

# Student Union 'Just Sleeping' Now --But Its Snooze Should Be Over Soon

CHANTING cries for student union which rose to such heights last winter and spring terms are not dead. They are only sleeping.

Just as the University of Oregon was, till two weeks ago, the only major University in the nation without a science school, so it is still one of the very few schools without a student union building.

Interested "onlookers," keenly awaiting action on the union front were beginning to ask, "Why the lull? Where are the student union committees? When will we have some action?"

That was before yesterday. At that time, the opening wedge was driven in the 1941-42 program when a general chairman was appointed to take over activity.

The story of student union at Oregon has been long and almost sad. The need for such a building, a gathering place for all students, is readily admitted. Yet for more than 20 years the "campaign" to raise a student union structure has run its course.

OG Young takes charge as union chairman with everything to gain. The move gained great force last year. Many students are ready and willing to work for such a building. There should be nothing but active days ahead.

"Perpetuating committees," organized by

Roy Vernstrom, former second vice president of the student body, should live up to their original purpose of working for student union.

With a new year of activity ahead, the committee could well organize a three-phase program of attack.

This would open with a "segregation" of the class committees, dropping those who have not worked in the past or who cannot work in the future.

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SECOND, a full program of off-campus promotion should be outlined. One or two of the four committees could set to work, telling alumni, dads, and mothers associations of more than a score years' work for student union.

Third, and most important of all, the campus interest should not only be revived but kept on an ascending plane to the day when actual construction will start. This could possibly be accomplished through a book of Union Facts such as the sophomore committee discussed Wednesday. The fundamental aim today must be to spread the word and gospel of student union.

If this is done, student union will arouse from a five-weeks' sleep minus ill effects. If it is not done, the slumber might soon become a permanent death.—R.S.



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### Columnist Wonders

## What's the Army Up To?

By WILLIAM E. HAIGHT

Buried in an obscure section of the morning paper was the astonishing statement the war department has officially disclosed it is now generally circularizing selectees and national guardsmen to determine: 1. are (they) willing to enlist for three more years in the regular army, and 2. are (they) willing to serve overseas.

In the manner of General Hugh Johnson, "What the hell is this all about?"

#### Breaking Precedent

All dictators please overlook the statement. Tucked away in some nation's history there may be a precedent for such an action. The only moment in history I can remember even remotely commensurate with such a policy was the vote of the citizens of Carthage on whether they would continue a war they were at that time waging.

The decision as to the length of service is not and should not be a consideration of those serving. The length of service should be determined by the congress of the United States, and that decision should be based on the threat to our national life and not on what a selectee or a national guardsmen may have ticking around upstairs.

#### Questionable Vote

I question if there is a man in service willing to serve overseas—in a ballot box. He might be quite willing to serve if sent after the due processes of democratic determination were followed and expressed by law.

Perhaps the war department is convinced the men will all vote aye, and the happy result can be used in the war fever campaign. Perhaps they want to determine the state of morale. Whatever the reason it seems to me the purposes will be ill-served.

Congress determines the needs of national defense, the president as commander-in-chief of the armed forces issues the orders, the duty of men in service is to obey, without voting, and without question.

#### From Uncle Sam

This week's mail brought four notes from Uncle Sam. "Join the Navy." "Join the Marines." "Join the Army Air Corps." "Join the Army." Please quit pushing, I'll be there soon.

An acquaintance is a member of the Canadian Royal Air Force. The other day he dropped in for a chat and the sum and substance was: "We will be used in the defense of the Pacific area."

A note from a friend in the Philippines: "Remember how we used to say ready, aim, fire? Well, here we are at the second word."

