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NYA, A Basis For Federal Scholarships

NYA, which was first established as an emerg-ency measure, is continuing to demonstrate its value to higher education as the country moves toward economic normalcy, and the belief recently expresesd by Karl Onthank, state director, that it will be continued at least another year is certainly a hopeful token. Popular pressure should now be exerted toward having this valuable program established on a permanent basis.

The emergency legislation that was speeded through Roosevelt's panic-stricken congress contained much that was wise and much that was foolish, and it is really too soon after the tempest for even the keenest mind to say which was which. That is a matter at which scholars are already a-pondering. But surely, when the final judgment is taken, the National Youth administration will stand in the gilt-edged list of the good measures.

This year more than \$150,000 has been distributed, providing work for somewhat over 1000 students in Oregon institutions of higher education. At the University of Oregon 388 students have been given part-time employment at a monthly wage averaging \$10.82. That may sound like a small amount, but most of those 388 students would not have been in school this year if they had not received their NYA checks to supplement their summer earnings and what little they could get from home.

Not by the wildest stretch of political viciousness could the work of the NYA students be called "boon-doggling." All of the work at which these students are employed is necessary and valuable. Furthermore, the requirement that NYA workers make a relatively high record of scholastic achievment gives this government assistance the character of a scholarship for worthy students.

Congress should not consider this valuable program as being merely of an emergency nature. There are thousands of young men and women even in so-called "normal" times who cannot avail themselves of higher education-students of fine native ability, handicapped by unfortunate family circumstances. NYA should be the basis for a permanent program of government scholarships.

A broad program of public education is the only chance for the fulfillment of our boasted social equality. The highest advantages of education should be available to every worthy young man and woman in America.

The SAAC Plan: A Lower Division College

WILL DURANT, noted author-philosopher, recently wrote:

"I would give the first fifteen years of education to establishing the physical, moral, and cultural background of life, and would leave specific technical training to post-graduate schools."

The Student Academic Adjustment committee plan presented today on this page is a more modest recognition of the advisability of such an edu-

In previous installments of its report, the committee has voiced the majority opinion of the University students, that the first two years, which is for many the only two years spent in the University, are to a great extent wasted. Too much emphasis is placed on specialization before the student has acquired a sufficiency of social background. Too little attention is paid to educating the student for citizenship.

The general college for underclassmen outlined

in this report would care for those students not intending to remain in school for four years, for those undecided as to their professional ambitions, and for others who might prefer a broad background even for later specialization.

This would not eliminate underclass professional or academic training, since, according to the plan, other schools would lay the foundations for this more technical education, during the first two years. It would, however, allow the classes of students mentioned above, the opportunity to prepare their minds for the problems that arise later

At present, many students jump directly from high school into the intricacies of technical and professional training, at an age when their minds are still unstable in regard to social questions. Thus, they may graduate with a high proficiency in some specialized branch of learning, but little knowledge to assist them in making moral, social or economic decisions.

The first purpose of a University, as noted in that portion of the SAAC report which appeared Tuesday, is "to educate the people to a greater and greater competency in performing the general social obligations of citizenship." A lower division college would enable the University better to attain that goal.

Catchwords For Social Chimpanzees

N the last century society has made a greater technical advance than in all previous history. Contemplating this astonishing world of machines in which we live, we can almost regard the state of the 19th century man as the veriest savagerywe can almost expand and say, "My, my, how wonderful we are!" But there's a thought that chastens us in our preening-the other side of the picture: our relative stupidity in social techniques, our relative inability to turn the fruits of our material advance to the general happiness of man-

Socially speaking, we are but children. We can't see "the forest for the trees." We are dealing with powerful social forces whose impulse and direction we can discern barely if at all. Gropingly we salve the outward sores of social maladjustment, but we halt when it comes to trying an internal specific for our ills, even though we knew such a specific, and we don't. Our legislators soak the rich and give the unemployed what is virtually a dole; they humanize penology, yet they don't probe deeply into the roots of crime; they provide for the care of the insane and try to readjust them to society, but they take no steps to curb insanity at its sources; they tamper at blind random with a disordered economic machine, and, when it finally starts to function again, they know neither what has done the trick nor what will prevent a relapse.

Socially, we are still in the ape stage, falling into one hole after another and clambering out by blundering trial and error.

