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The Campus Looks at War

"I'd like to go to college in September, but..."

Hundreds of perplexed 18-year old fellows are adding that "but" this month, as they brood over the bewildering problem of deciding exactly where they stand in the gigantic scale of world events today.

Every day they write to Dean of Men Virgil D. Earl to query, "If I enter school now, will I be drafted at the end of my junior year?"

They ask themselves, "Wouldn't it be better if I got a good job in the present industrial boom and save enough money for a real gilt-edged college education?"

There is no answer to the first question, for only God knows what will happen by 1943. However, it is usually the present practice to defer young men beginning their senior year in college, particularly if they are taking upper division military training. In a larger sense, an army career for a man with three years of college behind him will logically bring more rapid advancement and a higher quality of national service than that of a high school graduate.

THE second question suggests sound reasoning, but it does not take into consideration that this is an abnormal period of prosperity, that costs of living will increase, that money will be spent more freely. There will be highly-paid jobs, but it will be twice as difficult to save. Not to be overlooked is the fact that three years out of contact with

.... Gather Round and Cheer Her

WEBSTER'S fattest volume defines a picnic as "an outdoor pleasure-party . . . provided with its own means of entertainment, as eatables and amusements."

It's a funny thing, but Mr. Webster's description holds water after all these years . . . even when it's applied to one of those ultra-modern collegiate get-togethers that Webfoots have come to call "rally picnics."

For the 1941 gathering of the clan from the "U" and their prospective clansmen is still "an outdoor pleasure party." It's slated this year—as traditionally—for Portland's Jantzen Beach park.

The Jantzen rally is "provided with its own means of entertainment" . . . for there's a college-talent program, dancing, and an amusement park going full swing to keep 4000 pleasure-bent Webfoots and their guests busy.

Dr. Means Takes Over the Cobwebs

NOBODY was more surprised than the University administration itself when the newly-organized department of religion, staffed with one lone instructor, became one of the most popular schools on the campus last year.

It became evident that Oregon students were eager for intelligent, high-minded probing of the religious question, as shown by their fiery class discussions of the Bible and other phases of theology. Dr. Branton's aim, in his own words, was to "make young people THINK" . . . and his students attest to the fact that he helped push away a great many mental cobwebs that were hangovers from nursery days.

The tiny nucleus of a department that came into existence last year holds promise of growing into an even more worthwhile offering this year. For after Dr. Branton's resignation, it became obvious that student interest called

books and assignments doubles the difficulty of a college course.

These are the practical aspects of the defense problem as it affects young America. There is a still more important question of national morale to be considered, for dissatisfied young people living in fear of the future do not build a strong nation.

Just because the seas on both sides of us are bloody with the world's greatest slaughter, just because the United States is building its defenses to unheard of magnitude, does not mean that the young should merely "stand and wait" for war.

THOSE defenses are being built, and every ounce of American energy is being expended to protect "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We are rallying to defend more than a patch of land between the Atlantic and the Pacific. We are trying to keep strong and firm a base on which the world may begin rehabilitation and progress.

Such a high moral purpose requires for success a strong will of its younger citizens, to be ready to create a new world of peace and progress with the tools of greater understanding, higher literacy, and a more realistic grasp of the political pitfalls of machine civilization. Somewhere beyond the rumbling thunder clouds of war, there shines a sun. And it does no good to push away the clouds unless we are ready for what lies beyond.

The "eatables" are free, and a good-sized army couldn't do justice to the supplies that committee heads were buying last week to feed summer appetites of picnickers.

So the August 19 rally fulfills all the conventional requirements of a "picnic" a la Webster. Add to that the unconventional, democratic, fun-loving Oregon spirit that makes any get-together a peppy and care-free one.

For alumni, it's a good time to see what this new gang of upstarts who have taken over their Alma Mater are like; for undergraduates, it's the ideal place to meet the gang again and compare summer vacations; for the very new Ducks who are just ready to jump in the pond, it's the night to learn how to sing "Mighty Oregon" as it was meant to be sung.

for continuance of the courses.

SO this year there comes to Oregon Dr. Paul Means, one of the outstanding American authorities on Oriental religions. After studying at Yale, Columbia, and Oxford universities, Dr. Means became a missionary in the Far East. He brings to Oregon a broad, well-rounded view of religious doctrines and attitudes both here and around the globe, expressed through a personality students will like at first meeting. He is an author of note, having had his volume honored as the religious "book of the month" in 1934.

