at home unless they had serious need for them.

We now find that many people think that we should not expect the boys to fight when they can't vote. A bill was introduced in the Oregon Legislature to reduce the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen because the draft age has been reduced to eighteen. They said that it was not fair or democratic to make them fight when they couldn't vote.

In some quarters it is very unfashionable on grounds of democratic principles to deny the universal validity of such a list as the list of "rights" enumerated by the National Resources Planning Board. Concerning some of those rights, of which there are nine, there can be no question. The right to work, the right to fair pay for what work is done, the right to equality before the law are certainly in that category. But concerning some of the others,

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Royal Court Goes Latin For '43 Fiesta

By MARJORIE MAJOR, '44

Here is the rhumba-time preview of a campus on a three-day South American holiday as told by Marjorie Major, '44, Junior Weekend publicity chairman and newly-appointed Emerald editor. This year the junior class, led by Co-Chairmen Bill Lilly and Bill Macy, extend their hands south of the border to honor our Latin-American neighbors. Thirteenth street will become South American Way and McArthur court will be transformed into the hacienda of Senorita Queen Mary Bentley (center right), and her court.

JUNIOR Weekend is not on the priority list of student activities for 1943. The most colorful and memory-packed event of an Oregon year is surviving with minimum expense and maximum brilliance.

The traditional Junior Prom, the campus luncheon, the Sunlight Serenade, the terrace dance, and the all-campus sing have been combined with the Mother's day program under a South American theme.

When the Junior Weekend committee, headed by Bill Lilly and Bill Macy, discovered that the traditional canoe fete must be discarded because of the difficulties connected with electrical lighting, they decided to direct even more attention to the events remaining on their program.

AS a result, the committee is now endeavoring to make every minute of Junior Weekend count, to make the gay theme of fiesta exciting. The Weekend will of necessity be a campus event, since persons with "A" cards are requested not to use their gas in making the trip, nor to travel on the already over-burdened passenger trains. The committee has its own secondary theme—"No unnecessary travel."

A coed's dream came true April 10, when blond Mary Bentley, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was chosen queen of the mythical Weekend kingdom. Queen Mary was chosen from the five contest finalists in an ASUO election and will preside over the Junior Prom and be crowned at the campus luncheon surrounded by her four princesses: Kay Jenkins, Alpha Phi; Frances Johnston, Alpha Chi Omega; Susan Sawyer, Kappa Alpha Theta; and Mary Wright, Gamma Phi Beta. The queen and her court will be arrayed in full-skirted Spanish-American costumes with lace mantillas.

THE theme "South American Way," selected by a group of faculty judges, was the entry of Nancy Hallock, junior in architecture and allied arts, in the annual theme contest. The committee and judges

found the idea especially adaptable at present because of the national stress on inter-American relations. At the same time, Roger Dick, junior class president, was chosen as the Junior Weekend master of ceremonies.

Committee heads, particularly those who are planning the Junior Prom, are enthusiastic with the prospect of conga and rhumba rhythms and the opportunity for bright costuming and decoration which the theme offers. Miss Hallock's idea is distinctly original as far as preceding Junior Weekend themes are concerned. In 1942 "Of Thee I Sing" was chosen, in 1941 "Arabian Nights," and in 1940 "Springtime in Vienna" was the theme.

The campus luncheon, scheduled for April 30, almost was discarded when the problem of food rationing became important. The usual line of hungry students and guests could not be served. Then, after some campus controversy, a plan was finally substituted. According to this plan, each living organization will furnish the food for its own members and their guests, thus simplifying rationing to a great extent.

WEEKEND heads gave sighs of relief when the Inter-fraternity Council and the Heads of Houses approved the plan. Features of the campus luncheon which might have been lost include the coronation of the queen, tapping of Friars, Mortar Board, and Asklepiad members, and the punishment of regulation offenders. The trees on the old campus, which have watched over innumerable luncheons, will shade the '43 affair, staged between Friendly and Fenton halls.

Several houses began practice last fall for the all-campus sing which will be held April 30 in McArthur court. Drawings held by the song leaders from 28 living organizations competing in the sing determined the order of singing. The choral event will take the place of the historic mill race spectacle, last seen in 1941. Last year an all-

Our Cover in Words

Not Allied infantrymen coming over a ridge in Tunisia, but five prospective members of Coach "Honest John" Warren's 1943 football team swing over the last lap of the obstacle course, which is part of the extensive physical education program discussed on page 6 of this issue. Left to right, the footballers coming at you are Johnny Miller, Bill Mayther, Bill Bartels, Wayne Terry, and Warren Christenson, while Coach Warren looks on approvingly.

campus musical, "Of Thee I Sing," was the Saturday offering sponsored by the juniors.

MOTHERS of University students will be honored guests during the three-day occasion. Clarence Horton, Mothers' Weekend chairman, has urged students to give a fresh slant to their homeward-bound correspondence by inviting moms (and dads, too!) to come to Eugene April 30 and participate in all special events. Personal visits with sons and daughters will be emphasized this year, since the simplified program does away with elaborate entertainment.

Business will be one of the chief objects of Mothers' Weekend. The annual general business meeting of Oregon Mothers will take place Saturday afternoon, May 1 in Johnson hall. At that time officers will be elected, reports given, and scholarships for pre-nursing students will be considered. Decisions on the annual Mothers' scholarships also will be made.

The Associated Women Students, the Young Women's Christian association, and the Eugene Mothers club will be joint sponsors of a tea for mothers in Alumni hall, Gerlinger, after the business meeting. Registration headquarters will be open in the lobby of Johnson hall Friday, April 30,

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MANTILLAS AND SPANISH SHAWLS will be worn by the Junior Weekend court. Princesses Kay Jenkins, Sue Sawyer, Mary Wright, Frances Johnston, and Queen Mary Bentley, center, smile in anticipation of the gala weekend.

News of the Classes

With ROSALIE MILLER, '44

1900

Perm. Class Sec'y: Homer D. Angell, 2953 S. E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon.

Oscar E. Hemenway, '00, M.A. '01, died January 28. A resident of Eugene, he was a retired cattleman.

1913

Perm. Class Sec'y: Major Carlton E. Spencer, Assistant Director, State Selective Service, Salem, Oregon.

Carlton E. Spencer, '13, LL.B. '15, has been advanced from major to lieutenant-colonel in the U. S. army. Colonel Spencer has been stationed in Salem and is assistant state director of selective service.

1922

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Helen Carson Plumb (Mrs. Herbert L. Plumb), 3312 Hunter Blvd., Seattle, Washington.

While her husband, Dr. Norman C. Mace, '26, serves with the army medical corps, Mrs. Mace (Margaret Russell, '22) supervises youth group activities. She is especially interested in Girl Scout activities and is the leader of one of their groups at Lake City, Washington. Her home is at Tacoma, Washington.

1923

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Aulis Anderson Callaway (Mrs. Owen M. Callaway), 188 Parks Ave., Glencoe, Ill.

James B. Burluson, '23, is now serving as Regional Statistician for the War Production Board at Dallas, Texas.

Miss Vala A. Dotson, '23, is now cashier for the O. C. Beck organization in Bell Gardens, Los Angeles, Calif. She was formerly with the Title Guarantee and Trust company of that city. She lives at 6740 Arlington avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lieutenant-Colonel Meredith G. Beaver, '23, M.D. '26, Redlands, Calif., is stationed with the army medical corps at Palm Springs, Calif. Mrs. Beaver (Della Deich '24) is remaining at Redlands for the present.

1927

Perm. Class Sec'y: Anne Runes, 3203 E. Burnside, Portland, Oregon.

William K. Ailshie, '27, formerly vice consul at Warsaw, Poland and at Montreal, Canada, is now secretary of the American Embassy in Mexico City.

1928

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Alice Douglas Burns (Mrs. E. Murray Burns), 122 Maple Park, Olympia, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Mitchell, '32 (Ruth S. Merrill '28), are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Linda, born January 28. Mrs. Mitchell is living in Glendale, Calif., while her husband is in training in the marine corps.

1929

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Eleanor Poorman Hamilton (Mrs. Alfred E. Hamilton), 6 E. 82nd St., New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Berg Jr., '29, J.D. '31, (Dorothy Helen Shaw, '31.) are making their home at 1024 S. Dinwiddie St., Columbia Forest, Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Berg is secretary to Wayne L. Morse, public member of the War Labor Board, and formerly dean of the Oregon School of Law.

