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## Follow Through...

“WE BRAZILIAN students of the University of Sao Paulo send this message of good will to our fellow students in the universities of the United States.

“We believe in the united front of the American republics.

“We believe that such a front must rest on the cooperation and friendship between our two countries.

“And we know of no stronger foundation for this friendship than the understanding and comradeship between the young men and women of our universities. It would grow with us, and keep our two nations together in the years to come.

“To such an understanding and comradeship we pledge ourselves.”

That was the message delivered on a parchment scroll to the University of Oregon student body October 13 by Dr. Hernane Tavares de Sa, professor of biology at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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BEFORE Dr. Tavares de Sa left the Oregon campus Les Anderson, ASUO president, replied for the student body with the following, which was printed on parchment and sent to Sao Paulo university:

“To the students of the University of Sao Paulo, we welcome your message to us, and desire to express our common belief in the united front of American republics.

“Now that both our great nations are at war with a force that threatens our freedom and civilization, we feel that an even greater friendship and unity should exist.

“We are fully in accord with your belief that any foundation must rest on the understanding and comradeship of the young men and women of our universities.

“We join with you in such a pledge of understanding and comradeship.

“Signed, “ASSOCIATED STUDENTS,  
“UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.”

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ONE of the main points made by Dr. Tavares de Sa during his visit here was that inter-American relations should be on a more personal basis to make the good will policy between the Americas a success. That the truth of this was recognized by University students, is evident in their reply to the message from Sao Paulo's students.

Once again an opening has been made by students of Brazil toward a more fundamental mutual understanding. Last week the University of Oregon received a letter from a Sao Paulo newspaper inviting Oregon students to write to teachers and students there.

Oregon followed the Brazilian lead in sending written declaration of good will, and pledging comradeship and understanding. Will it follow through now, and make a constructive effort to promote such understanding?—J.A.W.

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(Editor's note: Anyone interested in writing may contact Dr. V. P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration, or write directly to Coluna Universitaria, Diario da Noite, Caixa Postal 2936, Sao Paulo, Brazil.)

## From Everywhere...

## War News Trickles Home

By LYNN JOHNSON

In a way the tension is being eased this week. We are beginning to learn something of the big events now being staged in various theaters of war.

Last weekend a full-scale offensive was opened by the British against the Axis fortified positions along the El Alamein front in Egypt. This new drive into the desert doesn't appear to be just another attempt to remove an immediate threat to Al-

exandria and the Suez. The careful, intensive preparation evidenced by the ferocity of the Allied offensive indicates that the battle for Africa has been launched. The avowed purpose of the British army is to destroy Rommel's forces completely, not to be content with his retreat into Libya where he might repair his Africa corps.

Teamwork

Although British soldiers are

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# Home Fires Burn Low

## Nuf Sed

By CHARLES POLITZ

The editor has asked us what the purpose of this column is. After fracturing our left eyebrow trying to look intelligent like Spencer Tracy we replied:

This will not be a pleasant, pretty column.

It will not be an awful, ugly column.

It will be a column—at times pointed and satirical hoping to make us look behind the chromium plated rooters' lids that sit so complacently on many heads; at times slapstick and exaggerated because we think Americans still treasure the belly-laugh and will ever love to play the fool.

Read at Risk

Read it at the risk of your lives and the honor of your living groups. We are not here to offend, but we will poke fun.

College is not all cuddly cashmere sweaters, coke dates, and Sen Sen scented heroes. Neither is it never-ending studies, hornwarden profs, and thick, prornrimmed book worms. Let's laugh at foibles, but not deny them.

On the Library...

Today let's talk about the library, or the "libe" as it is affectionately known to those seniors who have been there twice.

First, there is the John Henry Nash collection of rare books—NOT first editions of Petty originals as the senior told the prospective pledge. All of three people know about it by now: John Henry himself, the man who carried the books over there (and has not emerged since), and the man employed to semi-annually blow the dust off the books. He was caught in the first semi-

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## We Love a Parade, Reports Panamanian

By BOB EDWARDS

The influence of the United States in Panama is tremendous and the good neighbor policy is extended even to a double celebration of independence days, according to Reynell Parkins, freshman in pre-medics, from that country. Panama celebrates American Independence day, July 4, and the Canal Zone, which is under American jurisdiction, celebrates Panamanian Independence day, November 3. “The Panamanians love parades and fireworks,” Parkins commented.

