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Senior Finals on the Carpet

THIS afternoon the faculty will decide the fate of the plan advanced by the senior class to exempt graduating students from their spring finals. The proposal is as regular a spring phenomenon as the inevitable newspaper stories about the first "lamb tongue." And, it must be feared, as inevitably as the wilting of the first "lamb tongue," the seniors' petition will be given its annual perusal and rejection by the faculty. But, perhaps this is the year when the petition is to be granted; thus the seniors take encouragement.

There have been several objections to the scheme. The prime one seems to be that it would involve a change in a basic University requirement which states that a two-hour examination is to be given in every course where it is possible. In answer to this, however, the seniors may rightly rejoice that no requirement should be so unbending as not to allow reasonable exceptions.

ALSO, it has been objected that the plan presupposes the existence of uniform teaching methods in which every professor knows in advance of exam week whether or not a student is doing work of a high enough standard to warrant his exemption from finals. Many professors, these critics point out, base their grades entirely on the final examination. But this doesn't seem to be a valid criticism, inasmuch as the seniors in their petition have anticipated such contingencies in providing that professors may give one-hour examinations in the regular class periods if necessary.

A further objection is that the plan will not relieve faculty members of the burden of "double examinations." For professors, many of them at least, would find it necessary to give the optional one-hour exams. But this criticism, like the others, is not unanswerable. The burden upon professors would certainly be lightened. First of all, the optional examinations, where given, would be only one hour in length, thus dispensing with extra two-hour sessions. Secondly, such examinations would be given during the regular class periods, not in the evenings and on Sunday as was done last year. Everyone knows, however, that, while the plan will ease the work of professors to a great extent, such was not the principal purpose of the seniors in making the proposal.

THE seniors had primarily in mind a lightening of the burdens upon members of

the graduating class. The class of 1936 last spring was boomed through a high-pressure session of examinations that was like something from the days of the Inquisition. The harried seniors were given examinations at a time when their non-graduating class-mates were concluding the term's work at leisure. They were given no time for review. And, adding to this such distractions as term papers, correspondence in search of jobs, preparations for entertaining their parents, who were coming for commencement, and all the variety of smaller problems that come when one is severing connections with a place that has been his home for four years—and there was produced a situation which one victim quite inadequately described as "hell."

There is good precedent for the plan proposed by the seniors in the success of a similar procedure which was set up last year at Oregon State college, when that institution was faced with our same situation. But the plan would be worth a try even if there were no precedent for it. If it produced no better result, it would at least end the perennial complaint of the seniors. And that is something to consider.

Campus Comment

(The views aired in this column are not necessarily expressive of Emerald policy. Communications should be kept within a limit of 250 words. Courteous restraint should be observed in reference to personalities. No unsigned letters will be accepted.)

DEFENSE OF THE STRIKE
To the Editor: Many of us, I am sure, appreciate your attempt to clarify the difference of opinion as to whether or not students should strike against war. However, your opposition to the strike is based on one of two inaccuracies which seem small, but actually amount to a great deal.

In the first place, the American campus version of the Oxford Pledge is not a pacifist declaration. It is, true enough, a pledge which pacifists take, but it encompasses many whose views are far from pacifistic. The American version declares in effect that "we will not support our government in the war for which it is preparing."

We are only being realistic in realizing that the war for which our government seems to be preparing is not a holy war against fascism nor is it a defensive encounter. The blue prints which now lie in the offices of the war department are schedules for troop movements not in America but on foreign soil. The naval armament for which we are paying millions daily is obviously for offensive purposes.

If we were convinced that America was preparing only for defense we might not be so ready to take the Oxford Pledge. But we know, as every thinking student knows, that the war department has no such innocent plans. In the light of this we can do nothing else honestly but support the Oxford Pledge.

Perhaps you have not seen the national strike call this year. It definitely does not force the Oxford Pledge as a necessary prerequisite to supporting the strike. In view of what I have just said it "recognizes the validity of the Oxford Pledge in the light of American war preparations."