Dr. Frank M. Learned, '29, is now a lieutenant in transportation at the Seattle port of embarkation. Lt. Learned is a well



ENSIGN JOHN DICK, '41, former Oregon All-American basketball player, has been recently transferred to the Naval Air Base at Kingsville, Texas. Dick is now a flying instructor and can be reached there.

known figure in the sporting world of the Northwest, having coached Portland's Commerce high school athletics before becoming much in demand as referee and umpire.

1930

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Luola Beng Bengtson (Mrs. O. Hilding Bengtson), 203 N. Peach St., Medford, Oregon.

H. A. I/c Robert F. Beck, '30, formerly farming in the Pendleton area, is now stationed at the United States Naval Training hospital in San Diego, Calif.

Information from Rodger DeLashmutt, '30, states that he is a seaman first class stationed at the Marine Air station, El Centro, California. Last August the ship he was on was a target for an attack by the Japanese.

One of the first Oregon graduates to enlist in the SPARS was Miss Evelyn Margarete Kjosness, '30, who was sworn in in February. Before joining the service Miss Kjosness was associated with the Inland Motor Freight company in Moscow, Idaho.

Wilfred H. Brown, '30, western manager of Transradio Press Service, has moved TP's coast headquarters office from Los Angeles to 729 Taft building, Hollywood and Vine, Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Brown (Elinor Henry, '34) is responding well to treatment of a lung infection at La Vina sanitarium, La Vina, Calif. Their three-year-old daughter, Rozelle May, is with Mr. Brown's mother at Camas Valley, Oregon.

1931

Perm. Class Sec'y: William B. Pittman, Jr., Box 187, Exeter, California.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald B. Caples, '31, are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn Lee, born December 26. Mr. Caples is the radio engineer and superintendent of communications for the city of Piedmont, Calif. He and his family live in Berkeley.

1932

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Hope Shelley Miller (Mrs. Robert T. Miller), 1124 Broadway, Logansport, Indiana.

Lt. (jg) Lionel K. Lane, '32, who served ten months in Samoa as a chief petty officer in navy supply corps before being commissioned, is now disbursing officer, N.C. T.C., Camp Peary, Williamsbury, Va.

Word has been received that Charles M. Hoag, '32, is an ensign in the Navy with the "Seabees" stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. In a letter to John C. Rushlow, '33, he wrote that the hunting is good for ducks and geese, but they are tough shooting with an army rifle.

A newsy letter from Mrs. William B. Pittman, (Eugenia Van Cleve, '32.) has provided this column with plenty of information on the whereabouts of UO men in the service. Her husband, secretary of the class of '31, manages the Van Cleve Construction company in Exeter, Calif., and reports that even the office boy must work overtime to complete war emergency orders!

1933

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Jessie Steele Robertson (Mrs. George H. Robertson), 4039 N.E. 40th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

Charles B. Larkin, '33, is a purchasing agent in the aluminum division for Olin Corporation, Tacoma, Washington which manufactures aluminum for defense.

Wilfred M. Wagner, '33, is associated with American Export Airways in New York City, making his home there in the Cornish Arms hotel, 23rd Street.

1934

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Frances R. Johnston Dick (Mrs. William G. Dick), Vogt Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon.

Cpl. Joseph Saswell, '34, former campus journalist and winner of the Turnbull-Hall plaque and the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award, is now stationed in the south Pacific. His address is Cpl. Joseph C. Saswell, A.P.O. 502, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mary Margaret Owensby, '34, is training at Northampton, Mass., with members of the Coast Guard Reserve. Her address is U.S.N.R. Midshipmen School, (W-R), Gillett 10.

1935

Second Lt. Philip Hayter, '35, is with the army quartermaster corps in Columbus, Ohio. Before entering the service he was an attorney in Dallas, Oregon. Mrs. Hayter is the former Norma Kolstad, '39.

John Stewart Day, Phi Gamma Delta '35, operator of an extensive ranch near Medford, Oregon, has for the past three years been president of the Pacific company, which is actively aiding in the government emergency through construction of air ports in the Northwest and production of chrome for the government near Grants Pass, Oregon.

Herbert O. Skalet, '35, LL.B. '37, is now in his third successive two-year term as prosecuting attorney for Fremont county, Idaho. Mr. Skalet, who lives at St. Anthony, Idaho, was first elected to this office in 1938. He is also city attorney for St. Anthony and is engaged in private legal practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric C. Westergren (Betty Bardwell '35), formerly of Grants Pass, now live at 2519 N. E. 26th avenue in Portland.

Coeds Learn War Jobs At Oregon

By MARY ANN CAMPBELL, '43

Women at the University are becoming increasingly conscious that they, too, must help win the war. Red-lettered signs recently fluttered from campus trees to stress the need of workers at the campus Red Cross headquarters. Vocations the country over now open doors wide to college-trained women, whereas coeds formerly met disapproval from some male-minded employers. Mary Ann Campbell, '43, here summarizes opportunities so that alumni can use the material to advise potential University students.

NOT even the most carping and fault-finding critic can accuse University of Oregon coeds with frivolity this year. Since a course of studies was carefully mapped out by Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration, in cooperation with Heads of Women's Houses on the campus, the little pamphlet titled "War Work for University of Oregon Women" has been consulted before registration by nearly every girl at the University.

The fields are varied and the opportunities for jobs are tabulated, besides the recommended fields of study. If a girl can do drafting, for instance, she will be regarded as pretty special by the men who do the hiring at airplane and ship construction plants, or in connection with emergency housing and army camps. Chemistry, also, has always been considered as a field of major importance, and is now more than ever vital to the war effort. The girl who knows her test-tubes and formulas will not have to seek far after graduation before she is snatched up by one of the big chemical companies, or in the laboratories where technicians have been vanishing towards the armed forces.

THE shortage of teachers is another of the manpower headaches, and teaching is one place where women have always predominated. Now the men who used to have the math and science classes have disappeared, so there is a greater opportunity than ever for a woman whose interest concerns secondary and primary education. The girl who is qualified to teach mathematics is doing a great deal towards the war effort, for there is almost as great a shortage of qualified teachers as there is of students who know the fundamentals of this particular branch of science.

Many of the suggested courses overlap, especially those which are concerned either directly or indirectly with math, physics,

VETERAN BANDAGE-ROLLERS pictured at the campus Red Cross headquarters are, left to right, Betty Lawrence, Anne Graham, Leslie Brockelbank, Carol Wicke, and June Grantz. Women's living organizations stage a contest each week to determine which house puts in the most hours at Red Cross.



photography, map-making, astronomy, and medicine.

Another chance for the physicist is found in the present search for radio technicians, weather observers, and meteorologists.

The student who plans to enter nursing makes no greater contribution to her country, since the tremendous drain of nurses from civilian life to the army has placed a great responsibility on those who stay on the home front.

THE language major has her chance too, for the linguistic complications of this war have been considerable. Apart from opportunities of working with the state department in South American countries, there is a place for teachers of languages, especially the little-known ones, such as Portuguese, Afrikans, Arabic dialects, and, of course, Russian and Japanese. So few Americans can speak, write, or even read, these languages that the government has been forced to establish special schools where carefully chosen men are sent to learn the language of our enemies. The student of languages will find openings in offices in our foreign service as secretary or clerk, in decoding and cryptography, and in propaganda departments, where the knowledge of using languages effectively is essential.

Government agencies have sent out a call for librarians, for the girl who works in a finger-printing office is regarded as a librarian as much as the one who catalogues bibliographies. The newest position in the librarian's field is that of army camp librarian, so any enterprising young woman who qualifies under the government's requirements can apply for this type of work.

THE secretary never has trouble finding a place for herself and her specialized training, which is in constant demand in every office. There is a more impressive amount of paper work than ever to be done, since the new government agencies which were created especially for the war have begun to function. The tools of typing and shorthand are necessary, but even a fair stenographer can find a job. The University has enlarged its sections in these classes, with an eye to supplementing the work offered in other departments by turning out women who will be competent to fill the secretarial vacancies left in every business and government agency at present.

The psychologist and sociologist discovers, as she studies the different aspects of her field, that the problems of humanity never vary fundamentally, and are never satisfactorily solved.