“Persons in Panama are much more conscious of the war than persons here in the states,” he said, regarding the war. “I have hardly thought of the war since I have been in the states. In Panama we have blackout from six to six. Automobile headlights are painted black with a narrow slit in the center.”

Duo-Language

Parkins, who speaks with a slight Spanish accent, told of the interchange of English and Spanish in the school systems. In the Canal Zone, English is taught and Spanish is taught as a foreign language. In the Republic of Panama the reverse is true. Therefore, a student becomes fluent in both languages, in fact, he said that conversations jump back and forth from English to Spanish.

The school systems in Panama are identical with American school systems, both in the Canal Zone and the Republic. There is an emphasis on vocational education. Boys are taught agriculture, carpentry, cabinet making, and tailoring. Parkins learned tailoring. At the time of the in-

(As Oregon prepares for war Homecoming, we know there can be no real Homecoming until the final shot is fired, and “the boys” come marching home. The story that follows is more a letter that any of thousands of alumni at war might write.—Ed.)

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THERE is no Flanders field of World War II. The “crosses row on row that mark our place” are sometimes crudely constructed crossed sticks. Sometimes there are no crosses, no field, because the burial ground is the seven seas. “Flanders” is now the Solomons, now the Alamein in Africa, now “somewhere in Britain.” But somewhere men fall, whether in burning oil of sinking ships, before fire of trampling tanks, or in shattered pieces of a falling plane.

I remember Len Ballif, '43. He ran for sophomore class president, spring term 1940. He died at Bakersfield in a plane crash.

I remember, too, Verdi Sederstrom, '40, first vice-president of the ASUO during the 1939-40 year. He and Buddy Eldon Wyman, '41, went down with the U. S. S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor.

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KENT STITZER, '41, was always a hard worker. He stuck to his 40-hour week as Emerald news editor two years ago, made the air corps just before graduation when the examining board passed through Eugene. Kent crashed “somewhere in South America” last spring term.

It doesn't seem so long ago that Dale Lasselle, Jr., '38, fought Oregon State on the egridiron. He joined the air corps, fought Oregon State on the gridiron. He joined the air corps, “somewhere in Britain.”

There are others, too, whom I remember well:

Byron Vandenburg, '43, who went down with his plane over the Mojave desert; Football Star Ernie Robertson, '39, who crashed in Orlando, Fla.; Len Gard, '42, who cracked up at Bakersfield; Donald Rockwell, '41, who crashed October 29, almost one year ago; Earl Charles Williams, '39, who was killed in the Philippines while serving with General MacArthur's army; Lt. Edwin Morene, Jr., '43, pursuit plane pilot, who died in Hawaii.

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THERE were other friends I met at Oregon. They wore the army khaki. They are gone now, too.

Charles Frederick Goetting, '33; Harold Carl Jepsen, '41; Col. James Alton Meek, '24; Lt. James Otis Reed, '39; Capt. Edwin Earl Swanson, '31.

On the campus it's almost Homecoming time. A lot of them won't be back this year. I wonder how many more will be missing in 1943?

## Between The Lines

By ROY NELSON

ON THE MINDS of a lot of men right now is the following question, or reasonably-exact facsimile:

“What reserve shall I join?”

That is a good question and one which might even stump the quiz kids. The looming 18-year selective service set-up makes the problem almost unanimous for almost every University student now, as it will almost take in youngsters like Eldon Wolfe.

A board of advisers yesterday in an assembly at the Igloo gave its sales talks, and will offer personal consultation in respective offices up until Thursday noon. Inasmuch as there is a chance for slight prejudices in the advice of

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## It's Our War...

We start out with the interesting story of A.T.O. Bob Adrian who was on a transport bombed and sunk in the battle of the Solomons off Guadalcanal. Bob was standing on the bridge of the transport when it was blown right out from under him. Suffering from shrapnel wounds in the eyes and legs, he was picked up by a destroyer, shifted by means of a boatswain's chair, and then sent to the San Francisco hospital for treatment. It was reported that his vision will

not be impaired. Perhaps some of you heard Mr. Adrian's story over the NBC national hook-up from Los Angeles last Wednesday.

Additional Bits

Patty Wright, former president of the Alpha Chi, is a private secretary at the Kaiser shipyards.

We all should send good luck to Bill Bergholdt, Theta Chi and former rally squadder. He graduates from officers' training

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