

# Editorial Section

## This Time It's for Keeps

It's report card time again, and this year there is a difference to the routine. This year the quarter grades count.

During the past few years there were several students who would goof their way through the first or the third nine weeks and not care very much what kind of a grade they got--if they got one at all. "Why worry?" they thought. "It's the semester grade that counts as credit I can have fun and flunk the first nine weeks. Then I'll buckle down and work for the second half of the semester and get the credit."

That's not the way it is any longer.

With the new grading system that came in with the year-round school, each quarter is a unit in itself. Each time a student flunks for a nine-week quarter, he or she loses one of those

## In Memoriam

One of Chemawa's most distinguished graduates, Dr. Archie W. Demmert, died September 24 in Juneau, Alaska.

Dr. Demmert enrolled at Chemawa in 1924 and graduated with the Class of 1929. He went on to become one of the most respected educators in Alaska and in the entire nation as well.

In 1969 he was chosen Alaska Teacher of the Year and was one of the five finalists for the National Teacher of the Year Award. In 1970 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by the University of Alaska.

After his retirement in 1973 he served as scholarship chairman for the Alaskan Native Brotherhood and as executive director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Juneau. He also found time to pay a visit to Chemawa during the summer of 1973.

"His life long hope was that the young would get a good education and be qualified to step into many kinds of work and endeavor to better the lives of minority people and thus improve the lives of all people," stated his widow, Mrs. Ella Demmert.

84 units that are needed for graduation.

(Once again for those who didn't get it the first time, Freshmen now have zero units. They will have 1-6 after report cards come out, depending on how many classes they pass. Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors should multiply the number of credits they have by four to get the new total.)

Eighty-four units sounds like a lot, but if a student goes to Chemawa four quarters a year for four years (grades 9-12), takes the usual six classes per quarter and passes all of them, he or she will wind up with 96 units, 12 more than necessary.

So it can be done. But only if students will work hard through all four quarters. This has not been much of a problem with the majority of Chemawa students, but there are a few who are in for a rude awakening.

With this in mind, let's make sure that every quarter grade is as good as we can possibly make it. This time quarter grades are for keeps.

## What's the Matter?

What's wrong with this campus this year?

We have always had fun, but this year there aren't even any dances. There hasn't been a dance for two weeks. Can't we boogie? Do you like to boogie? Or do you like to roam around asking the same thing everywhere--"What's going on tonight?"

We don't always need money to get together. There are a lot of things--like ping-pong tournaments. How about a "scrimmage"? Volleyball or basketball against others? Those are just some things.

It's we ourselves who make this campus so lifeless. We have to get together and plan ways and earn money and have activities. We can't just sit back in our easy chairs and wait, and wait, until someone else comes up with it. It's we who have to decide, because we are the ones who are going to participate. Right?

## Man on the Run

by Myron Moses

Running around a while back, I ran into Mrs. Pentecost, and from that meeting we had a talk about tests.

I imagine that we've all been victims of taking a test. So far this year most of us have taken a couple of standardized tests, like the CTB Comprehensive Test. What an awful thing to remind you of!

But anyway, that was one which Mrs. Pentecost said was a measurement of your ability. They were sent to California, and what they need them down there for, I don't know.

But you Juniors in Personal Finance class (if it is still within the range of your memory) took a thing called the Kuder Test. Supposedly, 98 of you took this test, and according to it, your highest field of interest was social services, then came clerical and persuasive skills. Then came mechanical skills, and your lowest field of interest was music.

31 Freshmen also took this test for some reason and came up with office work and "clean hands" jobs on top of the list, then sales. The number three interest was health and food services, and so on down.

The seniors, I assume, have taken or will take a thing called the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

And for the Sophomores, I have a great nothing to justify their existences.

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