Here we are with a political campaign in the wind. We have just reached firm ground after wallowing for six years in the most dismal economic sloughs into which the country has ever stumbled. Perhaps we got out through the frenzied legislative efforts of the Roosevelt administration; perhaps we were pulled out by the natural vitality of our economic system, as Mr. Roosevelt's loyal

Apparently no politician, Republican or Democrat, has a presentable analysis of the late depression and of the recovery that is coming aboutat least there is no evidence of such political genius among the drum-thumpers in the presidential campaigns for the two parties.

Both parties unfurl banners emblazoned with such vague devices as "The Constitution," "A Better Life," "Americanism"—all reminiscent of the "Chicken in Every Pot" slogan of 1932, and equally meaningless.

Neither party gets down to points. Neither party offers a direct solution to the problems of poverty, crime, and injustice, the simple reason being that no man has devised such a solution. Political parties impose on the electorate with vapory shibboleths because they cannot offer anything more substantial.

This should not be taken as a note of dispair, that comprehensive plans of social and economic justice are, if not impossible, at least nonexistent. It is true that we are backward in social planning, but that is no reason that we should succumb to catchwords. Perhaps we shall continue to "muddle through," but always there will arise obvious tokens of progress from which our democracy can take direction and inspiration.

Haile Selassie, after his determined assertions that "we will fight to the last man," made a quick jump out of reach when the Italian troops came within striking distance of Addis Ababa. Evidently Haile didn't intend to be that "last man." - Minessota Daily.

(Continued from page one) tific workers will push on by foot. origin of the Navajo sandstone. both states, and also to determine The botanists will concentrate This section will be directed by Dr. whether people who are maladjusted to society are more suscep-Navajo mountain, an area sur- Members of the staff for the ex- tible to suggestion. After numerrounded on all sides by hundreds of pedition include Dr. Charles Del ous experiments, Saltzman proved miles of dessert. This great moun- Norte Winning, New York univer- that reactions to tests, both waktain mass rises to such a height sity; Professor Tracy R. Kelly, ing and sleeping, were consistent that its summit has a climate like University of California; Lyndon L. and that, after several suggestions that of Canada 2,000 miles to the Hargrave, archaeologist of the or practices, responses came much to find a unique flora and fauna ther G. Atkinson, Modesto college: more under the influence of sug-"marooned" there through count- and John Wetherill, custodian of gestion. Contrary to popular opin-Navajo National Monument. | ion women are not more suggesti-Biologists will embark in seven | Qualified persons interested are ble than men, said Saltzman. He

greater degree.

Report of the SAAC (Editor's note: This is the seventh article in the report of the

Student Academic Adivsory committee. Another article in the series will appear tomorrow.)

LOOK

OUT

In the lower division, the committee recommends that a threefold function be recognized and courses planned in accordance with that function. The plan that was approved by the committee follows: Some students must, of necessity, find pre-professional training.

Thus, the University shall set up a pre-professional curriculum. The courses to be included will be dicatated by the requirements of the professional schools. The courses at present offered in the lower division will furnish th nucleus for this curriculum, which shall permit diversification and shall introduce the student to a wide range of knowledge. The period of specialization shall be postponed at least until the lower division course has been completed.

The committee recommends that the professional schools, in cooperation with the lower division, shall attempt to establish standards for entrance into the professional schools, which standards shall be measured by comprehensive examinations. Wherever possible, students shall be eligible for the examination at any time after entrance into the University.

A pre-academic curriculum shall also be established in the lower division. These courses will lead to a concentration in the arts, literatures, and social sciences, with the ultimate aim of teaching, research, or social service in those fields. In addition, this curriculum will lead to further general study in the upper division of the liberal

The courses to be offered here shall provide specialized information about the field to be studied, but in addition, students shall be encouraged to diversify their courses in order that they may have a background with which to approach their upper division It may be feasible to combine the pre-professional and the pre-

ademic curricula without loss of value to either.

The colleges of academic specialization and liberal arts shall meet with the directors of the lower division, to set certain standards for entrance into advanced study. These standards shall be measured by comprehensive examinations. Students shall be encouraged to take these examinations whenever they have sufficient preparation.

The committee's third suggestion is the most important of those considered. The committee recommends the establishment of a curriculum for social intelligence, or a lower division college. This is designed for those students to whom the curricula at the University are at present ill-fitted. The courses shall organize knowledge and thought for effective social behavior rather than for specialization, such as is involved in professional or academic study. The courses shall be comprehensive in scope, and shall correlate the various fields of knowledge. In all of these courses, the bearing of the subjects upon the everyday life of the student and citizen, shall be stressed.

