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Helping Out...

THE problem of supplying adequate laboratory equipment for college military training courses in physics and meteorology, such as those planned for army air corps students coming to the University, has been solved in large measure by the war production board order restricting the distribution of certain types of such equipment.

Commenting on the need for control over the purchase of laboratory equipment by colleges, Dr. Homer L. Dodge, director of the national research council's office of scientific personnel, said:

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PHYSICS and mathematics are essential weapons in modern warfare. Approximately 250,000 service men will be studying in colleges and universities throughout the country when the army, navy and air force training programs are fully established, and from five to ten times as many students will be enrolled in physics courses as in normal times. Without a basic knowledge of mathematics and physics, the men who direct artillery fire, drive tanks, fly planes, and determine weather are as ill-equipped as if they were sent into combat without helmets or guns.

"But the urgent and gigantic task of teaching all these young men physics cannot be carried through without adequate equipment for laboratory demonstrations and practice work. Physics cannot be taught in classrooms alone, and all the devices now being employed to speed up training—such as enlarged teaching staffs and more hours of instruction—are of no avail unless the physics departments can secure the necessary laboratory apparatus."
 —J. L. B.

Bloomington Budget...

THE May 3 issue of Time magazine reported a survey made at Indiana university, Bloomington, Indiana, to determine how college students spend their money. Time said that because it was "a good state university, neither very rich nor very poor, Indiana could be considered an average guinea pig." If Indiana is average, the University of Oregon is a country club.

The article doesn't say how many sweaters the average coed keeps in the second bureau drawer, but some of the better-dressed cuties own "as many as eight or ten." The survey revealed one very startling fact—women are "more clothes conscious than men." As for automobiles, "only eleven reported that they owned cars and kept them in Bloomington during the entire school year." The boys explained this, though. Their fraternity brothers borrowed the cars if the owners left them parked near the house.

Some of the reactions of Bloomington students sound familiar. "Even coeds who talked much of reducing ate (potatoes) regularly when they were free. But when the charge was made... the coeds began to comment frequently on their fattening qualities, and a few even shuddered when they passed them at the cafeteria counter."

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THE typical student at Indiana university spends a total of \$673.06 for the year. Apparently he's no Babbitt, for dues to organizations cost him \$4.93. He must wash his shirts and socks out by hand, as his yearly laundry bill is only \$9.71. He pays out \$6.33 for a mysterious item called "goods and services required for his personal care." Board and room are \$317.90 a year at Indiana.

Because of "the reduction in the size and number of items worn by women and the change in the nature of the materials," as coy Time phrases it, it is "fairly easy" for Indiana coeds to rinse out their own little garments.

An Indiana boomer boy eats and smokes \$17.60 worth of refreshments and tobacco a year. Where he really flings his cash around, though, is for "flowers and contributions." For these the spendthrift pays out during the year the tremendous total of \$6.69.

To the students at Indian university we dedicate this chorus:

"We've got to figure a heck of a lot
 To tell what you have done
 With the money you blew at Bloomington."
 —J. W. N.



"BREAD AND BUTTER LETTER? — AFTER WE TOOK OUR W/ N BUTTER, COFFEE AND FIVE POUNDS OF STEAK!!"

Strictly Reet

By FRED BECKWITH

Those of you who saw Bob Platner's band at the Junior Prom last Saturday eve were favorably impressed, from reports that have floated in along down the dancing line. The Corvallis imported crew boasted of 13 men, not the 15 previously reported in F. Treadgold's glowing publicity releases.

The lead trumpet man had a nice tone and a good range, although Cliff Giffin claims he didn't reach much above the high "C" level.

Big news of the week is the call-to-arms of Raymond Dickson, known affectionately to the bigwigs of the music biz as "The Spider." RD checks out shortly for Parris island, where he will learn the tricks of the paratrooping business.

Record News

Contemporary Bill Lindley reports that the Record Lab has just received a new stock of platters, including a choice selection of old Ellingtons including the Duke's "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." It was originally tagged "Never No Lament," but didn't sell under that monicker.

Don Broderick just broke into the room with a plea for publicity so that he can snag a date for Mortar Board.

Bill Lindley claims to have penned a ballad titled "Light a Candle in the Window For Me, Warden."