Certainly it is not fair to say that the American Student Union is pacifistic because it supports the Oxford Pledge. Some of its members are, but remember that one of its slogans for April 22 is, "We fast that Spain may eat." The ASU's support of Spanish democracy is not pacifistic. It is realistic. And remember also that we can honestly and sincerely take the Oxford Pledge while we are supporting democracy in Spain.

There is nothing narrow or sectarian about either the ASU or the strike against war. Both could and should have the support of the entire student body. The only entrance fee to participation in the strike on April 22 is a strong and courageous conviction that war is wrong and must be surbed by a nation-wide demonstration of solidarity for world peace.

JAMES D. ROWAN.

AWS Delegates

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when the hostess for the 1939 convocation was selected. The University of Kansas will entertain the next convention, and women of that university will be national officers now," continued Miss Emery.

Both Miss Emery and Miss Buchanan returned with a gold bracelet on which is set the crest of the UCLA. Each delegate was presented one of these in remembrance of the convention.

A detailed account of business sessions will be given by President Buchanan at a meeting of AWS, to be called in the near future.

Call of 'Popcorn'

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booth winners. Portland was searched from Broadway to Powell street by Mr. Schomp and Kay Coleman, general chairman of the affair, during the vacation for these trinkets.

Bud Brown Will Play
At one end of the court, Bud Brown and his campus orchestra will play throughout the evening for those who wish to mix their game shooting and popcorn-eating with an occasional waltz around the floor. Dancing will be free, announces Miss Coleman.

Marionbeth Wolfenden, food chairman, gave her report at the meeting, stating, "We found last year that we needed more food to

Moving Plans

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of men, divided between the old and new libraries, will keep a steady stream of books flowing, if present plans are followed.

"Between 55,000 and 60,000 books were moved from the old library in the week preceding examinations last term. So," Mr. Warren said, "little hope can be held that the 160,000 volumes can be moved in three days. However, the important ones can be moved first, so that a three-day period should suffice to move those books which will be in greatest demand."

Under the most probable plan, a crew of about twenty men will be used. Half of them will work in the old library, filling book trays from the shelves and carrying them to the elevator. Other men will receive the books and load them on the trucks, about 35 trays to the truck and 25 average-sized volumes to the tray.

University trucks will carry the books to the new library, where the remainder of the crew will receive and shelve the books.

The library will have to operate on an economical basis as possible, as it is now on a reduced budget from that of last year, and the added expense of moving is cutting severe inroads into the allotted funds.

Many NYA students may get a chance to make up hours during the moving.

Hop's SKIPS & JUMPS

By ORVAL HOPKINS

THERE'S a good jolt waiting for a lot of lads and lassies who will graduate this term. The system of the University is such these days that the college man or woman is gradually built up in his own mind, and sometimes in the minds of others, until the only thing for him to do after graduation is to take a huge dunking. There's only one direction for him to go. He already thinks he's so good that there's no more room at the top and down he goes.

Of course he doesn't stay down there. He takes his sock on the puss in the right spirit for the most part and then picks himself up and starts the grind all over again. As a rule he's the better man for it, too. He finds out that after college people aren't going to look up to him merely because he has put in four soft years and has been president of various and sundry thives and thats. They won't get all reverent with him merely because he tells them he has an education and can produce the papers to prove it.

There ain't no need to be expansive after college. Nobody's going to get a whang out of being spoken to by a senior on the outside. He's just the freshman out there, and more so than any first year person ever was in college. He doesn't know nothin' and there are plenty of people who are aware of it, even though the graduate isn't, in far too many cases. So what's the answer?

The answer is that we're supposed to be preparing ourselves for life (sigh). We are allegedly learning the things that will do us the most good when we get out among 'em. We are learning how to adjust ourselves to any surroundings. That's what education is supposed to be for, unless I've been misled again.