AS juvenile delinquency problems grow in even the smaller communities where new war industries do not aggravate the situation, and as the changes in homes add to the burdens of men and women already over-loaded with responsibility, the social service worker sees more than ever the necessity of her work. Through different organizations she can help direct the welfare of the community and thus contribute to the end of the evils of poverty, disease, crime, and misery that have haunted mankind since the beginning of historical record. Then the girl who is prepared in such fields can contribute directly to the war effort and at the same time prepare to build the peace.

The girls of the University realize that they are very privileged to be allowed to continue their education, while their brothers leave to fight, so they are carrying out the traditions of education and at the same time preparing themselves definitely to assist the men both while the war is still being fought and after the peace is signed.

Mockford Serving With Jimmy Doolittle

Stuart B. Mockford, '38, has been advanced to a captain in the army quartermaster corps, the war department announced.

He has also been assigned to be in charge of supplies for the 12th air force, of which General Jimmie Doolittle is commander. Captain Mockford is "somewhere in Africa."

Private Seales Dies

Pvt. Gene H. Seales, '44, was killed in action somewhere in the South Pacific December 18 according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Seales of Eugene.

Pvt. Seales entered the armed service in February, 1942, and upon completion of three months at Camp Roberts, Calif. was sent overseas.

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Oregon--Birthplace of Physical Fitness

By JOE MILLER, '43

Physical Fitness has become an American by-word. Few realize that over two years ago Oregon's outstanding physical education pioneers conceived of the program that is almost universal in American institutions today. Dean Ralph W. Leighton founded Oregon's Physical Fitness program that was to become the prototype for the physical training system of the United States Army. Here is the story of Oregon physical development told by OLD OREGON co-editor Joseph Miller, '43.

OVER two years ago, in January, 1941, three Oregon educators foresaw the need for the rugged physical training of college youth. Looking through the classes in the University of Oregon School of Physical Education, where the majority of students were registered in courses such as ping pong, tennis, horseback riding, and social dancing, they became appalled at the poor physical condition of the average college student. They realized that the fault lay with the liberal arts system which allowed men qualified for strenuous body-building courses to choose lighter PE activities.

These men, Dean Ralph W. Leighton, head of the School of Physical Education; Dr. Wayne W. Massey, outstanding professor and currently lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States navy, and H. S. "Mike" Hoyman, Oregon swimming coach, envisioned an all-embracing physical education program that would combat the present evils. Recognizing the close proximity of the nation to war, even in early 1941, they planned to make their school of physical education the testing-ground of a brand-new physical education program that would have as its cardinal doctrine, PHYSICAL FITNESS. The plan was laid with the purpose of providing a laboratory that would give the army a comprehensive index of the relative strength and physical condition of the average college student.

What was physically wrong with the average collegian? This question was easily answered by the statistical surveys of Dr. Massey, but the important query remained unanswered: What program could be installed to correct these defects?

THE field was virtually new. The name of their program, Physical Fitness, was a new concept in the American field of physical education, and no educational institution had made any effort toward a physical education program definitely designed toward making its graduates physically prepared for armed service. Oregon was the pioneer in the new field of physical fitness.

There were five fields of sport, decided the Leighton, Hoyman, Massey triumvirate, that were best suited to the achieve-

ment of complete physical fitness:

1. Combative sports—such as boxing, wrestling, judo.
2. Track and field.
3. Swimming (in which rapid progress has been made).
4. Agility exercises—heavy apparatus, rope, and tumbling work.
5. Team sports—particularly football and basketball.

The basic covenant of the program was to provide every able-bodied man in the University of Oregon with six months' daily training in each of these five divisions. This end was not achieved until the fall of 1942 when 1,461 men, 98 per cent of all men registered in the University, were enrolled in physical education courses.

HOW have the men of the University responded to the radical new system? They have been almost unanimous in their desire to cooperate and their willingness to learn. Few bother to look for soft courses, and the small minority that do look never find them—because "tiddlewink" courses went out with isolationism.

The new program has wrought a prolific change in the physical condition of the participants. According to the profile cards that were invented by Dr. Massey, the men of Oregon have improved 96.4 per cent in muscular ability since the program was put

into effect last fall. Their condition was unbelievably poor at the beginning; many were unable to chin themselves off the ground and do the simplest exercises without approaching a state of collapse.

Today there is not one man enrolled in any regular physical education course who is unable to cover the 200-yard obstacle course—which has a much "tougher" rating than the standard army course at Fort Benning, Ga. The Oregon obstacle course exceeds all army basic requirements—having a 14-foot wall instead of one seven feet high, the broad jump is 12 feet wide instead of six, and the Oregon hand-over-hand obstacle is not required by the army.

Top time performance on the obstacle course for all 1,461 men that traversed it last fall was 2.45 (Ray Dickson, Bend). By the spring term trials (every PE student is required to cover the course once per term), Ed Wyatt, Roseburg, whittled the time down to 1.13 and Aaron Jones, Portland, recently eclipsed this with a 1.10 performance.

THE difficult art of tumbling has been rapidly picked up by the newly-virile Webfoots. In six weeks men formerly unable to climb rope were swinging as high as 25 feet in the air. The back-somersault is being mastered in the same period by inexper-

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DEAN RALPH W. LEIGHTON, the man primarily responsible for the Oregon pioneer movement in the field of physical education.

Bat-Swingers Chase Third Straight Title

CAN the Oregon Webfoots win their third straight Northern Division baseball title?

This question apparently must remain unanswered until Howard Hobson's 1943 aggregation meets the Washington Huskies, the Gravesmen leading the loop with two straight wins from Washington State. The Ducks currently repose in a second place tie with the Oregon State Beavers, each team listing three wins and one loss. Bringing up the rear are W.S.C. with two losses and Idaho with four defeats.

The Ducks began the season auspiciously by deluging Oregon State 14 to 1 in the Corvallis opener. The Staters turned around to ruin the Webfoot opener the next day as the Oregon million-dollar infield booted Captain Johnny Bubalo into a 4-3 extrajinning defeat.

Nick Begleries, the tiny Oregon right-hander who has pitched brilliantly for the Hobsoners in the last three years, weaved his pitching magic around Idaho bats, and the Vandals fell victim to Oregon, 6 to 0 in the first game as the diminutive "Bugs" allowed two scratch hits . . . The Ducks earned six more runs the next day, while the Vandals finally broke the scoring ice to get two runs off Freshman Hal Saltzman.

CAPTAIN "Tobacco Jaw" Bubalo—who should be one of the greatest prospects ever developed at Oregon—is several hundred points ahead of other ND batters as he has pounded out 12 hits in 16 tries for the amazing percentage of .750. "Boob" is also Hobson's No. 2 hurler.

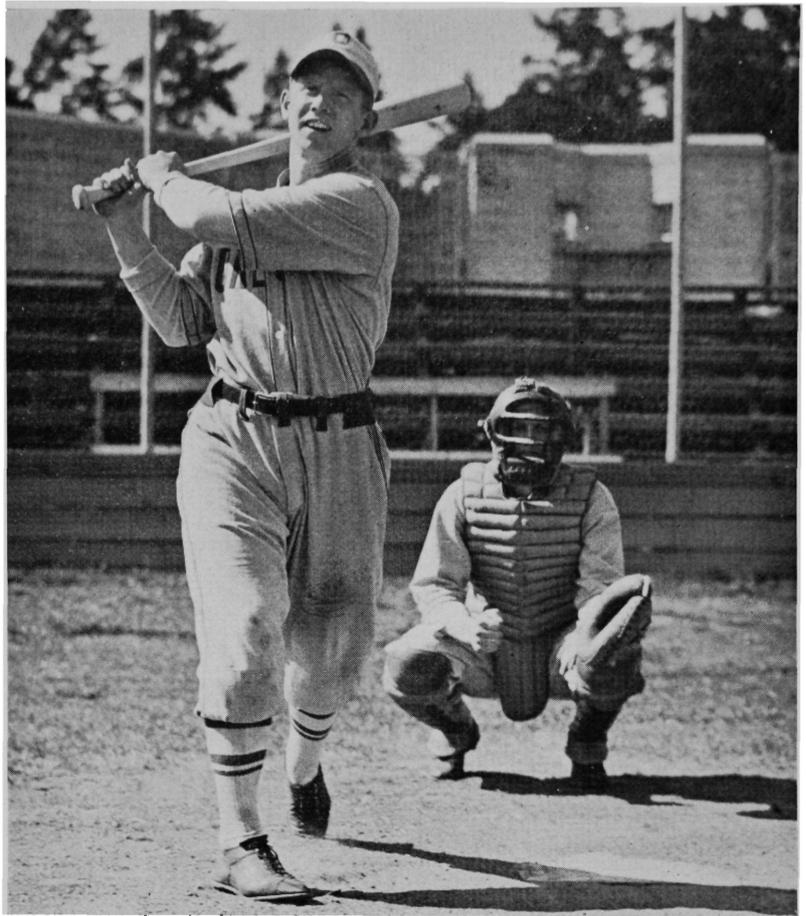
The Washington State Cougars—rated high in pre-season dope sheets—came to town April 21 and 22 and could bounce back into the title race by dumping Oregon twice.