A brief note from the baby of the family in England. "I met the

## Trade Last...

By MARY WOLF

University of Washington—Student council moves to oust new grading system. Few subjects have aroused more speculations among the students than a psychology professor's scientifically-concocted new grading system adopted by the University last spring. The subversion from the long-familiar A-B-C-D-E routine of grading visualizes a new set of all-University standards in the form of a rank-in-class rating for each student—his standing compared to others in his particular class. There are no longer "grades." Ranking automatically eliminates grades and 5-4-3-2-1, the new equivalents of A-B-C-D-E replaces the latter and will indicate only the student's standing in his class. The numeral "5" designates that the recipient is in the upper one-tenth of his class; "4," in the next two-tenths; "3," in the middle four-tenths; "2," in the following two-tenths, and "1" in the last one-tenth. An instructor may theoretically rank his class 5-4-3-2-1 and place "F's" after each numeral, flunking the entire class. This indicates that the numerals are not grades, else it would follow that he could fail his A-B-C-D students under the former system of grading. Another unique feature, is that a student in the lowest tenth of his class will receive grade points but not credit for the course. If that course is a requisite, the student must repeat the course and pass it before he will be allowed to graduate.

King and Queen. I worried greatly lest I get excited and stutter when I talked to the King—as luck would have it I spoke to him without a stutter, but when the Queen asked me if I liked it here, I'll be darned if I didn't say "yeth!"

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## Jam for Breakfast

By TED HALLOCK

The great day has dawned. I shall now make with my all-American band. Each man has been selected after great concentration upon, and consideration of (1) technical ability, (2) tone, (3) size of pants.

Really though, this is extremely serious, being my contribution to the list of seven million three hundred and twelve all-American bands already selected.

#### Schertzer, Alto

In this mythical ork I would first of all place Hymie Schertzer on lead alto. Reason: four years of amazingly consistent blowing with Tommy Dorsey's aggregation, an excellent tone, and good, driving attack.

For the hot tenor spot I would take Sam Ronahue as the fair-haired lad. Donahue has been playing like mad with Krupa's first band, Sonny Burke's crew, and more lately, his own bunch. Donahue is groovy in high register and puts more than just a little soul into his stuff.

#### Shaw, Badman Out

At this point all potential assassins should take notice. I am rating Danny Pole above all other gobstick aces including Benjamin Madman and Arthur Shaw for the hot stick post. I realize that thereby I must have incurred the wrath of all so-called swing fans hereabouts, but true jazzists will know the real truth.

Pole has played with Jack Teagarden of late. His notes are pure and have some meaning, not just a hint of superficial rhythmic excitement or extra special tone. On second tenor I take Chu Berry. Chu blows with Cab Calloway's crew and has a beautiful tone as well as a polite conception.

Hot alto man for the Hallock jammers would be Benny Carter. Benny noses out such aces as Hodges, Herfurt, and Dorsey by utilizing a simple direct style with concise phrasing predominant. So much for the saxes. But there is more that's just as nice to come.

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## It's All Over...

IT is indeed with thanksgiving that Oregon students, modern-minded as they pretend to be, greet the announcement that the real old-fashioned Thanksgiving is about to come into its own again. For President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving and that of the Pilgrims have just about come to a truce. After two years of eating two turkeys, America in 1942 will go back to one Thanksgiving day. The president decided his economic idea had a "few drawbacks."

The idea behind the change in the first place was that an earlier Thanksgiving holiday would tend to spread out the pre-Christmas shopping period, give turkey growers longer to grow their second group of birds for the market, and merchants longer to persuade the American public to enter into the Christmas spirit. It was an economically sound idea, the president thought, and really wouldn't hurt Thanksgiving itself.

BUT after a hundred years or so of eating turkey on the last Thursday in November, a hundred million Americans got their backs ruffled up when they had to reconcile themselves to being festive a week early. There isn't a real touch of winter in the air yet, they said. Merchants decided that the half of the shopping public who followed the president's wishes waited for the other half to follow tradition before they started holiday buying anyway; and the turkey growers finally got across the biological impossibility of producing very many more turkeys in that extra week; it became a mild crisis in domestic life.

So the most progress-minded president in United States history, with a yen for streamlining, had to give in. Too many citizens had eaten turkey hash because they got to Thanksgiving dinners a week late.

America slips backward. But it's comfortable to be traditional, and makes being an American something more than a political fact.