But we build ourselves up for an awful letdown. Instead of learning how little we know, we go around, too often not unobtrusively, congratulating ourselves upon how much we know—until somebody sneaks and bats up alongside the ear with the fact that we haven't even started.

By the time we get out of college we ought to be so aware of the fact that there are realms and realms which we haven't even dreamed of that we would be willing to go out and try to go on learning throughout life. Instead we like to show how intelligently we can talk about nothing and in what a loud voice and how much we can drink without going 'round and 'round (it ain't much either).

I have in mind certain smug individuals who are in for the fall and once again I'm not blaming the individual so much as I am the system. It takes so long for any changes to come about and inertia is such a powerful force that I can't see the way even for myself.

Yet here I sit shooting off my yap. It's just the sort of thing that doesn't count.

Living American Art Is On Display in Gallery

The third exhibition of living American art, selected by a jury and advisory board as representative of the best American painting, is on display in the art gallery.

There are 48 pictures chosen every year and sent out in groups of 12 to members of the association which was organized to provide fine reproductions of contemporary American work. The reproductions are made in Vienna by the colotype process.

Experiments are being made to find the most effective way of mounting the pictures. This group is mounted in colored linen matting rather than in paper.

Students Will Speak

Betty Brown, Lorraine Larson, and Jeanette Hafner will discuss the cooperative movement in America at a program sponsored by the PTA at the Coburg high school Wednesday evening.

Shultz Urges

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handicap the use of promised spoils, and the awarding of appointments to supporters within the block to gain support, but that to eliminate it would take time and pain.

Schultz concluded by saying, "The best man is the one who should be considered, disregarding all obligations, and leaving out thought of party duties."

Japanese Held the Wrong Maps



Police and federal officials are jointly investigating the activities of Bulchiro Abo, Japanese, because a search made of his home in Los Angeles after he was arrested on a shooting charge revealed military maps of Hawaii and also of the tunnels of the Los Angeles water system. Above, Captain Bert Wallis, of the Los Angeles police is questioning Abo.

'17--When War Was Declared

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willingly than Oregon's student-soldiers are going to their self-chosen duty."

On March 24, 42 men signed for drill and allied subjects for five hours a week. Warren D. Smith was chairman at the organizational meeting, when William Hayward and Eric W. Allen volunteered their services. Dr. Smith said that there would be no loafing in the company, and each entrant was to post a \$2.50 guarantee for his regular attendance.

At the same occasion President P. L. Campbell said, "Primarily this movement is to show that our hearts are in the right place. Aside from that there is the advantage which will result to everyone taking part in the work, both in preparation for everyday life and preparation for army work if the call comes." The first drilling was in the men's gym on March 27.

Prof Craved Excitement
Headlines of the third of April shouted: "STUDENT RANKS DECIMATED, BY MEN ENLISTING. FIRST CALL WILL SEE 100 MEN GO TO FRONT, STUDENT ACTIVITIES INJURED AND INTERCOLLEGIATE RELATIONS MAY SUSPEND. PATRIOTIC RALLY AND SEND-OFF SCHEDULED FOR ASSEMBLY TOMORROW."

Prof. Allen Hopkins, commerce, when asked whether he would enlist replied, "You bet!" The ambulance service was mentioned, but he said distastefully, "There would not be enough excitement in it."

Their only significance being for display purposes, a row of little outline swastikas separated the banners in the April 3rd issue. When sincere students were going off to war "to make the world safe for democracy," these little pagan emblems were an almost Biblical prophecy of the defeat of their purpose.

Other heads at the time were: "Alumna Respond to Call, Sixty In Less Than Week Tell How They Would Aid Country; University Band May Form Military Unit, Student Musicians Discuss Plan of Enlisting as a Body, Players in Demand, Portland Contract Offered, Will Parade Thursday."

