

Retired ROTC Colonel Enjoys University Classes

"I'm taking classes at the University because I'm interested in learning so many things I never had an opportunity to learn before," Col. Robert M. Lyon, retired, said today. "Now that I am retired I have the leisure to enjoy the opportunities which the University offers."

Col. Lyon has led quite an eventful life during his army career. He was a West Point classmate of General Douglas MacArthur and taught General Dwight Eisenhower during Eisenhower's first year at West Point. He served in France during the last world war, was in the group of West Point cadets who marched in the New York parade welcoming Admiral Dewey home from the Philippines in 1899, served in Cuba two years and in Hawaii two different times, taught at West Point three times, and was commander of the ROTC unit at the University of Oregon for four years just before his retirement in 1942.

West Point
Col. Lyon graduated from West Point in 1903. "In the estimation of his class General MacArthur was considered the number one man of his class," Col. Lyon said. "He always 'drove the first section'—was the leading man in every subject. In studies, leadership, and military efficiency he was the leading man and he was always very thoughtful of his comrades, always willing to help and advise them." Col. Lyon and General MacArthur went to the Philippine islands together in 1903.

The first time Col. Lyon went back to West Point for his "detail"—the time in which he went back to the Point to teach before going out into the field again—was from 1911 to 1915. At that time he taught General Dwight Eisenhower in history, tactics, and surveying. Eisenhower was a first section man in history, Col. Lyon said. "He gave me the impression of being a good, substantial citizen, able to stand on his own two feet and make his own decisions. He impressed me as a man who would make good in any capacity."

Five Years
After serving five years at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Col. Lyon was sent to Cuba for two years. "I used to go swimming a few yards from where Hobson sank the Merrimac," he said. He then went back to West Point to teach and in 1915 was sent to Hawaii. In June, 1918 he was sent to France and served in the 30th division with the 4th

British army on the Somme river battlefields. At that time he was a lieutenant colonel.

"About all airplanes did in the last war was to shoot down observation balloons," Col. Lyon said. "Very few people expected to get hit by a shell from a plane in those days. Artillery was the thing instead of airplanes for long-range shooting."

Returned to West Point
At the conclusion of the war, Col. Lyon returned to West Point. He remained there until 1923 teaching in the department of economics, government, and history. He also taught at West Point from 1926 to 1932.

Colonel Lyon commanded the 19th infantry, "Rock of Chickamauga regiment," when he returned to Hawaii in 1936. He left Hawaii in 1938 and came directly to the University of Oregon, where he was in command of the ROTC unit for four years. He retired on June 30, 1942, at the age of 64.

Served Every Grade
In the infantry since his graduation from West Point, Col. Lyon has served in every grade in the second infantry division except second lieutenant. He was a first lieutenant, captain, and major when he was with the division in Hawaii. In 1932 he again joined the division, this time at Fort Wayne, Michigan, first as lieutenant colonel and later as commander and colonel for 14 months.

Col. Lyon received his appointment to West Point through a competitive examination in 1899. He is taking South American history, History of Far East in Modern Times, Recent Balkans, Second Year Spanish, and Spanish Composition at the University.

"Although I studied Spanish at West Point and was in Cuba for two years, I've forgotten practically everything I learned—35 years ago," Col. Lyon said.

"I am taking modern histories to get a summarization of all that I have read in the newspapers during recent years."

Corvallis Skirmish

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eries would be able to perform an iron man stunt, that is pitch today and then repeat the same action this coming Monday. The affairs and fortunes of today's fray will determine just how much mound work Begleries will be called upon to perform.

Heavy Hitters
The rival Beavers, minus veterans, have a heavy hitting club of swatters that have rained havoc on a number of occasions this season. The Beavers, however, have not been able to solve the twirlings of Washington's crack-jack flipper, Doug Ford, who has been a coup to the Duck batsmen.

Captain John Bubalo, Donnie Kirsch, Bill Hamel, Farrow, the all veteran infield combination will be cavorting around the close-up grass for their last series of collegiate baseball. It will probably be the last taste of this horsehide business for most of the boys, thanks to the war and its demands on manpower.

Oregon and OSC have previously clashed twice this season, the Ducks crushing the Beavers in the first tiff at Corvallis by a 14-1 margin, and then dropping a 4-3 affair on their home grounds to the same gang.

The Ducks swept the Washington Husky series, but dropped two games to the WSC Cougars. On the other hand, the Beavers blew a pair to the Huskies, but waxed the Cougars in four straight encounters.

