

# Ex Hawaiian Student Reports on Pearl Harbor

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Since Bob Westover entered the University of Hawaii a little over a year ago he has had experiences which would have been incredible under ordinary circumstances. Going to Hawaii primarily to see the islands, the nineteen-year-old Portland boy liked them so well that he remained and entered the University of Hawaii as a business administration major.

All went smoothly until December 7 when the whole order of life changed completely. The University was closed and the boys were taken from the ROTC into the territorial guard. From there Westover went into the blood bank hospital and later into the FBI fingerprinting agency.

Seventeen days after the attack on Pearl Harbor when Westover and others classed as "tourists" were put on board a convoy to return to the United States, they left a drastically changed Hawaii. Blackouts every night had restricted activities to a minimum; gas had been rationed to ten gallons per month; theaters were closed; and an acute food shortage was felt temporarily until shipping conditions were improved.

"Everyone was immediately urged to plant gardens on all available land," Westover stated, "and in that and all things the people showed an extraordinary spirit of cooperation. We were evacuated Christmas day, and arrived in San Francisco New Years eve," he continued, "and it wasn't until then that we had time to collect ourselves and try to unravel all the jumbled events of those past three weeks—since December 7, 1941!"

Asked the general attitude and his own feelings the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Westover stated: "Everyone was in a daze—like they'd just awakened from a nightmare and were groping around for something real to confirm the feeling that it 'wasn't so'. In fact, it was afternoon before I believed that it was really an attack—and I saw it!"

## Home Ec Enrollment

The home economics department opened the fall term with enrollment a little lower than last year.

Miss Mabel A. Wood, head of the home ec department, announced that the food classes will shortly begin work on beverages, while the beginning clothing groups are making pajamas.

A Mexican exhibit is on display now in Chapman hall. New articles have been added to last year's display. During the year the cases will be changed.

## Jam for Breakfast

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For discophiles, anti-Millerists, purists, and "Le Jazz" hottists there is still a prayer. Barney Bigard, ex-Ellington black stick ace, has taken over the Trouville stand from Lee & Lester Young. The combo is the last stand for jazz. Amongst a varied personnel emerges 52-year-old "Kid" Ory, who plays like Bessie Smith sang, comes from New Orleans, and played with "King" Oliver. The crystal, non-artificial clarinet of Bigard himself rises above the 'tone' school and achieves the absolute beauty of untarnished expression. B.B. and the men take over the eleven p.m. CBS spot if it's still there.

Portland is, at best, musically "cleaned." Woody Hite is in the navy. And no one seemed to wear a black arm band for long. Joe Dardis is still going. Bill Johns, ex-tram man, has taken over the remnants of Hite's bunch (I fail to see how that band was ever anything but a remnant musically) and Babe Binford has the Uptown.

## Alum Office Aided In Service Hunt

Keeping track of Oregon alums is a comparatively easy task for the already-busy alumni office, according to Roselind Gray, secretary of the University Alumni association.

While most enlisted men write to the campus office from their service stations, ranging from Iceland to the tropics, drafted alumni are kept in contact by a plan worked out by the American alumni council in cooperation with the war department.

Each draftee is required to fill out a card, along with his induction papers, stating his collegiate training and former college address. In turn, these cards are then mailed to various alumnae groups throughout the nation to be added to former records.

Response from alumni in the navy, army, and marine corps has been more than adequate, as most letters include news of other alumni usually in the same service stations as the writers.

## Parade of Opinion

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meaning of news stories to such an extent that a reading of the newspaper accounts gives a different interpretation to the news item.

4. Note the source of the news.

## Old Oregon Plans Service Issue

In order to render a more complete and personal service to former Oregon alumni now scattered about the globe, it has just been announced by the alumni office that the December issue of Old Oregon will be dedicated to the alumni in the service.

The alumni association's records are being compiled for addresses and news for the forthcoming issue. Last spring, a similar record was included giving a partial list of addresses, but the December issue of the magazine will be devoted entirely to the Oregon alumni now in the service of his country.

## Leave Granted Instructor, Caverhill Enlists in Navy

Beverly Caverhill, reserve assistant and library instructor at University of Oregon, has been granted a leave of absence to serve with the navy. Mr. Caverhill has the rank of Yeoman, second class. He is in the intelligence division, and may be assigned to instruct the Japanese language.

Mrs. Ellenore Bendroth Caverhill will assume her husband's position in the University library while Mr. Caverhill is in service.

## Plan Peace

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Before the war Russian school children, in classes corresponding to our senior high school year, had received preparation necessary for the study of calculus and other advanced mathematics. For the six preceding years each youngster had five hours of mathematics per week, deliberately correlated with courses in physics and chemistry.

### What They Do

Since June, 1941, the children of the people who are desperately defending the ruins of Stalingrad in the same war we are fighting have been taught to read maps, use compasses, take measurements, make and follow plans, and make other practical wartime uses of their mathematics, chemistry, and physics.

Despite the changes that will come to our social, political, and economic institutions America will ably meet the competition of a more exact and scientific post-war world. Our children will be educated to understand, to calculate, and to plan.

## Chinese Girl Lectures

Miss Cecilia Sien-Ling Zung, a Chinese lawyer, lived in Granduate house on the Mills college campus during two months of lecturing in the San Francisco bay area.

## Regent Elected Prexy

A. J. Olson, University of Minnesota regent, has been elected president of the National Association of Governing Boards of State Universities.

Carl Sandburg is the most popular of living American poets, according to a survey of University of Kentucky English students.

## UO Alumni Schedule Patriotic Homecoming

Elmer C. Fansett, secretary-treasurer of the University Alumni association, is already making preliminary plans for the first war-time Homecoming in more than 25 years. Slated for the first week in November, the annual celebration will be held in full accord with recent transportation and rationing programs.

... A report of an official United States army communique, read verbatim, is quite different from a report from "usually reliable sources."

### "Not Facts"

5. Don't report radio war news as facts . . . Because an account of some event is heard on a newscast does not necessarily make it a fact. Even though the original listener heard the account perfectly, when it is reported to succeeding individuals, it becomes colored by the interpretations of the various recounters.

6. Regard opinion and conjecture as such . . . This caution is especially applicable to news commentators who frequently express their opinions relative to the future progress of the war.

Three University of Texas art professors are painting postoffice murals for the federal government.

## Radio Class Fills Reserve Needs

A course offered especially to meet wartime needs in the field of electrical measurements is being given this fall at the University. The course will include elementary radio theory and practice, particularly in short wave, according to Dr. Will V. Norris, professor of physics, who announced the new class.

Only requirement for taking the course is securing permission of the head of the department. Giving four hours' credit, electrical measurements will consist of two lectures and two laboratories a week. It is expected to be of value to students preparing for army and navy communications work.

The course will be included in University curricula for the duration.

## Dr. Morris at The Dalles

Dr. Victor P. Morris dean of the school of business administration, was away Thursday and Friday of last week at The Dalles, where he spoke to the Oregon State Teachers association. The subject of his speech was "Dynamic Forces in the Post War World."

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