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Hitler and the Textbook

In the chronicles of history—the American Scholar says—1939 will stand as the year in which Americans discovered their priceless heritage of intellectual freedom and organized to defend it.

With the fall of democracies in Europe, Americans have come to realize that the United States is not only the remaining stronghold of democracy, but is also the last remaining stronghold of higher education. Only in America and a few scattered points throughout the world are Universities, as true institutions of free thinking, functioning.

Heidelberg and the other great German universities disappeared or lost their reputations soon after Hitler made Germany a totalitarian state. Foreign cultural centers in Poland, Finland, Norway, and the Baltic states were soon to go.

Next the world was shocked with news of France's downfall, following which press correspondents wired from London that "Britons have given up, in a historic mobilization act, civil liberties for which they have fought for over 1,000 years."

Higher education in Japan and Russia is a farce so long as the government continues to prescribe exactly what is to be taught.

In China Universities have been moved far inland in an attempt to escape from the Japanese armies which overrun the country. Soon, however, even these courageous educators may come under the heel of Japan.

And so it is only America in which institutions of higher learning can offer any kind of intellectual freedom. American college students have an opportunity—an opportunity unshared by students of other countries.

We are not so pessimistic as to think that this opportunity will be whisked away in another year or two, but it is there now. Why not make use of it?—L.N.

Feeling for Federation

From Astoria's mouth of the Columbia to the game refuge at Steen Mountain, from Gold Beach on Highway 101 to Enterprise in the Willowa national forest: with such circulation has the Oregon Federation filled the state this summer. Traveling ten thousand miles, contacting 3500 prospective students, alumni and undergraduates through programs, representatives of the student body have reinterpreted life at Oregon during the customarily quiet, unacademic summer months.

Paved, bituminous treated, rock and gravel roads with occasional detours: such have been the varied travel experiences of an organization which exists primarily because the spirit of Oregon students demands it breathe, live and be cloaked with being. Proudly its personalities have boasted of the University's art center, its top-notch journalism school, its heady law profs, a healthy intramural program, the personable president who leaves his Johnson Hall door open to inquiring students, its revitalized music school. Not forgotten were the student body's 75 per cent population who work at least part of their way through school, or the 15 per cent who are entirely self-supporting.

As the Federation representatives can travel ten thousand miles without leaving their state, experiencing every type of road, terrain and weather, so can the undergraduates travel their four years through Oregon experiencing every type of living, every variety of philosophy and social interaction with a myriad of interesting personalities. Now we know what Christopher Grant LaFarge meant with the words which defined his ideal school: "A happy home in which students will be encouraged to develop themselves, for example, the University of Oregon."—RNV

ROTC or Conscription? -- A Study in Values

Oregon Federation Director Roy Vernstrom brings back from his first 5000 mile tour the interesting bit of information that a great many students and prospective students are asking the question "What effect will the conscription bill have on college students?"

While we have no definite information available at present and do not pretend to be "in the know" about such matters, there seems reason to believe that an intensive ROTC training will be accepted in lieu of actual service in the army for one year.

The latest reports from the National Association of Universities, received by President Erb are reassuring. They bring word that this association through its committee on military training is doing all possible to have ROTC substituted for one year in the army.

The worth of this program can readily be seen. It not only allows students a chance to finish up in college, but since the ROTC is for training officers it assures the army of intelligent, capable leaders.

It is believed that the answer is self-evident. College students trained in theory and advance studies are much more important both industry and in military work.—L.N.

It's an All-University Picnic

Incomplete details of Oregon's 1940 Jantzen Beach picnic as published in this morning's Emerald would seem to indicate that this year's affair will rank along with its predecessors for "tops" in entertainment and fun.

The Jantzen picnic is one affair in which students, mothers and dads, alums and prospective students all get together for a good time. Not to be forgotten, too, is the great deal of work done by these groups. Without the cooperation of all, the picnic would be impossible.

Yes, we believe it can truly be said, the picnic is an all-University affair.

ONCEOVER LIGHTLY

By PAT TAYLOR AND SALLY MITCHELL

"Slick" Vic Townsend has been at Tillamook milking cows for D. G. Jeanette Neilson's father.

Says Vic: "You gotta have pull to get a job like this."

Dick Ashcom and Ralph Lafferty, lifeguards at Seaside, spend their days in the sun getting a glow on and spend their evenings in the dance pavilion keeping other people from getting a glow.

We couldn't help overhearing a conversation in Portland between Jean Spearow and Marelle Wilbur:

Jean: "Whenever I'm down in the dumps I buy myself a new hat."
Marelle: "I wondered where you got 'em."

Wen "Roundabout" Brooks is around Eugene for the summer and has about decided to enter school again this fall.

The trouble with Stella Jean Ingle's troubles these days is that they're over everybody else's head. Stella Jean takes flying and the other day when she was up in the air and doing everything backwards her instructor had the nerve to ask her if she really wanted to learn to fly or if she was just up for the ride.

POEME TO FROSH MEN:

It won't be long
Till you join a tong
And even if you don't do anything wrong
You get hacked.

Betty Hamilton and Jim Wilkinson are married now and are honeymooning in the ATO house. Vic Regnato, Sig Ep, and Marie Brace are married, too, and Louise Aiken and Dr. Gordon Wright, history teacher, are fixin' to wed. Bud Jermain married his schoolteacher, and Barbara Stallcup, Alpha Xi Delta president, has announced her engagement to George Warner, Sig Ep.

Ann Bossinger, captivating Kappa, will not be back this fall, and Rita Wright and Maxine Glad intend to work in Washington, D.C., when school starts.

According to Roy Vernstrom, who has a wonderful sense of rumor, Jack Bryant is writing sports for the Freewater Times, John Dick is an insurance agent in The Dalles, and Grace Irvin is working in a Redmond dress shop, with plenty of spare time to keep her Gerlinger cup polished. Roy says Cece Walden is doing a grand job of talking Oregon in La Grande, Morrie Stein is working in a bag factory in Klamath Falls, and Max Frye sings in a trio with two girls.

Seaside Lights: Zollie and Sylvia Volchok celebrating their first wedding anniversary. . . . Paul Bochi and Gene Cecchini swinging out at the dance.

Without even a pin to fall back on, Tiger Payne can certainly attract the fairer sex to Oregon. Right now Prexy Payne is working for Joan Sim's father in California.

Jeff Kitchen is in a lumber camp in Bend so remains true to his guardian Angell, while John Cavanaugh is working in Yuba City. Hal Jahn is working for the Standard Oil Company and Dusty Jameson is a hotel clerk in Burns.

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