Washington comes next and this will be a "crucial" series for the Eugene stickmen. Tubby Graves' nine fell apart last spring before the last-minute charge of Oregon, and for one full year they have been nursing their wounds in tepee-town and vowing to avenge their beating.

Magazine to Lose Prominent Senior

Old Oregon takes this opportunity to thank **Mildred Wilson**, '43, for her topnotch articles, "Meet Our Alums," which have appeared regularly in the publication since last fall. Miss Wilson's features, sparkling with animation and color, were originated for the Oregon Daily Emerald, then grew fuller and more detailed for the alumni magazine.

President of Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism honorary, this past year, Miss Wilson has also been a member of *Pot and Quill*, women's organization for writers, and Mortar Board, senior women's honorary. Equipped with a keen "nose for news," she will head south for San Francisco in June, intending to make writing a full time career.



OREGON third baseman, Bill Hamel, who won the 1942 batting title, slashes out another base hit in practice as Freshman Catcher Roy Carlson waits in vain for the ball that didn't come.

Plane Crashes Kill Four

Four gold stars have been added to the service flag in Johnson Hall in memory of **Lt. Galen P. Robbins**, '39, killed in an airplane crash in Florida March 18; **2nd Lt. Hugh O. Hoffman**, '41, killed when his army plane crashed; **Lt. Jack F. Scriven**, '45, who met death in a collision of two fighter planes over Oakland, California March 17, and **Emmett R. Evans**, '45, who was fatally injured in a plane crash near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he was training under the CPT.

Lt. Robbins was graduated from West Point last May and received his wings in the air corps on December 13. He married **Mary Kelly** of Boston, Mass. on February 13, 1943. Lt. Hoffman enlisted in the air corps in October, 1941, and took his basic flying work at Moffett field. He recently had been serving as an army flight instructor. He leaves his widow, **Lois M. W. I. born**, '42, in Sacramento, California.

Lt. Scriven served four years in the navy before enrolling at the University of Oregon. He received his air corps commission last October. Evans was scheduled to receive his commission under the Civilian Pilot Training program within a short time when he was killed. He also leaves a widow, the former **Fontelle Mitchell**, '42.

Faculty Member Now Army Private

Latest University faculty member to trade his campus office for army barracks is **Lloyd M. Faust**, '35, assistant professor of business administration and research associate on the campus since fall, 1941. Faust left for Fort Lewis to be inducted into the service on April 13, having asked for a leave of absence.

Graduating with a B. S. in economics, Faust, a Pi Kappa Alpha at Oregon, also achieved Phi Beta Kappa. The Oregon Business Review, monthly publication which he has been editing at the University, will be taken over by **Dr. W. C. Ballaine**, assistant professor of business administration.

Grads Commissioned

Three Oregon graduates were among a large class receiving commissions in the navy March 31 from Midshipman school in New York, according to a letter received from **Ensign James H. Rathbun**, '42, who gave his new address as N.T.S. (Recognition), Baker Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Rathbun's letter was written en route to Portland, where he and **Ensigns Kirman Storli**, and **Donald C. Daniels**, both '42, were flying on furlough.



MRS. MARGERY KELLY, '28, founder of the Eugene USO, looks this way to lonely Allied servicemen that pass through Eugene daily. She is one of countless Oregon alums doing their part in the war effort.

EUGENE, Ore. boasts one corner blooming with hospitality and fellowship for service men from all sections of the nation. This friendly spot, the USO headquarters, was created through the faithful and untiring efforts of **Margery Horton Kelley, '28**. What began as only a hope, an urge to provide enjoyment for the men who are struggling, grimly but cheerfully, to keep America free, is now a gayly-nurtured meeting place for those in khaki, navy blue, and marine green.

For most people the first working day of the week is Monday, but for Mrs. Kelley Monday is the peaceful day, the day of relaxation. About 6 on Saturday afternoon, when the first busses begin to roll in from Camp Adair, is the beginning of her busiest time, for Mrs. Kelley is executive secretary of the Lane county servicemen's club in

Eugene and director of Lane county USO activities.

Grey-haired, blue-eyed, full of friendliness and vivacity, Mrs. Kelley is as ready to dance, play bridge, ping-pong, billiards, serve cokes and cakes, as are any of her junior hostesses.

"When we first took over, this place was a dirty garage," she said, looking around at the spotless walls, comfortable furnishings, radio-phonograph, canteen, and ping-pong table. "Many local clubs donated furniture and labor, and in no time the club was ready for use."

Furniture for the USO came in piece by piece, over a long period. For weeks one lone chair stood forlornly in the large, bare room, and townspeople passing by became interested and curious. They wondered what could possibly be the purpose of a

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On the Civilian Front

By CAROL GREENING, '44

More and more Oregon alums are doing their part to bring about ultimate victory in the greatest world war yet known. They are now available for active physical cooperation to the wellbeing of a United States country. For the everyday citizens, the ordinary people, who are working for a noble cause, these "just folks" are producing, the boosting of morale, the strengthening of the economy. The two graduates described here are students who are doing their jobs in the world.

place equipped so economically. At last the furniture was assembled into a pleasing and comfortable arrangement. The No. 1 chair, donated by the Navy Mothers' club of Eugene, still remains, proud to have been the initial object in so important a scheme.

THE USO telephone bell jangles constantly.

"When do you want that cake?" . . . "I have room for three tonight." . . . "Can you use some records?" . . . "I can serve from 7 to 12 tonight; do you need me?" Such offers stream in, a testimonial of the interest and goodwill that the people of Eugene bear toward servicemen.

But handling requests is only a small part of Mrs. Kelley's job. Organization takes up a greater share of her time. There is the duty of listing and placing the various hostesses, of which there are four classes, junior, senior, staff, and canteen hostesses.

Each week some women's organization "takes over," providing hostesses, entertainment and food. Every weekend at least 25 cakes are baked for the women for the servicemen. About 60 hostesses serve during one week, and about 40 are sent to Camp Adair for dances. At the dances held in the Eugene hotel on Saturday nights, a USO table is reserved, and the boys may escort junior hostesses to the party, under the eye of a chaperone.

ON Sunday afternoons musical and dramatic programs are provided by Phi Beta, University music, drama, and dance honorary; Mu Phi Epsilon, music honorary, and the Guild Hall players, directed by Mrs. Ottilie Seybolt, associate professor of speech and dramatic arts. University professors and students perform, and the programs are well and enthusiastically attended, usually to the extent of at least 150 servicemen. A group of students at the University art school are completing a series of mural panels which are to decorate the USO walls. They include scenes of recreation in such Allied countries as Hawaii, Mexico, Russia, and Canada.

"We try to get the servicemen interested in local activities," said Mrs. Kelley, "Some of them sing in Dean Kratt's chorus; some of them have joined a photography club. As our accommodations are limited, this is the best way we can serve those men who are here for a long time."

Mrs. Kelley has warm interest and sympathy with the men who pour into the center every weekend. She is careful to talk cheerfully to the thin-faced seaman, who,

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On the Military Front

By MILDRED WILSON, '43

ng their utmost to insure the nation of upheaval for decades. Over 2,000 of them combat in the armed forces. Equally vital fronted with crisis are the war-conscious Fired with patriotism and devotion to putting their all into the maintenance of the establishment of a wartime living here are symbols of former University as well under the Stars and Stripes told over.

