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An Honor and a Challenge

A recent announcement from the secretary of state's office brings the welcome information that the state of Oregon has been designated as the safest state in the West, so far as traffic accidents are concerned. This distinction brings the state the 1940 National Safety Council's traffic safety award for the eleven western states.

In winning the award Oregon placed as one of the four outstanding areas in the nation in traffic safety improvement for the year 1940. The nation is divided into four sections with a winner picked for each section.

How much of a part the numerous state and city safety campaigns have had in determining this award cannot be determined. The most conservative estimates, however, would give the safety campaigns a great deal of the credit. The state has attempted to make its citizens safety minded and apparently has succeeded to a large degree.

THE Emerald is proud to have cooperated in some small way with state authorities in promoting traffic safety. Several editorials and articles throughout the year have attempted to put across the "better be safe than sorry" idea.

The distinction brought the state by the National Safety Council's award is something to be proud of, but as Secretary of State Earl Snell says, "it is a challenge to achieve even greater results." "Our goal now is to win the grand prize for the safest state in all the nation and it is a goal within our reach."

It is a worthwhile goal and one towards which students of the University can help by more careful driving.

A Contribution to Defense

"WE relinquish our chance to win the governor's trophy as a part of our contribution to national defense," yesterday stated Colonel R. M. Lyon of the Oregon ROTC unit.

The annual competition between Oregon and Oregon State infantry units was inaugurated in 1938 to stimulate interest in the military. At that time a large plaque was designed and presented to the yearly winner of the trophy. Oregon State won in 1938. Oregon reversed the tables in 1939. Again in 1940, Oregon State grabbed the prize.

With the country booming national defense, the officers of Oregon State, endorsed by Oregon, suggested that this competition be dispensed with this year. Governor Charles A. Sprague was willing. It remained for the state board of higher education to pass on the suggestion of the two schools. This action was taken at the last meeting of the board in March.

WE need this valuable time to prepare the senior officers to accept active commissions in the United States army. The juniors need the time to prepare for summer camp. In the past, the entire Thursday drill has been given over to intensive close order drill during spring term to prepare a company of men for the annual show.

ROTC heads have felt that this time is much too valuable to be devoted merely to giving the civilians a show. It can be used to better advantage to give the young officers preparation for possible war. It is a wise move in that it speeds up the defense program in accordance with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's policy.—K.C.

A Third Record?

WILBUR Bishop, tiny little firebrand of the 1941 Oregana, picked himself off a sizable assignment for the coming year at Monday night's educational activities parley.

For the promise Bish made to the student-faculty group which re-appointed him to the post, was for a bigger and a



HARVARD HAD A LITTLE BRICK INDIAN COLLEGE FROM 1654 TO 1698 BUT ONLY ONE INDIAN GRADUATED!

HOLY BIBLE

TEXAS CHRISTIAN U. HAS AN EXHIBIT OF BIBLES WHICH INCLUDES SOME PRINTED AS FAR BACK AS ... 1380 ...

IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE U. OF OREGON, A STUDENT TRAVELED ALONE 1,700 MILES FROM SITKA, ALASKA, IN A 16 FOOT DORY!

better Oregana than this year's. "I have just begun," he declared in his address to the board.

If the precedent-breaking editor, who became the first Oregana chief in Webfoot history to hold the job two years, fulfills that promise, he will have indeed an unrivalled yearbook.

FOR if whispers can be trusted the volume that will be delivered to Oregon students Junior Weekend is the most complete, the most colorful, the most unique in University history. It is slated to cause a sensation when it hits the campus.

If Bish betters this 1941 yearbook, as he has promised to do, his name will go down in the history of University of Oregon activity men as one of the trailblazers of journalistic progress.

Already the sandy-haired chief has set two records. He has constructed the best book in history, and has received the board's second vote of confidence. The campus waits—and confidently expects—that he will set another.—H.A.

International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

It is simply amazing the way the German war machine has swept down through the Balkans during the last four days. Salonika has fallen to the Nazis and Jugoslavia has been cut in two at its 105-mile waistline.



Cummings

I'm sure I could write a piece that would sound very learned and technical about the Struma valley and the Vardar river valley and the German strategy and all that, for I have in front of me a dozen stories from London and Athens, originating points for most of the news, and it is easy to do a rewrite.

