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## Winding Up...

THE end of the year is always inventory time if a man's in business. If that business happens to be student government, all the more reason why there should be an opening of the books for a full study of the transactions that have transpired during the year.

Today is inventory day for the 1941-42 ASUO executive committee. At 11 o'clock this morning in McArthur Court, Prexy Lou Torgeson officially hands the gavel over to newly-elected Les Anderson. At the same time a whole council of new student representatives will replace the 12-man committee which has for a year administered Oregon's student government.

The ledger in which is recorded the successes and failures of the 1941-42 council indicates that this first attempt at student government through an enlarged executive committee has proved exceptionally successful. Whether it is the personnel of the committee or the 12-man committee system, cannot be judged in the light of one year's record. But all in all, this council has accomplished far and above that of the average ASUO executive group.

PROBABLY the greatest criticism of the group this year may be directed at its lack of initiative in presenting the student stand on certain pertinent problems to the student affairs committee or other administrative authorities. There has been much talk within the council of "expressing the student attitude" on particular issues during the year. Yet when representatives of the committee do have an opportunity to speak for students, they often do it in an unconvincing manner. That is what the exec committee is for—a link between faculty and students. That's what President Erb wants it to be—a forceful, unhypercritical key to student thought. Too often the committee has neglected its opportunity, to discuss situations with administrative officials.

On the other hand, the council leaves a remarkable record in the field of organization, political cleaning up, appointments, and responsible attitudes.

THE list of constructive ventures which the committee has undertaken and successfully completed is long and each item is full of meat:

## Au Revoir, 'Tex'...

OREGON students are used to gathering at the train station to tell "Tex" Oliver good-bye. This time, however, "Tex's" trip is more than a weekend jaunt with the football squad. The coach of the past four Webfoot teams is leaving Hayward field for naval training school.

Football fans remember with a chuckle that it was "Tex" Oliver who, as head of the University of Arizona gridironers, beat the Webfoots and made them like it—for three weeks after that 20 to 7 defeat, he took over "Prink" Callison's job as Duck mentor.

The first team "Tex" sent out on the field tore up the conservation turf of Oregon football and the razzle-dazzle era of "Oliver Twist" was launched. Under Oliver

(1) Removed one of the most serious causes of University friction by abolishing the class card system of class voting.

(2) Increased the GPA requirement for activities participation from 1.5 for lowerclassmen and 1.75 for upperclassmen to a 2.00 even for every student.

(3) Organized an enforcement program through the educational activities office for the 2.00 regulation.

(4) Took into its own hands the freshman class fall term political bickerings by moving its elections and class organization to winter term.

(5) Made a definite stand on major athletic awards for football, no longer permitting team members to decide for themselves what awards should be made each year.

(6) Consistently made appointments on the basis of merit rather than political considerations. Homecoming Chairman Russ Hudson is an excellent example.

(7) Almost completed constitutional revision.

(8) Indicated a sense of responsibility for the records made by the chairmen it appointed. The overstepping of the budget by Dads' Day Chairman Jack Lansing became a council problem.

(9) Exercised its right to have its members act on the Educational Activities and Athletic Board by regular attendance and intelligent discussion of the business transacted there.

(10) Supported and helped organize the University of Oregon federation for University summer rushing.

(11) Furnished the ASUO office on the second floor of McArthur Court.

(12) Took an active part in defense organization.

These are tangible accomplishments of the executive committee, but its most significant contribution to student government lies in the fact that the 12-man exec comm really enjoyed doing its job this year. Its members had a sense of responsibility for their undertaking. They mixed the serious pledge to do a good job with a real feeling for the job. Their record will stand for a long time in Oregon history. They have set a record for next year's committee that will be hard to surpass.

Oregon's football took on the glamour of Hollywood both in personalities and in tricky plays.

Headliners were Jay Graybeal, Len Isberg, Jim Stuart, the touchdown twins, Mecham and Roblin. And rival coaches had to think up a way to defeat his bootleg reverse. For next year, before the navy called, he had perfected a new play which sport page authorities have described: "as the best of the T formation and the power of the straight single wing offense."

"Tex" hasn't finished carving his name on the honor roll of Webfoot coaches. "Tex's" naval orders read "for the duration." He told the athletic board "he'd be back." So next week it really is just another "au revoir," not "good-bye" to "Tex."—BJB.



ARTHUR KAHLER  
COACHES FOOTBALL AT DICKINSON COLLEGE AND BASKETBALL AT BROWN UNIVERSITY!



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## Optimism?...

# 'Can We Take Setbacks,' Still Keep Going Strong

... or Pessimism?

By TOM PICKETT

Three events of importunous character have occurred in the last few days—events which will have a disintegrating effect on the already muddled and melancholy United Nations. The question of this year for the United States will be: Can we take setbacks and yet keep our eyes determinedly fixed on the main objectives of this global war?

Of saddening note was the departure of Sir Stafford Cripps from India. Surely, people everywhere are saying, something could have been done about India—somehow, in some way the English and the Indians could have reached a magnanimous and common-sense solution to the Indian question. The Indians are human beings like you and I; they do not want to fight for a rented house. The responsibility for the failure of Cripps has not been established yet, but woe be unto those that were the short-sighted, and incredibly selfish businessmen and statesman that tied down Cripps in his efforts to give the Indians a real Magna Charta, instead of the exploitation system they have at present. All the Indians wanted was either independence now, or control of their own war effort. The British did not see fit to give them either—it was the hour for bold statesmanship and magnanimous action, and there might not again be such an opportunity.

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Perhaps the answer to these setbacks is now being plotted by General Marshall and Harry Hopkins. The two men have great qualities of fortitude and initiative and they have been in England for a few days already. Let us hope their mission will be a successful one—this is the year to knock out Herr Hitler.

### Yellow vs. White?

If the English and the rest of the United Nations do not give the Asiatics a decent break now, then just as sure as the sun rises tomorrow there will be another war after this one is over—a war of all Asiatics against those that have exploited them. This is not a pretty prophecy to contemplate, yet the writing is unmistakable on the walls of Armageddon.

The second event which was disturbing the United States in particular was the eleventh-hour retreat of the suicide squad of American soldiers on Bataan. The fate of the remainder of our forces in the Philippines is not one we like to conjecture on. One thing is certain though—by their refusal to give up, they have proved that we are not, after all, so soft as the Nietzsche disciples of Berlin and Tokyo took us for.

### Laval Too

The third, and least surprising moral Dunkirk of the last few days was the assimilation into the

## Trade Last...

By MARY WOLF

College women smoke "because everyone else does," a survey at Bowling Green (Ohio) State university reveals. However, an almost equally large number replied that they "really don't know" the reason for their smoking.

Almost three out of five coeds use cigarets and packs last from one day to three weeks.

Most of the women students who smoke have been doing so for two years, according to Carl Barch, sophomore, who interviewed 50 coeds as an assignment in a reporting class.

Martin Finkel, City College of New York student, earns his way through school by making and selling glass figurines. His artistic skill has developed such a market that he now employs two assistant glass blowers.—Collegiate Digest.