LT. Commdr. Eugene B. McKinney's life has been just one medal after another. First he was awarded the navy cross for "especially meritorious conduct" during action with the enemy in a submarine engagement in the southwest Pacific—then this was followed shortly by a navy gold star in lieu of a second navy cross . . . with Secretary of Navy Frank Knox pinning on the award.

Unquestionably in a laurel-winning groove, Lt. Commdr. McKinney, '25, climaxed his recent achievements with the acquisition of a Silver Star Medal.

However, no matter how repetitious, the pleasure of receiving citations has not been dimmed for this round-faced Oregon alumnus. The official U. S. Navy photograph, released with the news of the latest decoration, pictures him with a proud half-smile showing under his little mustache.

Rear Admiral W. L. Friedell bestowed the recent award, which was accompanied by a citation of a secret nature—with a non-classified portion published in general terms.

It seems quite a long way from majoring in mathematics at the University of Oregon—to commanding one of the Navy's gray fish—and Lt. Commdr. McKinney has risen to prominence the hard way.

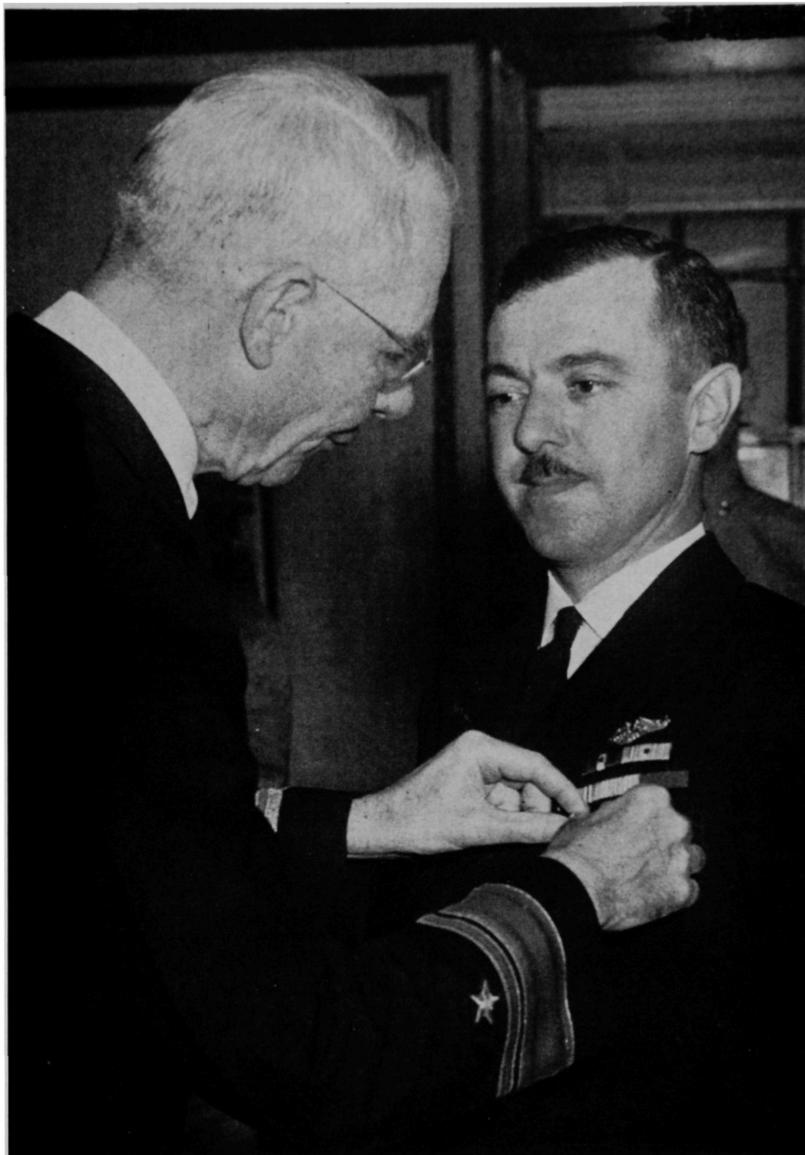
AFTER completing two activity-packed years at Oregon, he flashed back to the east coast where he graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis—in 1926. His next venture was into submarine duty—and this was interrupted when he was named for special detail in Washington D. C.

Evidently Lt. Commdr. McKinney felt the call to academic life because he soon entered the law school of George Washington University—and received his LL.B. degree from that institution. But, typically, three days after his graduation—he took over the command of a submarine.

He's 100 per cent Navy—in the best sense of the word . . . and his biography reads in the customary naval fashion. Cruises through the Panama canal and around South America, sojourns, in line of duty, in Hawaii.

In fact, it was while he was in Hawaii that his family learned he had become engaged to Miss Janet Thompson. . . They were married and now have two children.

The Lt. Commdr.'s achievements are a matter of special pride to Eugeneans. He is a home town product—having been graduated from Eugene high school—and he once lived at 192 W. 19th Street.



REAR ADMIRAL W. L. FRIEDEL (left) pins the coveted Silver Star on the already-decorated chest of Lt. Commdr. Eugene McKinney, '25.

WHILE attending the University he indulged in the usual round of activities—joined Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, enjoyed extensive bull-sessions with the boys, crammed for math-physics finals that later aided him in the navy . . . and somehow developed the background that has made him one of the prominent submarine leaders in World War II.

What Lt. Commdr. McKinney is doing now is shrouded in the usual necessary smoke screen of military secrecy. However, if it is in line with his past procedure, the fish in the depths of one of the world's oceans—probably have a grim-looking McKinney-commanded companion—on the prow for Axis sharks.

The citation, with the usual legal-looking flourishes, was released by the Navy Department and *Old Oregon* reprints it in its entirety:

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EUGENE B. MCKINNEY
U. S. NAVY

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FOR gallantry and intrepidity in action in the line of his profession as Commanding Officer of a submarine in patrolled enemy waters. He, by his intrepidity, aggressiveness, skill, courage, and excellent

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Report From The Front

AL GRAY, '42

Dear Elmer,

Time doesn't exactly hang heavy on my hands, but I think it's about time I checked in with a little Oregon news.

... About a month and a half ago, I ran into several Oregon notables, or rather, like the rest of us, they were on the lookout for fellow Webfeet. Just where I can't say, but it was a quaintly pretty little tropical isle. **Ed Niklas**, D.U. in '42, was the first to meet us. By us I mean to include **Nelson Hodges**, D.U. in '41 and yell leader. We were fortunate enough to sail together. Lieutenant Niklas was able to steer us into **Tech. Sgt. Al Hunt**, '42, U. S. army, and **Capt. Bill Feasley**, Phi Delt in '40. The party began from there—four marines with the army thrown in.

Lt. Bob Skibinski, '42, met us at our next stop. Before long, I had seen **Dick Phillippi**, '41, and had a real conference. **Maury Kelly**, **SAE**, '41, and **Capt. Scott Corbett**, '41, are with him, and all three have seen considerable action. All are well except for loss of weight.

"**Li'l Ab**" **Wilson**, '42, got in touch with me a week ago. I managed to cover about 80 miles to see him. While we were talking, I walked **Capt. Jack Coleman**, '39, baseball in '37 and '38. Jack was just recovering from several of the common diseases. Elliott has lost some weight, but is still about the largest marine officer I've ever seen. They say **Harrison Bergholdt**, '41, is several hundred miles north of here.

That covers the news as I see it. The only moral is that you don't have to walk down Thirteenth street to see the boys. ... Mail is a bit of a problem—ten letters in three months, but assume same is chasing me. Jumping around too much. Am with a great outfit and fine bunch of men. It is the oldest of its type in the marine corps and holds several world's records for accurate fring.

2nd Lt. Al Gray
Marine Corps Unit 845
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San Francisco, Cal.

SAMUEL P. KNIGHT, '41

Dear Sirs:

I don't know who runs that magazine of yours, but I want to thank someone for sending one out to me. I received the January issue today, and I hope that I will get some more. It is great to hear from home, and news of the old school is always needed.

Lloyd W. Beggs, (1st Lieut.) '41, is the only one here in the regiment who knows any of the old school songs. All the rest of the officers are from the midwest, east, south, California, or some other grim spot. Beggs is supply officer for the 3rd Battalion here and has done a good job ever since we landed on November 8. I am second in command of the Company and also have a platoon.