Jump Ditty

Speaking of news songs, Brother Dickson, Kappa Claire Demmer, and yours truly knocked out a jump ditty at Taylor's two nights ago, answering to the knocked-out name of "Asleep in a Sloop." It's a South Seas successor to Dickson's "Ten Mad Russians."

Incidentally, one of the more popular records is the Benny Goodman waxing of "Taking a Chance on Love," with Helen Forrest on the vocals. The number was recorded some time ago, when Forrest was singing with the King of Swing. It was just released recently because it appeared in the movie pic, "Cabin in the Sky," two years in Hollywood production.

Scene at Random

By B. A. URQUHART

Instruments Needed

A campus-wide call for dissecting instruments used in zoology and botany classes is being sent out at the University of Washington.

Reconditioned, the instruments which have been handled by students in dissecting rats, rabbits and worms may aid in saving the lives of men wounded on the battle front.

These instruments will be used in portable emergency operating sets for the armed services and civilian defense units.

—Univ. of Wash. Daily

Radio Work for Women

A six-month course in aircraft radio work will be offered for women at the University of Kansas beginning April 19.

Following the intensive course, the student is required to sign an agreement for work at the laboratories at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, as a junior engineer. The work in the laboratories consists of developing, designing, and research in aircraft radio, as assistant to an electric or radio engineer.

The course is based on inten-

sive use of electricity and mathematics and how they apply to radio.

—Daily Kansan

Engineers Called

The war department has authorized the voluntary induction of sophomore and junior engineering students who are not at present in the enlisted reserve corps.

Pertaining to students who are majoring in psychology, as well as math, physics and chemistry, the program calls for voluntary induction, whereupon applicants will be immediately placed in the enlisted reserve corps but allowed to remain on inactive duty until the end of the semester.

—Daily Bruin

Librarians Needed

Opportunities in the field of librarianship have been greatly increased due to the war's inroads on trained manpower, the school of librarianship at the University of Washington announced.

A real need exists for trained library personnel to take over positions in the army and navy stations, civilian libraries and public school libraries. At least

A New Front...

By BERNIECE DAVIDSON

The government has stated that the army must be increased to seven and a half million men and industrialists say that industry will absorb five and a half million additional workers next year. Obviously women will have to fill this gap. There is already a distinct lack of man power in machine trades.

Although there are a few girl mechanics, it is the opinion of Josephine Miklos, Ph.D., and machinist for the duration, that women can become as proficient in the mechanical field as any man.

Miss Miklos points out that some mechanical jobs are more difficult and take more time to learn whereas others are comparatively simple. For example, working a surface grinder or simple milling machine requires less skill than die cutting.

Tradition a Barrier

Leading industrialists state that the shortage of skilled workers is as serious as the rubber shortage. They think that since women haven't learned or been taught any mechanical skills this will be one of the hardest shortages to remedy. Even though there is no basic difference in male and female mechanical ability, tradition is a hard barrier to surmount.

If girls realized that there was a future for them in this field and that mechanical work is a real career more would be interested.

Tool Designer

The best person to prove that women can be successful in this field is Connie Walker, just 23, who is one of the best tool designers in America. Less than a year ago she was the only girl tool designer in the industry but the war training program is producing more. Her work includes inventing new ways to make machine parts.

Women after the war needn't be afraid of taking men's jobs but those that are really interested in the field and are not doing it merely for the money will find plenty of opportunities in the rapidly expanding mechanical industry.

seventy positions are available in the Pacific Northwest alone, according to an estimate by the library school.

—Univ. of Wash. Daily.

Soldier-Students

Students sent back to college in the army specialized training program will be allowed to join fraternities and will participate in competitive team sports.

Intercollegiate sports competition, however, has been ruled out by the army because "the soldier-students will not have time to train and participate in such events, and there will be plenty of first-class competition within the units-themselves."

—Daily Californian

Costume Drawings

An exhibit featuring adapted historic costumes will be held at Oregon State college May 17-22.

Sketches, paintings and drawings of costumes have been adapted from early 17th and 18th century French designs. These designs have been adapted to present day needs in such clothing as play suits, street dresses, afternoon and formal wear.

—Oregon State Barometer