

# STUDENTS TO SWING PICKS, DIG TRENCHES

### Oregon Men to Get Taste of Actual War Conditions Under Direction of Col. Leader.

### WILL HURL BOMBS AND THRUST WITH BAYONET

### Also to Have Instruction in Real Military Engineering; Will Qualify for Officers.

Pick and shovel are to play an important part in the University military program as laid down by Colonel John Leader, who has taken over the military work begun under Colonel William H. C. Bowen, retired, U. S. A. In addition to the usual marching and field drill, the men will dig trenches nine feet deep, complete with bays, traverses and dugouts, capable of holding 50 men. These will be an exact duplicate of the style of trenches at the front.

The trench work is only one of the many new features which Colonel Leader will teach the men. Bayonet drill, bomb-throwing, grenade-hurling, construction of barricades, entanglements and bridges, and many other phases of modern warfare are to be taught. After the trench system and the bridges have been built, a class in explosives will be formed and blow them up.

**To Make Oregon Best.**  
 "The whole scheme is to give University men an accurate knowledge of war as it is today, and which will qualify them to become second lieutenants," said Colonel Leader. "We are going to make Oregon the most complete and up-to-date training college in the country."

Before arriving on the campus, Colonel Leader made a complete study of the courses taught officers at Cambridge, Harvard and West Point, and has modeled the courses to be given at Oregon, as nearly as possible, to the courses taught in these officers' schools.

The military committee decided at a meeting yesterday to have a regulation uniform for all students, and these have been ordered. They consist of a one-piece uniform with canvas leggings. The uniforms will cost each student \$3 and the leggings 90 cents, making the total expenditure \$3.90.

**Compulsory for Men.**  
 Similar to the rules of the military drill conducted by Colonel Bowen during the latter part of last semester, all able-bodied men attending the University are required to take military drill parade, unless excused by Colonel Leader. Whereas, last semester only 36 minutes were given to drill parade each day, one hour will be given to drill each day this semester.

The hour set aside for drill is from 1 p. m. until 2 p. m. Exemption from drill may be taken up by petition, but nothing but absolute necessity will gain such exemption.

To make the military science at the University more efficient, and to help in organization, a military committee chosen from among members of the faculty, with Dean Eric Allen at the head, is working in conjunction with Colonel Leader.

**Lectures Also Compulsory.**  
 Besides the one hour a day for military parade drill, the men are required to take a lecture course on military science. In order to avoid conflicts, two sections have been provided for lectures. Each section meets three hours a week. One section meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon, from 2 to 3. And the other section on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night, from 7 to 8. Men have their choice of

sections. These lectures will be mostly on field work, and will consist of some instruction in strategy. Credit will be given for both drill and the lecture periods. The drill will take the place of gymnasium work, except those taking corrective gymnasium work.

**Supplementary Courses Given.**  
 Supplementary to the compulsory courses, several courses in military science will be given. Varied in their nature, these will be valuable to students seeking commissions. Some of the courses offered are war topography, field engineering, military hygiene and camp sanitation, etc. These courses will be conducted by members of the faculty, and credit will be allowed for those completing them.

Colonel Leader will have class from 8 to 12 Saturday mornings, on field engineering.

### Y. M. C. A. CABINET ALTERED

#### Enlistments in Service Require Appointment of New Members.

Due to enlistments into the different branches of the service, the Y. M. C. A. cabinet of the University is almost entirely changed from the personnel that was elected and appointed last April.

The cabinet now consists of the following: Clinton Thielen, president; Walter Myers, vice-president; Merritt Whitten, recording secretary; Paul Scott, financial secretary.

Chairmen of the various committees are: Lloyd Perkins, office management; William Haseltine, membership; Bruce Yergen, publicity; Joe Boyd, student volunteer; Bruce Flegal, meetings; Harold White, conference; Irwin Hartley, mission study; Jesse Witt, social service; Paul Spangler, deputation; Thurston Laraway, social; Ed Padden, James Lyman fund.

Three of the vacancies due to enlistments and other causes have not been filled.

### DEBATING LEAGUE FORMED

#### British Columbia to Take the Place of Stanford; Tryouts Soon.

The universities of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon have formed a tri-state debating league, which will meet in debate probably the middle of March. This is the first time the University of British Columbia has been in the league. Stanford, which formerly made up the third member of the league, withdrew this year on account of expenses.

The question will be the establishment of an international court to enforce peace, with an international police to enforce its decisions.

Tryouts for the University team probably will be held in two weeks.

### HYDE ON OREGONIAN STAFF

#### Graduate of School of Journalism, Class of '17, Takes New Position.

Maurice Hyde, graduate of the School of Journalism in the class of '17, will begin work on the copy desk of the Oregonian, January 15. Hyde ran the Stanfield Standard for two months after his graduation, then becoming city editor of the La Grande Evening Observer.

### MRS. DRUCKER TO SPEAK

Y. W. C. A. will hold its first meeting of this term Wednesday afternoon at the Bungalow. Mrs. A. P. Drucker will speak on University women's responsibilities and opportunities in 1918.

