

After 26 Years of Achievement--Dean Rebec Retires

FOR the past 26 years the University catalog has carried an item on the list of faculty members—George Rebec, Ph.D. The titles which have followed that name are many and varied. The services rendered to the University by the owner of that name have been continuous throughout the 26 years.

In June the services of Dean Rebec will be officially closed due to the University retirement rule. The possibility that the beloved professor may continue—at least to a limited extent—his service to Oregon beyond the quarter century mark is not remote, and fortunately these remarks may not be a farewell, but a noting of valuable service.

DEAN Rebec came to Oregon in 1912 and settled near Medford with intentions of becoming a pear farmer. His record at the University of Michigan had preceded him, however, and in the same year, President Prince Lucien Campbell persuaded him to serve as professor of philosophy for the University.

After six years on the faculty a larger responsibility for Dr. Rebec was provided in the Portland

extension division of the University. Taking charge of it in 1918 he was instrumental in building up this branch of the University, integrating and constructing upon a basis which has made the center one of the most important parts of the University.

During the same period he served Reed college in Portland for a short time, finally in 1920 adding another responsibility to his growing list—that of dean of the graduate school. Twelve years in this position followed with high standards the goal and achievement.

IN 1933 with the consolidation of the graduate schools of the state system, Dean Rebec received the position of head of the entire graduate division. For five years he has served in this post, capably handling the intricate job of coordinating the work of the graduate departments of Oregon, Oregon State and the medical school in Portland.

Through this entire period Dean Rebec was active in class work, teaching courses in philosophy that have made him known to many undergraduates and alumni of the University.

Considered as a whole, the record of the dean is auspicious, and is in reality worthy of commendation even though he were not retiring at the present.

THIS Friday a group of colleagues, friends and students will gather in Portland to honor the dean. There will be speeches, reviews of Dr. Rebec's active service, comments upon his character and ability. They will undoubtedly say much more than we could attempt to say here. They will be able to tell stories of unusual service—the type which are not put down in catalogs. And they will remember everything that we have forgotten.

However, we take this opportunity to extend a small offer of thanks in return for 26 years of loyal work, and we feel certain that the entire campus joins with us.

Thank you, Dean Rebec, for what you have given to the University as a whole and to those of us who have been fortunate enough to have personal contacts with you. The first quarter century has been pleasant, and if you see fit to continue in some manner, we will be grateful.



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The BANDWAGON

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 Yesterday's news that Howard Hobson, popular baseball-basketball head man, would stay at the University for at least one more year was greeted with relief by both students and faculty, after the announcement that he might quit his dual coaching post at Oregon and accept a position as director of physical education at Portland. Hobby's departure would be a distinct blow to the University, and should be stalled off as long as possible.

Stalling it off, however, is probably as far as the University can go, for no one expects Hobby to stick around Eugene permanently, while tempting offers from Stanford and eastern schools are coming in annually. It is only a question of time, and if Hobson's success continues, his sense of loyalty to Oregon will probably wear out, unless it is reinforced by salary increases. And unquestionably, Hobby is worth a huge salary boost. Just to keep him here, along with his ability to increase gate receipts nearly 50 per cent, will mean a great deal to the University.

Tribute will be paid Dr. George Rebec, retiring head of the philosophy department, at a dinner Friday night at the University club in Portland. Al-

though the guest list will be restricted to friends, co-workers, alumni, and a few students, everyone on the campus who knows him will be at the banquet in spirit to honor Dr. Rebec. He is deeply respected by all those who have had connections with him, and especially those who have had the good fortune to take his courses. The University suffers a great loss with the retirement of this distinguished philosopher and dean of the graduate division.

Approaching commencement brings both feelings of relief and regret to the graduating seniors who leave the campus for good this spring. Graduation is a big step, an important one, and should be accompanied by all the traditional things that make such events effective. Tradition is a hard thing to "streamline," and without tradition, such events as graduation lose most of their meaning. Somehow, graduation is the one thing in college that should be done much the same way now as in the past, barring entirely outmoded parts of the ceremony. Remodeling this year's commencement, then, should be done with care. Modern ceremonies are apt to be lacking in just the qualities which make graduation an always-to-be-remembered occasion.

Another Opportunity

YESTERDAY'S forum sponsored by the campus peace committee marked a step forward in consideration of international problems, but left wide room for improvement. Only a score of students turned out for the discussions, but those who came talked and listened on a variety of subjects for two hours, and few felt their time had been wasted.

The discussions, considering informally such topics as propaganda, raw material, supplies, and plans for peace, settled no questions. Ideas were exchanged by students and professors and to a certain extent positions of those attending were clarified.

On the whole the forum showed a lack of student participation, with only two or three undergraduates relieving the professors of the burden of discussion. The cause for this situation is most probably to be found in the lack of student experience with such meetings. This resulted in a reticence to put forth ideas which would be overcome, perhaps, if the forums were held more often.

ALL of these factors indicate a need for further discussions of this type—to give students an opportunity to overcome the hesitancy and to further the exchange of ideas.

While apparent lack of interest on the part of the student body in the event might discourage those who sponsored it, they should not retire in defeat. The two-day session was a breaking of the ground, and continuation of informal swapping of ideas on world problems still is worthy of consideration.

Today another attempt will be made. Lieutenant-commander Stewart Bryant will conduct a forum after his address in Geringer hall. Those who attended yesterday's session have been convinced that the navy man will have more pertinent remarks to offer.

COMMANDER Bryant's remarks on the Far Eastern situation and its relationships to the United States will undoubtedly provoke considerable thought in the minds of those who attend the regular address. And as the author of the letter reproduced below suggests, "a splendid opportunity" is presented to those who desire "realistic, non-emotional consideration of these problems. The forum plan has been initiated by the faculty upon the request of students. Only active participation in it will assure its continuation.

In the Mail

JUST COMMENT

To the Editor:

As one who helped to arrange the Strike Against War held on this campus recently, I feel these remarks are just. Considerable opposition to that strike was manifested in favor of a more educational approach to the war problem in spite of the fact that the committee in charge made every effort to play down the sensational and make the strike an expression of conviction and informative insofar as the speeches given were concerned.

At present the Campus Peace committee is sponsoring an educational survey of the four

problems most directly connected with the war and peace problem. This program is well planned and under capable leadership; it should be right down the alley of those pundits who labeled the strike method as "the bunk" in the Emerald poll on that matter. And yet yesterday's meeting of this educational program on the war problem drew but 20 students, who, along with the half dozen faculty members and Lieutenant-Commander Bryant, formed one discussion group, not four as were planned, and held forth.

This meeting lasted over two hours; pertinent and constructive comment was freely ex-

changed and there was a general expression of opinion that it was of value. However, the significant fact is not that such a meeting was held but that less than one per cent of the students of this University will support an intellectual approach to this grave problem.

I desire to point out two factors in this letter: First, that possibly there is some value in the strike method, even when it is tamed down as this last one was, if it can bring 150 students to face the war issue; second, the general apathy and indifference to this problem on this campus.

Today Lieutenant-Command-

er Bryant will speak in assembly on this matter. He is a capable, well-informed man who has much to offer and apparently no axe to grind. For those who desire a realistic, non-emotional consideration of the war and international relations problem, here is a splendid opportunity.
 Mark Trumbo.

Oregon Men Take

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 institution of learning, to play bridge?", said several of the fellows. We feel like asking them when the rent will be due, every time we see those same girls," they added.

The Student Workers federation has been refused a meeting place on the University of California campus.



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