... We have done a bit of travelling since the arrival in Africa, and the country has always been interesting. The rub is that I never see anyone from home for a long enough time to talk. I saw **Bob Cutler**, '40, last month. He is a 2nd lieutenant and is transportation officer at a certain town between here and Portland. Once in a while

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leaning on a cane, turns on "I Got a Gal" and grotesquely and pitifully tries out a dance step. Yet she is ready with a smile and a quip to fit the mood of the cocky lad with the Pittsburgh accent who comes up to her to tell her about the peach he met at that last dance. "Her father's a major—oh boy!" And she sees that the eager lad with the green florist's package finds a cool place to put it.

"All the servicemen say that Eugene is the most hospitable place on the west coast," she declares. "We placed 200 men in homes for Christmas dinner and will do the same at Easter."

ANOTHER of her duties is editing the service news letter which she sends out to Lane county men in the armed forces, whether they be in Africa or in Alaska. At Christmas time she supervised some recordings which the men made of their own voices, to send home as a Christmas present, and decorated the huge Christmas tree which stood laden with home-made candy and goodies donated by Eugene people.

Mrs. Kelley is always glad to extend a welcome to the boys of other nations. Sev-

eral chipper members of the RAF have dropped in at the USO, as have many Canadian servicemen. The director tells the story of the jovial Britishers who, with sincerity and politeness, referred to their American hostesses as "Yankees." Most of the young ladies reacted with amusement, but one, a thoroughbred Texan, had to suppress a little southern ire at the use of the term.

Mrs. Kelley majored in physical education at the University and received a B.S. degree in 1928 and an M.S. in 1929. At college she was a member of **Hermes**, PE honorary, and **Archesis**, now the Master Dance group. Since then she has taught physical education at **Bellingham**, **Wash.**, **LaGrande**, **Ore.**, and **Miami** university, **Oxford**, **Ohio**. After a year and a half of work at **New York** university, her doctor's thesis is nearing completion. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American Women," 1939, and has contributed to the **Journal of Health and Physical Education**.

A willing and capable spirit combined with a varied background of recreational work with people of all ages have given Mrs. Kelley ideal preparation for her successful project. Soldiers, sailors, marines, and coastguardsmen from **Portland**, **Me.** to **Portland**, **Ore.** can find rest, relaxation, and entertainment in this service club, which represents the many "homes away from home" the USO has instigated.

I run into **Rich Werschkul** and **Bill Rosson**, both '40, and both in different outfits.

Bennie Hughes, '40, is a master sergeant up at Division and pays us every month for being here. I hear that **Dave Atkinson**, '42, is over here as a lieutenant, but I haven't seen him.

... Soap, candy, chewing gum, and cigarettes are items by which a man is measured as far as the Arabs are concerned.

Lt. S. P. Knight, Jr.

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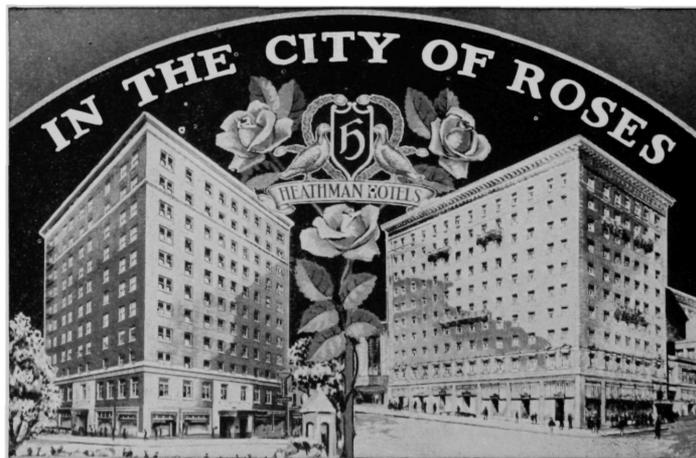
P. S. Say hello to the Betas, and how can they get any pledges without that mill race?

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judgment, succeeded in damaging two freighters and one tanker totalling 18,000 tons and sinking one tanker of . . . and one sampan of 100 tons. Despite enemy counter efforts he brought his submarine back to port safely without damage to material or injury to personnel. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

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Current Events of the Campus

Inspectors representing the war department gave the campus a critical "once-over" the weekend beginning April 16 in preparation for moving army basic pre-engineering and pre-meteorology students to the campus. The latter group, numbering 200, is expected May 17. The military visitors, viewing dormitory, mess, medical, and scholastic facilities, were favorably impressed.

Sharp evidence of the increasing manpower shortage at Oregon was shown in the appointment of an all-feminine quartet to supervise student publications during 1943-44. The be-skirted landslide, in the persons of Marjorie Major, Eugene, '44, Emerald editor; Helen Johnson, Sheridan, '44, Oregon editor; Elizabeth Edmunds, Eugene, '44, Emerald business manager, and Edith Newton, Portland, '43, Oregon business manager, was announced by the Educational Activities board. "The Women" are confident of proving their superior calibre.

Alums who were Betas at the U can boast a new distinguished "brother"—Earl Snell, governor of Oregon, who was initiated into the campus chapter of the fraternity on Sunday, April 4. Regulations of the chapter required Governor Snell's registration as a special student (if only for a day).

Musicians bore down on the campus in sizeable proportions (over 200) early in April when Eugene was the site of the Northwest Music Educators conference. The University band and symphony orchestra practiced diligently for days with faculty members from miles around, gave effective concerts in the vastness of McArthur court. A rest for the band and the orchestra resulted.

Recognition came a second time to the Theta Chis April 14 when they were announced as the most energetic group of "wolves" on the campus for buying more tickets at the spring term Nickel Hop than any other men's house. They basked in the title the first time winter term on a similar occasion.

Junior Weekend Takes Latin-American Theme

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from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Another event for mothers will be the Junior Prom Saturday night, since a special section will enable them to witness the conga-ing antics of their offspring. Sunday morning at 11 special services will be held in Eugene churches.

MR. EMMETT RATHBUN, '18, Oswego, president of the Oregon Mothers organization, stressed the importance of the wartime weekend visit with these words:

"Never before in the history of the Oregon Mothers has the call to Eugene carried the significance that it does at the present time. We, as mothers, realize the uncertainty of the future, and are striving more than ever before to live as close to our boys and girls as possible.



"SO LONG, FELLOWS." A more dramatic scene than any football rally took place April 7 when Oregon's fighting 207, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, entrained for the Fort Lewis, Wn., reception center where they are being shipped to various camps in the country. Although 3:45 a.m. was the hour of departure, several campus women defied University regulations to "kiss the boys goodbye."

Uniformed Alums Visit Campus

PFC Buck Buchwach, '42, recently returned to the campus for a short visit.

Diminutive Buchwach, formerly an outstanding Register-Guard sports writer, reported that the heavy physical training program given in the army will undoubtedly have an effect on college sports in future years. Buchwach said that he was in the finest physical condition of his life, and that many of the fellows in his outfit reported the same development.

Buchwach, Phi Beta Kappa and past president of Sigma Delta Chi, is stationed at the Army Signal Corps post in Las Vegas, Nevada—"the best combination of hell and paradise that I have seen"—paraphrases the stocky promoter.

No longer "Buck Private," but recently promoted to PFC, Buchwach spent his two days on the campus visiting former haunts.



First Lt. John Cavanagh, '41, the man who missed being president of the student body by 17 votes in 1940, was another prominent ex-Web-foot who recently trekked back to his alma mater for a short vacation.

Cavanagh, in the intelligence division at Washington, D.C., was drafted in March 1942 and immediately advanced via officer candidate school.

The ex-politician explained that army advancement chances were excellent and that, with proper breaks, very few men of college intelligence did not get their chance at officer candidate school. Cavanagh said he thought he was going to be a private forever and then he was suddenly a lieutenant.

After the war Cavanagh intends to return to his work as graduate assistant in the school of social science.



"Although the past year has been filled with problems, we know that the year ahead will involve even greater ones. Our responsibility to our children is perhaps greater than ever before. We want them to realize that we are standing by ready at all times to carry on. A large attendance of mothers and dads at our Eugene meeting will be a demonstration of our willingness and desire to help not only our boys and girls, but the University as well through these trying times."

The Class of '44 is planning a memorable event. The juniors hope many moms can make it to Eugene April 30, whether by auto, train, bus, horse, or on foot.