While this college will be designed principally for those students who plan to stay only two years at the University, there shall be adequate provision for these students to advance to professional and academic schools. It is the belief of the committee that intellectual ability is more important in determining success in these latter fields than in preparation. At any rate, the examinations open to lower division graduates in pre-professional and preacademic courses shall be also open to those matriculating in the lower division college.

Since the aim of this college is entirely different from that of the two other divisions, it will be necessary to establish it separately, and its courses, while they may be open to students from the other sections, will be primarily intended for those interested in obtaining a broad social background. It will be necessary to have adequate academic and vocational advice to determine the section in which the student might best enroll.

The lower alvision college should be set up with particular emphasis on the needs of this University and the state of Oregon. While the experiences of the Universities of Minnesota and Florida, among others, should be valuable, the committee working out the details of the plan should not overlook the unique position of the University in furnishing effective leadership for the state.

A series of comprehensive examinations shall be established in the various general fields into which the lower division college will be divided, in order to gauge the abilities of students graduating from the college. Those who pass these examinations in social intelligence and leadership, will be given the degree of associate in arts, and a certificate to that effect.

Students who wish to adopt vocations after two years of college will be directed by a staff of trained advisors. They will be encouraged to seek further study, or they will be aided by the placement buerau in securing positions in their chosen work.

(To Be Continued)

seems the mother hired a notunattractive new governess for her darling son. Quote: "Now Throckmorton, I want you to go into the library, and kiss your new governess and get acquainted with her." Comes it back Throckmorton. Quote: "Nix. Do you think I want to get my face slapped like pop

The longest waves in the ocean generally are found in the South Pacific, and sometimes attain lengths of 1000 feet.

The Mackenzie river, Canada's longest stream, measures 2,500 miles from its mouth to its headquarters; the St. Lawrence, second largest, is 1,900

New PE Building Concrete Poured

The first concrete has been Trip This Weekend poured in the new PE building and more forms are ready for pouring. pillars and walls.

Some of the falls on the east Sunday evening. side of the building are being out- The group, under the guidance lined by rising forms, but most of of Dr. Warren D. Smith, plans to

Hough Draws Up Postal Law Course

new, who has recently finished does not happen to belong to drawing up a course in everyday either group and who is willing to law for adult education through a furnish a car, is invited to go on correspondence project, will soon the trip. The entire cost per perbegin work on a course in every- son is estimated at \$2.50 and anyday mathematics.

Corvallis, who is preparing a trav- office in Condon hall before 6 eler's introduction to Chinese civi- o'clock Friday. lization for the same project, is planning a similar course for Jap- of personnel, Dorena May 29; anese history.

Swim Honors

(Continued from page one) able to smile at the audience and to wave his shapely leg. Oregon Team Wins

The super Oregon team won the Oregon-Washington meet aided by River May 7, is also scheduled for the feminine cheering section and Santa Clara May 22, and Glide the coach-yell-king Jim Smith. Pa- May 29. cific coast swimming champion Jim Hurd was defeated in a surprise free-style race by Jim Smith, the conqueror.

The program included registration, a typical class day abroad, the Junior Weekend, Oregon-Washington meet, and graduation.

Phi Beta Kappa

(Continued from page one) society earlier in the year as mem- The latter two are cadet teachers bers of the Senior Six.

Twenty seniors were pledged by the honorary last year. Robert Vosper was named as the outstanding undergraduate scholastically and was awarded the books which this year went to Bales. Founded in 1776

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 and is the oldest of fraternities. Originally organized as a social fraternity and later becoming the leading scholastic honorary. It has numbered among its members many students who later became outstanding citizens.

Faculty Members

(Continued from page one) the speech division, will give addresses at Blue River May 15, Fossil May 21, Condon May 22, Toledo May 28, and Sheridan June 5. W. A. Dahlberg, assistant professor of speech, will go to Ontario May 21, Leaburg May 22, Lowell May 29, Elmira June 5.

Others who will give commencement speeches are James M. Carrell, assistant professor of speech, Sutherlin May 28 and Thurston May 27; Karl W. Onthank, dean

Star Pupil Danced Into His Heart



producer of dancing spectacles. put an effective halt to rumors that he would marry Wendy Barrie when he announced his impending marriage to Tuta Rolf. Scandinavian film star, with whom he is pictured in London. She was his dancing pupil in Hollywood.

