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### A Move for Better Teachers

ONE OF the professions which is rapidly feeling the ingrowing pains of overcrowding is that of teaching. Not overcrowded with expert teachers, but with a plentitude of mediocre ones, education has reached the point where it is faced with the necessity of discouraging students from taking up teaching as a life work unless they intend to specialize and really stick to it.

Through weaknesses of the American educational system, public school teachers are often poorly equipped to instruct in the courses they are called upon to fill.

The university's school of education is confronted with perplexing problems, presented by students who expect to hold down jobs and yet are woefully deficient in the matter of major and minor norms.

In central United States many states belong to an association which rules that no one can teach a subject in a high school unless they majored or minored in that subject in college. That, educators say, is a long step toward placing experts or near-experts in the public schools.

Last week end at Salem a committee of the state high school principals' association drew up a recommendation to the state board of education to go into effect September 1, 1931, which looks to be a big step in placing Oregon in the race educationally speaking.

Before any teacher can instruct in any subject in high schools above 4 teachers a minimum of 20 term hours is to be required in that subject, meaning that the teacher must have either majored or minored in it in college. While such a move will make it hard for some of the students now in school to get jobs when they graduate it will also make for better equipped teachers in the larger high schools of Oregon.

With these stricter requirements for better-trained teachers enters in another problem—higher pay. Oregon cannot get first class teachers for nothing. They will get just what they pay for. That is the situation today in the cities and rural districts. Poor salaries mean poor teachers, for no high class man or woman will work for \$1,000 in the teaching profession when he can get twice or ten times as much in some other.

This is only a step in specialization in an age of specialization. Better salaries will mean better teachers and vice versa. Meanwhile, the school of education should continue its work of stressing specialization and discouraging generalization so that when the change comes, and it must, the wayside will not be cluttered with the casualties.

### "War" Proves Popular

UP AT the military barracks on University street one finds a few facts and figures that are pleasing to a non-pacifist. With an enrollment of 700 men, 130 more than last year, the R. O. T. C. is entering into one of its most active years, under the leadership of Major Frederick A. Barker.

Despite considerable talk to the contrary in campus circles, "war" has not been the unpopular course sometimes pictured in public print in the past. One of the major bones of contention has been the uselessness of military training when the country is at peace and has pledged itself to a policy of renunciation of war.

Just how strong this pact will be toward preventing future strife is a moot question for the rank and file of writers the world over and they have reached no decision either way. According to compilers of martial statistics, small wars occur every ten years and large ones once in twenty years. When the cycle moves around the United States should not be caught with millions of green fighting men. For that reason universities and colleges over the nation now have military training.

The greatest value of the R. O. T. C. work is not so much built around the university hours of credit allowed, but rather in the disciplinary and physical benefits derived from the training. Oregon has a good R. O. T. C. unit which turns out creditable men and officers. A proof of its popularity can be seen in the numbers of upperclassmen who wish to continue their training. Crowded conditions make it impossible to use them all and the corps is able to pick the best for its officers.

It is with gratification that the news of the expansion of the R. O. T. C. can be printed.

Showers of eggs gave a Kansas high school principal a merry good-by the other day. An affidavit which resulted in the disqualification of a rival school's football star and the ultimate loss of the game brought about the irate send-off. Last year University of Iowa was kicked out of the Big Ten conference and eggs figured prominently in the row which followed. These demonstrations reveal a great need for farm relief and a market for the eggs in the Middle West.

Harvard University has established the first school of city planning ever opened in the United States. A degree of master of city planning is offered, and the students take topography, horticulture, municipal construction and housing in their curriculum. This is a noteworthy step in the direction of specialization, but it would seem that jobs in this field would be a bit limited in number.



THE McDONALD THEATER TICKETS ARE STILL WAITING TO BE AWARDED TO THIS WEEK'S BEST CONTRIBUTOR. SO HURRY AND SEND IN THE LOW DOWN.

The only trouble with the dirt handed in so far is that it's so filthy it needs to be run through the washing machine before publishing.

### INFAMOUS EPITAPHS



Herewith we weep For Timothy Pim, A Beta Frosh And he couldn't swim.

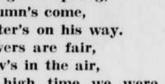
Did you hear about the absent minded professor who went to his class the Saturday of the game? This would have been much funnier had it been next Saturday. We mean it will have been much funnier.



Harry—Why is my wife like an angel?  
Chest—All right, why is your wife like an angel?  
H—Because she's always harping and never has any clothes to wear.

LEMON TODDY ILLITERARY SECTION  
Hay Hay  
Spring has sprung,  
Autumn's come,  
Winter's on his way.  
Flowers are fair,  
Snow's in the air,  
It's high time we were making hay.