The silver bars of a captain were recently awarded **LeRoy M. James, '34** shortly after he graduated from Quantico Marine Training Base. Mrs. James, the former **Margaret Van Cleve, '36**, and their two small children are at home in Exeter, Calif., for the duration.

Miss Elizabeth Holman, '36, of Portland, was awarded the rank of third officer in the women's army auxiliary corps in February. This rank is equivalent to that of second lieutenant. Another Oregon alumna to receive this commission was **Miss Doris V. Springer, '40**, also of Portland.



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1:30-3:00 p.m.—Terrace dance in front of the library.

3:00-4:30 p.m.—Baseball game. Oregon vs. Camp Adair.

4:30-5:30 p.m.—Master Dance recital. Dance studio, Gerlinger hall.

6:00-8:00 p.m.—Dinner at living organizations.

8:00-11:00 p.m.—All Campus Sing. McArthur court.

Saturday

9:30-10:30 a.m.—Interclass competition.

10:00 a.m.—Oregon Mothers executive board meeting. AWS room, Gerlinger hall.

Noon—Luncheon at living organizations.

1:30-3:00 p.m.—Oregon Mothers annual business meeting. Guild hall.

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- 3:00-4:30 p.m.—Baseball game. Oregon vs. Portland university.
- 3:00-4:30 p.m.—Mothers tea. Gerlinger hall.
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.—Sunlight Serenade. Open-air auditorium back of Music school.
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.—Dinner at living organizations.
- 9:00-12:00 p.m.—Junior Prom. McArthur court. (Section reserved for mothers).

All day Saturday—open house observed by all University departments.

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m.—No-host breakfast for new and old Mothers executive board. Regents Room, Gerlinger hall.
- 11:00 a.m.—Special Mothers day services at Eugene churches.
- 1:00 p.m.—Mothers Day dinners at living organizations.

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Dr. Erb Analyzes Concept of Democracy

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such as the right to security, the right to education, and the right to rest and recreation, there might seem to be a quite valid question. If a man is a dead beat, if he is a chiseler, if he is incorrigible, if he refuses to pull his own weight in the boat, he has no rights. But even to raise such questions in these days is to throw oneself open to the brand of being undemocratic.

LAST summer I was in the East at the time gasoline rationing first went into drastic effect. In spite of the fact that the newspapers scrupulously pointed out the reasons for the rationing program and the differences between the gasoline supply problem in the highly industrialized and densely populated East, far from sources of supply, and the conditions in the rest of the country, person after person would fly into a rage over the situation, culminated by the final, and seemingly to them ultimate, remark that for the East to have gas rationing when the rest of the country didn't was undemocratic.

Do these examples have anything in common? Can we submit these currently popular applications of the terms "democratic" and "undemocratic" to any common denominators? It seems to me we can. They seem to fall in one or two broad classes, which are as follows:

First, that the restraint, discipline, or forcible control of the individual is undemocratic. This is true in the popular mind even though the restraint, control or discipline is honestly and conscientiously conceived in the public interest. People don't like restraint, control and discipline for themselves. And if they can dignify their rebellion by the use of such words as are here under discussion, a glow of virtue comes over them.

Second, a common denominator for most of the other distortions of these words is found in the refusal of many people to admit of differences in ability as grounds for differences in privilege. The people of the United States to a degree not true of many other peoples, although of some, have allowed themselves to develop an aversion to the order "Put up or shut up." They are willing enough to grant that virtue should be rewarded, that ability should be recognized, that service should be recompensed, but they are increasingly unwilling to admit the opposite; namely, that low ability is entitled only to a low return, that there is no reason for paying a premium for ineptitude, that if they only have talents which are worth a dime a dozen, they ought only to get a dime a dozen. Democracy is in a fair way to become a shield of ignorance, inefficiency, sloth, and irresponsibility.

IT is high time that we got our bearings. It is submitted that there is no necessary incompatibility between democracy and discipline—harsh discipline if necessary. Even in peacetime we are willing to admit the necessity for a few restrictions on the individual; how few or how many should be a matter for determination by objective decision in the interests of public welfare without having the issue clouded by sentimentalists, orators, or apologists for the irresponsible.

It is submitted that there is no necessary incompatibility between democracy and the selection of individuals, whether for high office, or educational opportunity, or privileges of various sorts. This would include

the permission of considerable differences of wealth and the offering of wide differences in recreational, social, and cultural opportunities. In fact, the preservation of individual differences and different scales of individual enjoyments is of the utmost importance in a democracy. We have not yet outgrown the need for differences in income, privileges, powers, and standards of living as a spur to individual initiative.

It must be admitted that such persons as Vice-President Wallace, and such agencies as the Social Security Administration and the National Resources Planning Board eventually admit the desirability of free enterprise and a reasonably free rein to personal ambition. But these things are brought in by the back door and in an almost apologetic way as though they were grudging compromises with the loftier ideals of democracy. On the contrary, I believe that they are not compromises or concessions, but are themselves consistent with—even indispensable to—the realization of the loftiest ideals of democracy. The greatest danger to democracy, aside from our immediate military foe, is the spirit abroad in the land that the recognition of individual differences, the selection of individuals, and the enjoyment of differences in privileges by individuals is incompatible with democracy. The thing we have to fear most is the "every man a king" slogan. In the words of a greatly disillusioned Frenchman, "Demagogy enters at the moment when, for want of a common denominator, the principle of equality degenerates into a principle of identity".*

THE common denominator we should seek is one based on the honest and fearless recognition of individual differences and the frank discrimination of privileges and enjoyments and standards of living which are based upon individual differences insofar as those differences represent inequalities in the powers of the individual for skill, leadership, wisdom, and the acceptance and effective discharge of responsibility. Equality of opportunity, yes; identity of reward, no. Equality of opportunity is an unconditional right in a democracy; amount of reward is a conditional privilege.

In conclusion, may it not be said that in the best sense of the term as we use it, a policy is undemocratic only if it infringes the freedom of the individual without at the same time contributing to the welfare of the group or the nation. Certainly capricious restrictions or restraints on the individual are undemocratic. Restrictions which exist merely for the sake of being restrictive are undemocratic. Restrictions which go further in restricting the individual than is demanded by the national or community safety are against our principles. If limits are placed upon the opportunity of the individual by imposing barriers against his progress, his achievement, his ambition, or his aspiration which are in addition to those imposed by his own limitations of capacity and ability and energy, those limits are contrary to our democratic principles.

Each individual has enough to overcome within himself, he has enough shortcomings of his own, that he should not be thwarted by restrictions as to color, race, religion, the geography of his residence, the social or economic position of his family, and the like. Even where restrictions are necessary in the public interest, democratic principles

insist that they should be imposed in such a way as is not unnecessarily cruel. Humane treatment is imperative. And finally, a policy is certainly undemocratic if it permits the enjoyment of privileges of the purely hereditary or parasitical type. There should be only one valid reason for the enjoyment of privileges above the ordinary and that is the exercise of abilities above the ordinary or the rendering of services above the ordinary.

ONE point of reference must be the individual if we are going to keep our use of the terms democratic and undemocratic relatively uncorrupt. And only such restraints upon the individual shall be condoned as are demonstrably necessary for the preservation of social order as determined by the circumstances of time and place. The individual must be encouraged to do his best, but at the same time he must be informed that his best may clearly limit his rewards.

Another point of reference must be the mechanics of restraint on the individual. Those mechanics must include the processes of democratic government. They must be impartial, objective, regular, and predictable. They must be constitutional in the best sense of that word—free from caprice, whim, and arbitrariness.

Given these conditions, I am not worried about questions of democracy. Governmental policies and group behaviors can then be judged on their merits as good or bad, expedient or inexpedient, constructive or destructive, wise or idiotic, statesmanlike or demagogic without involving them in emotional atmospheres.

Let us discuss and consider old age assistance, industrial accident insurance, two cars in every garage, "Ham and Eggs," and the Farm Security Administration with reference to their costs in proportion to their benefits to the body politic. Mix them up with democracy and you get as much sense as you got from William Jennings Bryan discussing biology. Unemployment insurance may be a good thing or it may be a means of getting just as much unemployment "as we are willing to pay for." A particular unemployment insurance bill should be considered on its merits, including the degree to which it protects worthy individuals from disasters over which they have no control without at the same time offering a bonus to every loafer who wants to loaf. But let some protagonist defend the bill as being, "A cornerstone of the democratic structure of our nation," or an antagonist damn it as, "A threat to the democratic principles of free men," and you have changed the subject, debauched our language, and insured a lot of nonsense.