Frahler or Frazier may possibly take the pitching slab chores over today for the Orange-and-Black, but it seems likely that Cecil will get the nod, on the basis of his recent labors.

Results of the game may be relayed to spectators at the Oregon-Oregon State track meet at Hayward Stadium today.

Entry List

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2-Mile—Oregon: Kelly, Wilson, Page. **OSC:** Brown. Meet record—Wagner (O-1933) 9:38. Track record—Wagner (O-1933) 9:38.

High Hurdle—Oregon: Kramer, Simpson. **OSC:** Samuel, Hassman, Phelps. Meet record—Dunkin (OSC-1933) 14.7. Track record—Kelly (WSC-1934) 14.7.

Low Hurdles—Oregon: Simpson, Mueller. **OSC:** Winter, Finlay, Phelps. Meet record—Holman (O-1931), Buck (O-1939) 24.4. Track record—Robinson (O-1938) 23.5.

High Jump—Oregon: Newland, Drenkel, Weiden. **OSC:** Dudley, Alexander. Meet record—Steers (O-1941) 6'8 3/4". Track record—Steers (O-1941) 6'10 1/2".

Broad Jump—Oregon: Hoffman, Shanahan. **OSC:** Samuel, Dudley. Meet record—Reber (O-1939) 23'8 3/4". Track record—Robinson (O-1938) 24'10 3-8".

Pole Vault—Oregon: Thomas, Way, Mueller. **OSC:** Winter, Dudley, Blaine. Meet record—Hansen (O-1941) 14' 1/4". Track record—Hansen (O-1941), Varoff (O-1941) 14' 4".

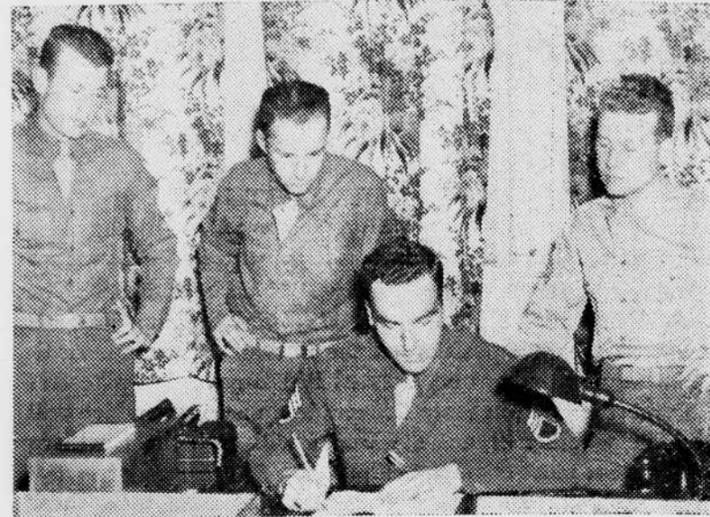
Shot Put—Oregon: Foster, Elliott. **OSC:** Stevens, Reiman. Meet record—Foskett (O-1937) 49'2 7-8". Track record—Theodoratus (WSC-1934) 52' 7-8".

Discus—Oregon: Foster, Elliott, Campbell. **OSC:** Stevens, Reiman. Meet record—Holland (O-1937) 163'. Track record—Moeller (O-1929) 157'2".

Javelin—Oregon: Porter, Newland, Drenkel. **OSC:** Kilbuck, Samuel. Meet record—Daneri (OSC-1935) 219'4". Track record—Brown (O-1939) 131' 1/4".

Relay—Oregon (Ray, Allen, Wisdom, Beckner). **OSC (Shinn, Norene, Gearhart, Hobart).** Meet record—Oregon 1931, 3:22.4. Track record—Washington 1938, 3:19.7.

Meet Record—Oregon won 23, Oregon State 12.



—Photo by Ted Bush

ENLISTED PERMANENT PERSONNEL . . .
... of the army air force University of Oregon training detachment are shown in their more-or-less military surroundings. From left to right: Private Orville Henley, mail clerk, flunky, file clerk, chief cook and bottle-washer; Sgt. Martin M. Good; Staff Sgt. Robert H. Page, acting first sergeant; and Staff Sgt. Marvin M. Smith.

Summer Student Help Sought for Red Cross

Carolyn Holmes, outgoing campus Red Cross chairman, called for any girls interested in the surgical dressing projects intending to attend the summer session to contact her. She is looking for

someone to take charge of the work during the summer.

The hours involved, said Miss Holmes, will not be as extensive as were the winter hours; the center should be open two or three days a week. Girls wishing to transfer their surgical dressing credits to their home units should also contact Miss Holmes.



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