It is natural that in critical times people will turn to the spiritual. And it is a signal of progress that in such times a University can provide so able a man to aid college students in interpreting their varying conceptions of religious faith.

Summerizing

By TED HARMON

The gates that the Oregon Dads erected last year have always looked just a bit dismal, even with the Kappa Sigs, Betaz, Chi Psis hurdling over them for their eight o'clocks. But with the summer vacation they look quite useless because everyone's gone. Here's where. . .

The Delt's radio star DICK WESSON is airing his vocal chords over KORE daily and Chi Psi JIM DAVIDSON is soothing the savage listener over KXL in Portland. JOHN CAVANAGH and DON WALKER are enticing prospective students to the campus via the Oregon Federation. "Third-term" DICK WILLIAMS, now happily married, returns this fall to take over GEORGE ROOT'S job as educational activities boss. LAURITA CHRISTOFFERSON is packing her suitcases New York-bound for a job and career.

According to best sources, LES STEERS is "contemplating" a return to Oregon this fall, even though his marriage to Gammaphi MARGE HOSFELDT will be a high social event of the summer. LES is working in the shipyards at Portland this summer. Activivacious BETTY JANE BIGGS, AOPI, is publishing her father's Yuba City Herald, while NISMA BANTA writes from San Francisco that she's busy working, doesn't know whether she'll be back for school or not.

WISH-I-HAD-A-CAMERA-DEPARTMENT: Watching Kappaz prize DOROTHY HAVENS and Sigma Chi's sweetie JO ANN SUPPLE sipping and coking during the warm days at Hilaire's.

Selected as "selectees" at \$21 a month were WILLIE HEATH and JACK SILVA even before they had a chance to unpack their suitcases on the way home from school. JOHNNY KAHANANUI writes from Hawaii that he has a station wagon he'd like to bring back to school. Well. . .

How the Fidelets get around! There's JIM BENNISON dodging ice-burges and earning dollars in an Alaskan cannery, while BILL SHARPF, getting away from it all in Mexico, but picking up a little local color, we're told. And another, meaning Fidelet, is DOUG DAVID, actively busy on advertising for the new Pigger's Guide, which, according to rumor, will be nearly twice

as large and will sport a four-color cover.

Talented DOROTHY DURKEE has gone to Michigan for the summer to study radio dramatization, then come back this fall for more Guild theatre successes. All-American BOYD BROWN will probably be back this fall to finish his architectural courses in the art school. Alfagam WILLMA STEIN and EVELYN DAWSON have deserted the alma mammy for business school and then the wide, wide world. ULRIC DORAIS has a new car and a new job, quitting cannery work for the outdoors and the forest service.

AOPI PAT LAWSON is anchored at the Anchorage for the summer, waiting for school to begin, we s'pose. And by this time Chi O. STELLA JEAN INGLE and DORIS HACK should be school marms, we betcha. Busy girl is ELIZABETH STEED, recently-elected head of the AWS, who now has the worries and problems of nearly 2,000 coeds to think about.

If you're at Seaside, look up JIM MARNIE and CHARLIE LAFFERTY, both SAEs. We're told that they're lifeguards. GEORGE KILMER and ART WIGGINS of Sigma Chi's clan are spending the summer in Eugene working. LYLE NELSON, last year's Emerald editor, 'tis rumored will return to the campus this fall to guide the destinies of OLD OREGON. He's by-lining for the Journal this summer! And, JIMMIE LEONARD is staff photographer for the Eugene Daily News while BUCK BUCHWACH spends most of his time in the news rooms of rival Eugene Register-Guard.

BELLES AND WEDDING BELLS: LOUISE MOORE, diminutive Kappa, expects to be married before school starts, though she won't be back. ALICE GIUSTINA, attractive DeeGee, will be married in early September.

Thetaz cutie, SALLY SPENCER, has been vacationing here and there while PiPhi's MARY ANN FOX and Kappaz' RUTH HALL have spent the summer in Portland in nurses training and business school respectively. Tri-Delt ELEANOR BECK thought being executive secretary on the Oregonian was fun; it must've been, for now she's a full-fledged one in Portland. Another Tri-Delt,

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