Geology, Science Groups Plan Coast

The combined group of general The bottom of the heat tunnel in geology and physical science surthe floor of the building has been vey students will leave on a twopoured as well as several bases of day field trip to the coast Saturday at 1 o'clock, returning late

the work has centered on the tun- go as far south as Coos Bay and Sunset Bay and as far north as Cape Arago. They will visit fossil point at Coos Bay, the set lion caves, sand dunes, and other points of geological interest.

John W. Hough, Portland attor- Any student on the campus who one wishing to attend is asked to Mrs. Elizabeth Von Stapp of register with Lloyd Ruff at his

> Philip A. Parsons, head of the sociology department, Coos River Consolidated Schools May 22; E. H. Moore, professor of sociology, Blachley May 21; J. H. Bond professor of business administration. Pleasant Hill May 13.

N. H. Comish, professor of business administration, who spoke at graduation exercises at Smith

Uni-Hi Art

(Continued from page one) The entire art department of University high school is under the supervision of Miss Maude Kerns, head of the normal art department; Margaret Litscher has charge of the sophomore art class; Maxine Wyatt of the juniors; and Margaret Temple of the seniors. from the Oregon art school.

HALL-O-FAME



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upon the richly forested summit of F. B. Loomis of Amherst. less ages.

small boats for a 200-mile venture asked to get in touch with Dr. also discovered no relationship bein the deep canyons of the San Cressman at once, as appointments tween either social or emotional Juan and Colorado rivers, There, must be made soon. reptiles, and fish.

A fossil-bearing cave that has nual eastern Oregon trip.

already yielded 100,000 specimens will be further explored by geol- Students in Trance ogists, and field studies are expected to throw further light on the

under the direction of Dr. C. C. Dr. Cressman was invited on the which subjects responded to sug-Clark of New York university trip last year as a field leader but gestions. As a final conclusion, they will seek rare mammals, birds, was unable to go because the date Saltzman said that he found that conflicted with that set for his an- hypnosis is suggestibility only in a

maladjustment and the degree with

north. On this the scientists hope Museum of Northern Arizona; Ar- more quickly and subjects were

Every day the wisdom of the course which these United States pursued in staying out of the League of Nations becomes more readily apparent. Italy has taken Ethiopia like Grant

The Marsh

By Bill Marsh

The way the G-men are drag-

ging in the nation's public ene-

mies one after the other these

days, they ought to change their

name from "Department of

Justice operatives" to "Rough

Of Time

on Rats."

she has it, she's going to keep it, and to Hell with the League if the League doesn't like it. It looks as if the League, instead of preventing friction between European countries, does little but aggravate it. Surely the present bad blood exisiting between Italy and Great Britain would not have been, had not

took Richmond, and now that

the League imposed economic sanctions which Great Britain backed up with a fleet of fighting ships. The League of Nations acts in much the same way as an aggravating mother-in-law trying

to keep peace between a quar-

reling husband and wife. And, despite what the highfaluting economists, foreign trade experts, and brain trusters tell us, an agency of international functioning which is no more effective in maintaining peace that the League of Nations, is a mighty fine thing for America to stay a long way away from. We haven't got a fight with anybody now, and we don't care to have the League fix us up with one, thanks just the same,

To the snow train, the weekend excursion train, and the fishing train devised by American railroads for the benefit of outdoor sportsmen, Great Britain has added a new idea . . .

the camping coach. The London and Northeastern railway started it. At first old railway carriages (they're carriages in England-not coaches) were altered to provide sleeping berths for six people, and two compartments were combined to form a sort of lounge

These camping carriages were placed on little-used sidings where nearby good fishing. sports, swimming, etc., would attract campers de-luxe. And the people ate it up!

So popular has the idea become that all of Great Britain has been explored for suitable sites. Additional coaches have been built. There are 323 of them now, and the hire charges . . . take a good hold on something, kiddies . . . the hire

week . . . for six people! Just in case you think marriage drives people crazy, you're wrong. The largest proportion of persons admitted to asylums, institutions and other nut-cur-

charges are about \$12.50 a

Gag concerning a youthful offspring of wealthy parents. It

ing plants are unwed.