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Another New Record

REGISTRATION at the University of Oregon has increased again. At the present time the total is approximately 5 per cent over that of 1938 at the same time, and all indications point toward a total enrollment for this term of at least 3200. Since 1934 the news of registration has always carried mention of increases. The picture can well be seen when it is noted that in that year at a comparative date only 2234 students had entered Oregon. On the basis of these figures, the increase in the past five years is better than thirty per cent, and shows promise of reaching 45 per cent.

Anyway it is figured, the enrollment is going up. It has gone up consistently, and with it is coming a greater University. With this greater University, however, have come grave and distressing problems. Most of them revolve about the shortage of funds which have been the constant bane of students, professors and administrators. Many valuable improvements, important steps which would bring the services of the University up to date, and inadequate conditions due to this increase in enrollment could have been met long ago if the problem of money had been solved.

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IT is difficult for educators to go about solving this problem aggressively. The teaching profession has never been noted for business proficiency. Furthermore it would indeed be inadvisable for those who run this school to turn it completely into a business organization, designed with no goal but profits and income. Education is an academic pursuit, which can be of value to the community only as long as it is free from influences which would destroy its ability to lead young people in the pursuit of higher knowledge.

The chief problem of finance is rightfully handed over to the state legislature and the board of higher education. At present the board is doing its best to tell the legislature what we have been saying, as regards not only the University but also the entire state system. The board is our official representative to the legislature. In their hands rests the duty of describing the educational needs. We realize that they are doing their best to get this message across. We can only hope that the lawmakers in Salem get the full import of this message.

It's Going to Be Quieter, Or Volchok—R. I. P.

IN a short time the ASUO offices will be bereft of one of its most faithful, interesting, and friendly workers. No doubt the people who have worked with Zollie Volchok, who at last is leaving the University for the cold outdoors of business life, will miss "one of the most worthwhile staff members the ASUO ever had."

The Emerald will miss Zollie too—in a way. For one thing it will probably be quieter around the shack. He and Managing Editor Bill Pengra will not be found arguing vehemently about this or that "publicity." And another thing, the telephone will not ring quite as often with this suave request, or that insistent demand that a story on some really

"Ism" Propaganda Little Felt in West College Poll Shows

By Joe Belden,

Editor Student Opinion Surveys of America. AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 6—Communist, socialist, and fascist propaganda among college students is being felt mainly in the East Central and Middle Atlantic states. This is shown by a nation-wide poll taken by the Student Opinion Surveys of America just as the Dies committee ended its investigation of un-American activities and is making preparations for another.

The committee questioned professors of a New York college and other witnesses when it directed its search for propaganda to the college and university ranks of the nation. What these people have seen and heard went into the record—but what about the views of the students themselves who are now supposedly being besieged with a multitude of "isms"?

First Collegiate Poll

The Student Opinion Surveys of America for the first time point out what the collegians have to say in all sections of the country. Although when the results are taken nationally one student in every ten says there has been some attempt to influence him, the poll reveals that student bodies in the West and South are very seldom approached with such propaganda.

A staff of interviewers have asked this question to a carefully selected cross-section of students of all descriptions: "Has any attempt been made on your campus to influence you with communism, socialism, or fascism?" By geographical sections, they have answered:

	—Per cent—	
	Yes	No
New England	8.2	91.8
Middle Atlantic	19.5	80.5
East Central	12.2	87.8
West Central	4.2	95.8
Southern	5.2	94.8
Far Western	5.8	94.2

Little Influence in West

In the West Central, Southern, and Far Western states, it is noted influence almost negligible. But when all the results are pooled for the entire country, the sections with much higher percentages raise the total figure of "yes" answers to 10.5 per cent.

And how are these students being affected? They name personal contact with other students as the most frequent way, and in addition name class discussions, invitations to meetings, printed material, and professors who, as a University of Minnesota freshman put it, "are so 'progressive' I believe they tend toward communism."

This poll, like all others conducted by the surveys, attempts merely to sound out student thought. Perhaps students are unaware of propaganda. Perhaps their individual definitions of the "isms" differ. But their answers about represent what all American college youth responds to the question, and should not be construed to mean that one-tenth of the students have actually been influenced. The Survey points out only that one-tenth has felt attempts of propaganda.

"colossal" attraction, concert or dance be given added space or special position.

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BUT all kidding aside, we of the Emerald have enjoyed working with Solomon M. Volchok. We have argued with him because newspaper men will always argue with publicity men, but it has been a friendly, good-natured argument. And we concur with George Root and the rest of the student body in wishing him good luck on his way.

And by way of satisfying a last request of Zollie, we advise everybody to rush to his house agent or the educational activities office and buy that "wealthy wallet's worth" which is commonly referred to as a student body card.

The difference between European and American dictatorships was illustrated the other day when a new government took charge in Chile and seven old regime generals were forced out. They are still alive.—The Oregonian.

President Roosevelt announces that there are "other ways" of dealing with aggressor nations than by war. We'll take those ways, and please scrap the new billion dollar navy.

A news story notices that almost a week of 1939 has gone by without a marriage. Perhaps the TCLACA should be revived.

Ski Club Arranges Transportation for Hand Lake Jaunt

A chance for University ski enthusiasts to take advantage of the excellent skiing conditions now prevailing in the McKenzie district will be afforded by the University Ski club this Sunday.

According to officials a special truck will be chartered to take all interested skiers to Hand lake. The truck will leave the College Side at seven o'clock Sunday and will return at 7:30 Sunday night. Tickets may be purchased at Pomeroy's store on the campus.

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