Let us restrict the use of words democratic and undemocratic as nearly as may be to the fields of political process and organization, where they belong.

Nurse Assigned To Red Cross

First Lieutenant Johanna R. Vreeland, '33, has been named by the war department among 26 army nurses assigned to assist the American Red Cross with nurse recruiting in the Portland area. Lt. Vreeland is former educational director of the University of Portland College of Nursing and president of the Oregon State Nurses' association.

* Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "Flight to Arras," p. 227.

News of the Classes

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1936

Perm. Class Sec'y: Ann-Reed Burns, 2566 S. W. Vista, Portland, Oregon.

Emil H. Mohr, Jr., '36, recently reported for duty to the Farragut naval training station in Idaho. He had taken preparatory work in radio prior to joining the navy. Mr. Mohr was formerly manager of the Hotel Medford in Medford.

Arthur D. Grafious, '36, is teaching in the senior high school at Hood River. His wife is the former Irma Waggoner and they have a little one-year-old daughter, Elaine Katherine.

Roland L. Rourke, '36, of the United States navy, was recently promoted from chief specialist to ensign. Ensign Rourke is stationed at San Diego, Calif., and is a swimming instructor in the naval physical education program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell C. Spriggs, '36, are the parents of a son born January 25 at Eugene. Mr. Spriggs is employed by the Southern Pacific company. Mrs. Spriggs was Evawynne Jones before her marriage.

1937

Perm. Class Sec'y: David B. Lowry, Bear Creek Orchards, Rt. 4, Medford, Oregon.

William J. Jones, '37, has entered the U. S. Coast Guard as a Storekeeper o/c. He can be reached at the District Clothing Locker, 1st and Washington, Seattle. Until he entered the service, Mr. Jones was advertising and business manager for the McMinnville Telephone Register. His wife, the former **G. Lorraine Beardsley**, '36, is at home in Route 1, Dayton, Oregon.

Serving with American forces in Africa is **Henry Carroll Auld**, '37, who has recently been promoted to Captain, and can be addressed APO 3, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

1938

Perm. Class Sec'y: Mrs. Gayle Buchanan Karshner. (Mrs. Don W. Karshner), 465 Princeton, Palo Alto, California.

Walter E. Nitzel, '38, is training as a radio technician in the navy at the Bliss Electric School, Tacoma Park, Maryland. His wife, **Mabel Howie**, '32, resides at 727 Palm Street, Medford, Oregon.

A son was born February 2 to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McAlister**, '38, (Nina L. Kelsey) in Eugene.

1939

Perm. Class Officers: President Harriet Sarazin Peterson, 1123 S. W. Whitaker, Portland, Oregon; Jean Holmes, Harry Weston, Mary Elizabeth Norville, Wally Johansen, Zane Kemler, Elizabeth Stetson, Hal Haener, Ruth Ketchum.

Sgt. John Manley Norris, '39, of the U. S. army, is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. His brother, **Lt. Charles R. Norris**, '42, is stationed at Tinker Field, Okla. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Norris of Eugene. Mrs. Charles Norris is the former Jean Curtis.

Roberta L. Marshall, '39, formerly of Eugene, is now working for United Air Lines and is living at 507 Primrose road, Burlingame, California.

A son, Roger Victor, was born January 24 to **Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Phelps**, '33, M. S. '39 (**Mary E. Wilmot**, '39), of Milwaukie, Oregon. Mr. Phelps is superintendent of the elementary school system of Milwaukie. They also have two little girls, Joyce and Beverly.



24-Year-Old Receives Gold Leaf

A major's rank at 24 years is the achievement of **Bill Rosson**, '40 (above), now on duty with the infantry in North Africa. Outstanding in military since his college days, he has now become one of the youngest ground force officers to reach the rank of major.

While attending the University, Major Rosson was awarded the Pershing medal as the outstanding ROTC cadet in the Ninth corps area and upon graduation was granted a regular army commission. He was also a member of Scabbard and Blade, was a cadet-colonel in the ROTC, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa during his senior year. Major Rosson has been on duty in Africa since November, when the United States forces invaded French West Africa.

Called into the service at the same time as Major Rosson were **Capt. Burton S. Barr**, '40, **Lt. Richard H. Werschkul**, '40, and **Capt. Robert Herzog**, '40. All four officers met in Africa although each had been transported on a different ship. They had not seen each other for nearly two years.

1940

Perm. Class Officers: President Phil Lowry, Medford, Ore.; Secretary Roy Vernstrom, Rita Wright Stackhouse, Margo Van Matre, Alyce Rogers Sheetz, Leonard Jermain, Ann Fredriksen, Scott Corbett.

New area manager for the recently opened air cargo department for United Air Lines in Portland is **Robley L. Mangold**, '40, whose duties include advising shippers on handling emergency war-time shipments. Mangold and his wife, the former Ann Eliza Weston, live at 31 N.E. Going Street in Portland.

Miss Mary Jane Wormser, '40, LL.B. '42, and **Ensign Russell L. Iseli**, '40, were married in Portland February 25, and are now living at 2728 N.E. Second Ave., Miami, Florida. They are both graduates of the law school.

Archie B. Lawyer, '40, is now stationed at the U.S. Naval Aircraft Delivery Unit, Port Columbus, Ohio.

1941

President **Bob Keen**, 3143 NE 18th, Portland, Oregon; Secretary **Majeane Glover**, Lloyd Sullivan, John Cavanagh, Bill Ehrman, Tiger Payne, Grace Irvin, Barbara Pierce, and Betty Buchanan.

J. Matthew Ritzdorf, '41, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ritzdorf of Junction City, was commissioned an ensign in the naval air corps in January. Ensign Ritzdorf received his preliminary flight instruction at the reserve aviation base at Seattle, Wn.

Aviation Cadet Robert W. Flavelle, '41, is now undergoing advanced flight training at the Corpus Christi naval air station in Texas. He completed the primary flight training course at the naval base in Minneapolis, Minn. After three months at Corpus Christi, he will be commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve or a second lieutenant in the marine corps reserve.

Janet L. Dillehunt, '41, who has been studying code at the University of St. Louis, has completed her training and is now back in Chicago, Ill. She teaches the International Morse code to approximately thirty men in the army air corps a day and writes that she certainly enjoys her work.

Eggert Rohwer, Jr., '41, is teaching physical education at the high school in Hayward, Calif. Mrs. Rohwer is the former **Marjorie Durno**, '42.

1942

Miss Mildred Schmidt, daughter of H. Schmidt of Corvallis, and **Sergeant Clarence A. Kraft**, '42, of the U. S. army, were married March 7 at Corvallis. The young couple left for their honeymoon immediately following the ceremony.

Milton M. Small, '42, was advanced to the rank of corporal in the U. S. army on March 16. Corporal Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linus E. Small of Natus, Idaho, is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar N. Loffelmacher, '42, of Junction City, are the parents of a son born February 9.

Aviation Cadet John F. Kollias, '42, graduated in January from the aviation cadet center pre-flight school at San Antonio, Texas, and went to primary training. His home is in Fall Creek.

1943

St. Mary's Episcopal church in Eugene was the scene January 7 of the wedding of **Miss Priscilla Norton**, '43, to **Stewart Allen Smith**, '43. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Norton of Eugene, and Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Smith of White River Junction, Vt. The young couple are at home in White River Junction.

Second Lieutenant James H. Hafenbrack, '43, is now an instructor in an advanced army flying service at La Junta, Colo. He had previously been stationed at Sacramento, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hafenbrack of Portland.

1944

A son was born February 2 to **Private and Mrs. Russell E. Cook**, '44, of Eugene. Private Cook is on active duty with the marine signal corps and Mrs. Cook is making her home at 1470 Oak street in Eugene. She is the former Mildred Barre.

Second Lieutenant Russell J. Rohwer, '44, is stationed at Barksdale field, Shreveport, La. His home is in Dixon, Calif. He received part of his flight training at Stockton, Calif.

DeWitt C. Rucker, Jr., '44, was recently promoted to corporal in the United States marine corps. He is stationed in California. Corporal Rucker's home is in San Jose, Calif.