Don't Understand

But if I tried to explain what has been happening then it would sound like I understood it, and I don't.

It beats me how over-extended communication lines and terrain rugged enough to hold up the Italians for months have failed to hold back Hitler's half of the Axis four days.

One wonders what has happened to the huge Jugoslav army—1,500,000 men it was reputed to be. And how about General Wavell's British expeditionary force of several hundred thousand?

From Berlin, Too

If it weren't that claims of victory were coming from Berlin also one might almost think that Britain and her Balkan allies were painting an especially dark picture in order to highlight any successes that may come when the Nazis finally run into the solid lines that must be being

dug somewhere in Greece.

So far Hitler's fanatics in uniforms have not yet come to grips with the Australians and New Zealanders who were moved into Greece from Africa. If the theme song does not change when that event takes place then it looks like the continent of Europe will be completely dominated by Germany. The only "neutrals" left are Portugal and unoccupied France.

Things Have Changed

A few months ago I predicted, in a gloomy mood, that the American Expeditionary Force would be landed in Salonika and that many American boys would fall face-downward on Balkan mountain sides in an attempt to blast a path to Berlin.

It should take several months, however, to get the American public in a frame of mind that will countenance an expeditionary force, and by that time it is likely that Greece will be in hostile hands.

I feel kinda bad about saying it, which is a token of how effective British propaganda has been, but I still can't see where this war is our war.

Not Immortal

Say Hitler does control the continent. He is not immortal. He is bound to die sometime. And unless the Hitler regime takes on some of the humanitarian aspects of the British empire then it, too, will become top-heavy and collapse. A rule based upon oppression won't endure forever—that's one comforting thought.

Old Jean-Jacques Rousseau had an even better idea—namely, that since man is by and large a pretty decent sort of animal he doesn't really need anybody to rule him, not even for his own good.

The Passing Parade

By CORINE LAMON

Spring term is at last beginning to seem like spring term at the U, what with politicians underfoot all over the campus, especially down the millrace way. It's going to be rather confusing. Well . . . that's college.

Georgia Hartman, Alpha Phi, got rattled last week and jumped out of a canoe full of Sigma Chis into the race—right in view of the Beta house, too . . . Fiji Bob Kendall's girl back home got married—deepest sympathy . . . And Dick Coggin got his white cross back from Jean Schneider, Sigma Kappa . . . Eadie Yturri, Alpha Chi, and Vic Townsend, basketball flash, have been billing and cooing between Eugene and Hawaii via short wave these nights . . . Virginia Gray, Hendricks, went to Portland last weekend to see Jerry Phillips, ex-Oregon man . . . ATO's gift to the law school Norm Wiener, pigging at the Kappa house, Alpha Phi house, Side, etc. . . Chi Omegas Margaret Stark, Jane Kaarboe, Barbaralee Jacobs, and Nancy Lewis remodeled their room—and painted the floor a brilliant orange . . . Thetas pledged Elaine McFarlane, a nugget, we think . . . Jack Lansing, Kappa Sig, seen a lot with Jeanne Filcher, D.G. . . Likewise Chi Psi Lloyd Sullivan with Margo Parker . . . Art Wiggin and Evan Davies, Sigma Chis, date two Rex theater usherettes steady-like, we hear . . . Don Root, Fiji, took time out from the air corps to visit Margaret Barrett, Hendricks . . . ATO Millard Dunlap dates Alma Paksis, Kappa . . . Sigma Kappa's (un) official house organ is entitled "Minnie the Microbe" and "Gertrude the Termite" is written by some gal in the house that really has the lowdown—just wish that we could get our hands on that bit of pulp . . . Joe Gurley, Kappa Sig politico, says he's on the Theta's list—blacklist, no doubt . . . Carolyn Chapman, Theta, took Baxter Pond's Sigma Chi pin the other day.

This - may - be - old - stuff - but - it's - news - to - us department: Ellouise Gunn, Alpha Phi, became engaged to Bob Cutler Fident, last term . . . and Genevieve Tompkins, Chi O, gave back a British Columbia Fiji pin . . . Thatsall.

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Janitors at the University of New Mexico are campaigning to stop students from throwing pin-on shells on the classroom floors.

In the 10-year period 1931-40, graduate students in American colleges and universities produced nearly 27,000 theses as candidates for doctorate degrees.