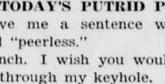
He used to be a track man for the S. P.  
But now he's a Roads scholar for the state highway dept.



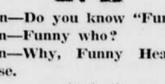
TODAY'S PUTRID PUN  
Give me a sentence with the word "peerless."  
Cinch. I wish you would peerless through my keyhole.



Rin—Do you know "Funny"?  
Tin—Funny who?  
Tin—Why, Funny Hearst, of course.



Do you know that dame?  
Sure, I danced with her all during open house.  
What a heck of a time she must have had.



The Soda Jerker now turns off the faucet until some more contributions come in to compete for the McDONALD THEATER TICKETS. Pres. Hall has already denied authorship of some of the dirt sent in, so be careful, we want to stay in school too.

HOMEcoming PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE  
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session of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Miller, who will also be in charge of the signs, urges that all halls and houses appoint their committees to start work at once, as it is desirable to have an attractive bunch of signs for the alumni who return for the contest with the Beavers.

Motion pictures of the Homecoming directorate in action were taken at the Administration building yesterday afternoon by George H. Godfrey, director of public relations of the university. The pictures will be shown soon at the McDonald theater.



Stude: See that guy there? He's going through college by caring for a baby.  
Ex-Stude: He's lucky. I got kicked out for the same reason.  
—Ohio State Sun-Dial.

"What bright eyes you have, grandpa!"  
"The better to see you with, my dear."  
"What a good thing you've rheumatic hands, grandpa."  
—Reserve Red Cat.

She: Won't you come in?  
He: Really, I can't. I'm not strong, you know.  
—Cornell Widow.

Lifer No. 1967: Some sense of humor dese guys got!  
Visitor: How's that?  
No. 1967: Ta show travel pictures in a place like this.  
—Illinois Siren.

In the olden days girls used to faint; now they pass right out.  
—Utah Crimson.

### Oregon Graduates Work in New York

Walter Brattain, who took his master's degree in physics at the university in 1926, is now with the Bell Laboratories in New York City. Brattain completed the work for his Ph. D. last June at the University of Minnesota.

Carl Hanson, '29, who received his B. A. in physics, is also with the Bell Laboratories this year.



Y. W. C. A. CABINET meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA meeting Thursday, lunch at the Anchorage. Everybody be there.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLAYERS meeting 7:15 tonight at 1369 Emerald. Important.

ASKLEPIADS meet this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in room 105, Deady hall.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS club will meet tonight at 7:15 in the Gerlinger building.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT  
Theta Chi announces the pledging of Henry Gilbert of Tacoma, Washington.

OREGANA TURNS IN PROFIT TO TREASURY  
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dollars. From the profits between two and four hundred dollars each shall receive 15 per cent. From the profits between four and six hundred dollars, each shall receive 10 per cent. From the profits over six hundred dollars each shall receive 5 per cent. Any surplus after all expenses and salaries are paid shall accrue to the student body treasury. To follow this out we find that for the year's work each received only \$173.11. This has not yet been paid, but will be balanced with loans made from the general treasury.  
A review of the stormy going

which the year-book encountered last year throws light on the above figures. The last previous profit made by the Oregana was in 1925 when the book came out \$33.85 to the good. In 1926 it lost \$301.97, in 1927, \$771.55, in 1928, \$2,848.97. Losses for the Oregana had increased so much, mounting to almost \$3,000 in 1928, and late publication dates and deliveries had turned student favor so much that an attempt was made to add \$1.25 term tax on each student to guarantee solvency.

Despite agitation by the Emerald, only 909 students voted and of these 506, a majority of 103, voted for the tax. A two-thirds majority was required and the measure failed. The student council ordered plans to go ahead, a new drive started and failed, and finally on December 7, the editor and manager resigned. The new heads appointed by the council made arrangements with Kennell-Ellis to have a percentage of their income from sittings for the Oregana diverted from the Student Memorial building fund to the year-book receipts. The budget was slashed well within estimated receipts so that the fiasco of the preceding year might not be repeated.

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### Faculty Members Will Deliver Grange Talks

Two members of the faculty of the university extension will speak this week at grange meetings. Miss Mozelle Hair, head of the correspondence department, will talk at Goshen Grange, October 23, and Percy M. Collier, extension lecturer, will speak at Four Oaks Grange at Bailey Hill on October 25.

### Dean James H. Gilbert Visits Eastern School

Dean James H. Gilbert is at present at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. While at the school he saw Earl Douglass,

former professor in the school of education on the Oregon campus. Dean Gilbert is making an extended tour of middle western and eastern schools to make a study of the new developments in the fields of higher education.

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