### MISS LEE IN BETTER HEALTH.

Miss Clara Lee, recorder in the registrar's office, is in Portland resting, on account of her health, and is improving.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Eric W. Allen, dean of the School of Journalism, will meet his classes Monday. He has been kept at home this week by an attack of tonsillitis.

# LEARN WARFARE HERE, URGES COL. LEADER

### Military Instructor Says College Must Supply Trained Men. Officers' Duties Are Heavy.

### Declares Oregon Spirit and Hard Work Will Insure Success of Course.

A plea for the thoroughly trained soldier was made by Colonel John Leader, instructor in military training, in an address to 250 men in Villard hall on Thursday morning. He urged University men to remain in college and obtain necessary knowledge of modern warfare, and outlined a general plan for the term's work.

"Each day the call for young officers is becoming greater. By next April or May your country will be crying for young, well-trained officers," said Colonel Leader. "If you wish best to serve your country, remain in college until you have learned how to care for other men."

### Responsible for Men.

"Each officer that takes part in a war of today has more to do than merely to look after himself and lead men over the trenches. An officer is responsible for the life of 60 men, and further than that, he is responsible for 60 souls.

"We are fighting barbarism," continued Colonel Leader. "The spirit of Frederick the Great is with us, and for the sake of Christianity we must win. The United States is the least military of all the great powers, but by far the most martial. No other country or power, considering the military organization, has ever produced as many great generals and officers as has the United States."

### Three Months Behind.

In outlining the military science courses, the colonel said: "We are three months behind the other colleges in military instruction, but we will overcome this difference in time by your fighting Oregon spirit," he said. "It will mean hard work, and the early part will be drudgery, but more interesting work will be taken up as soon as a foundation is secured.

"First of all," continued Colonel Leader, "we must secure discipline and morale. Without these two forces working together, a good soldier and good officer cannot be produced. Each student at Oregon, each member of the battalion must know and must have at heart the ideal that he is a member of the best squad, the best company and the best battalion in the world."

### MITZI STAR IN POM-POM

#### Famous Actress to Appear With Strong Cast in Comic Opera at Eugene.

Mitzi, who used to be called Mizzi Eajos until theatregoers found her name so familiar on their tongues they needed to call her only Mitzi, will soon be here as the star of "Pom-Pom," the new melodramatic comic opera with a big and important cast and orchestra, all sent by Henry W. Savage, whose past productions fully assure the worth of this one, even if its own values were not so widely known.

In "Pom-Pom" Mitzi, as the prima donna, Paulette, is about to make her debut at the theatre in the role of Pom-Pom, the pickpocket. The part demands she appear as a ragged urchin of the streets in trousers. When the police rush to the dressing rooms of the theatre to take the thieves who have broken in, the ragged Pom-Pom is also taken along to jail, and when she, with a new agility born of her impersonation of a boy, scales the jail wall and escapes, she only falls deeper into slumdom at the Black Elephant, a den of thieves.

It is partially because of the vivid dramatic as well as the humorous possibilities of "Pom-Pom" that Mitzi has been so frequently likened to the great stage favorite of a past generation, Lotta.

### 1000 STUDENTS, ESTIMATE

#### New System Aids Registration But Delays Count.

One thousand students for this term is the estimate given out by the officials at the business office since practically all students who were in the University when Christmas vacation began have returned. The new registration system, however, will cause delay in obtaining enrollment statistics, including old and new students.

"While the new system aids in the actual registration," said Miss Tilda Olson, secretary to Registrar A. R. Tiffany, "the work after registration day is much heavier than formerly."

# SECOND FRATERNITY DEBATE SCHEDULED

### February 14 Set for Preliminary Round; Five Points Qualify for Finals.

### League to Enforce Peace to Be Question in All the Contests.

The first round in the second annual inter-fraternity debate has been set for Thursday, February 14, by the Forensic council. Every organization will have two teams, an affirmative and a negative, consisting of two men each. Each house winning five points will win its way into the second round. One point will be given for each judge's vote and one point in addition for getting the decision.

The winners will gain possession of the silver shield, now held by Phi Gamma Delta, for the period of one year. The shield must be won three years, not necessarily in succession, to gain permanent possession of the trophy.

The question, which will be the same for all of the debates through to the finals, is: "Resolved, that the allied nations should make the creation of a league to enforce peace one of their war aims."

The forensic program is an exceptionally heavy one this year, so the inter-fraternity debate has been set ahead two months. A similar debate will be arranged for the women's fraternities within the next few weeks if enough interest is shown. A shield similar to the one given to the men's fraternities will be awarded the winning sorority.

The schedule for the first inter-fraternity debates follows: A. T. O., aff vs. Ore. Club neg; Beta aff vs. A. T. I. neg; Delta Tau aff vs. Beta neg; Kappa Sig aff vs. Delta Tau neg; Friendly hall aff vs. Kappa Sig neg; Phi Delta aff vs. Friendly hall neg; Fiji aff vs. Phi Delta neg; Sigma Chi aff vs. Fiji neg; Singa Nu aff vs. Sigma Chi neg; Ore. Club off vs. Sigma Nu neg.

The University is offering a special course in military work to anyone interested. The fee is \$5 and the course includes drill and one other subject in the Military department.

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