Athletics Hampered
On March 27, the Emerald printed, "...The first to depart for the ranks is Ken Wilson, who received the call from headquarters yesterday to join the Third Regiment, Oregon, at Portland. The loss of Wilson casts another dark shadow over Bill Hayward's track prospects. Wilson was one of the standbys of the old squad, having performed for the lemon-yellow in sprints. With the mobilization of the local companies, and others that have representatives in the University, the campus will be deprived of men active in nearly every branch of activity. Track, baseball, and other spring athletics will be abandoned here, as well as in every other university and college in the United States, in the event of mobilization of troops.

"Declaration of war and call for recruits" will cause a rush of college men in every part of the country to enlist under the Stars and Stripes, as was the case when trouble with Mexico first appeared. A random glance at sentiment shows that at least 300 students will rally to military service upon

Campus Calendar

Jean Parker, Sam Kroshel, Chandler Stevens, Lucy Downing, Marjorie Hillman, John Layton, Marvin Boyd, Sheldon Parks, James Valentine, Muriel Horner, Paul Rowe, William Torrence, Arthur McNett, Frank Lukouski, Harry Fall, Clayton Helgren and Jack Casey are in the infirmary today.

The Allied Arts League will hold a meeting today to elect new officers. Members of the group are asked to come with suggestions of capable candidates for the offices of president and secretary-treasurer. Dean Lawrence will speak to the group. Outgoing officers are Jack Stafford and Charles Endicott.

Order of O will meet today at 12 o'clock at the Beta house for election of officers.

Members of the fencing club will meet in front of Gerlinger at 4:45 Thursday for a trip to Corvallis.

Campus luncheon directorate for junior weekend will meet at the College Side at 5 o'clock today.

Delta Phi Alpha, national German honorary, will hold a short business meeting in the women's lounge Gerlinger, 7:30 this evening.

Passing Show

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Nazis well-prepared as far as discipline was concerned.

Dither in Congress
Senators protested vigorously yesterday when a junior senator from Delaware suggested that the judiciary committee hearing on the court reform be brought to a close. Apparently hoping to entrench themselves in the safety of discussion, members of both opposition and support called for continuation.

Suggestion that there were "still many witnesses to be heard," voiced by Burke, democratic opponent of the president's bill, made hope of an early vote dim.

British Bombed
Nosy British warships, poking about the Mediterranean, were again the target of Spanish aerial bombs when the destroyer Gallant was forced to use her anti-aircraft guns to drive off a Spanish plane which dropped a missile near the ship. Near-sighted insurgents were blamed for the incident in dispatches which suggested that the Gallant has been mistaken for a Spanish government vessel.

Pinnacles pay at Taylor's

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Pillette Is Victor In Poetry Contest

Richard Hagopian, Adrian Martin Place in Jewett Contest Yesterday

Milton Pillette, senior in journalism, won the \$20 first prize in the W. F. Jewett poetry reading contest which was held yesterday afternoon at Gerlinger hall. Due to a mistake in tallying the votes the winners were incorrectly announced at the close of the contest.

The \$15 award for second place was awarded to Richard Hagopian, freshman in music. Third prize of \$10 went to Adrian Martin, sophomore in arts and letters. Each entrant selected and memorized three passages of poetry from an approved collection divided into general groups of sonnets, lyrics, and blank verse, and were judged on their presentation.

Pritchard Presents Statues to Art School

Two new statues have been presented to the University of Oregon art school for the art patio by Walt Pritchard, former student.

The statues are done in cast stone and are done in a manner reminiscent of the archaic Greek sculpture. They were done under a WPA project.

Mr. Pritchard, who received his master's degree at the University of Oregon art school is now teaching at Linfield college.

THREE MEN PLEDGE

Three more fraternity pledges have been registered at the office of the dean of men. They are: Bill Van Dyke, Delta Upsilon; George Haley, Phi Sigma Kappa; and Al Dickhart, Theta Chi.

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