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'One Hundred Per Cent'

We will remember him most at his last assembly—husky, strong-voiced, with something of the football player about him. He was saying good luck to the civilians and soldiers on the campus as another year began. A year he never finished.

Perhaps as far as students are concerned, a university's president is the person who's always somewhere around. He's the guy who sits up in an office they never visit, the one who speaks before the graduating classes, and makes trips somewhere about something important. Students may refer to him as the "front man," or they may not bother to refer to him at all. In other words, it is hard for a student to feel anything in particular about the president of his university. Only when that president makes himself known time and again to students, only when he works constantly for their welfare can they understand him or be sorry when he goes. Donald N. Erb was that kind of a man, and that kind of a president.

But it is more of a feeling with students than sorrow. Last Thursday afternoon when the flag over Johnson flew at half-mast this University lost a vitalizing influence. And students knew that, without being able to express themselves. As the news of the president's death came over the radio they were at home wrapping Christmas packages. They still do not quite believe it; it will be quite a while before they do. More than once someone is going to say, "Well, let's go talk to President Erb about that. . . ." Because they are used to being put straight, or encouraged, or scolded by a man who had humor, common sense, a kind of practical vision that sees things through.

Dr. Erb's study was lined with books about railroads, he was an economist and a fine one. But a scholar is not necessarily able to inspire the discouraged, or to settle quarrels. Dr. Erb did those things and did them skillfully.

He was "one-hundred per cent." No other phrase can say what the students feel. His desk in Johnson hall is more than just vacant, it is empty.

IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY-

By GLORIA MALLOY

From the latest communique of Cadet Don Stevens who is attending naval flight preparatory school back at Monmouth, Illinois, we hear that he has just finished his plebe period. "We had to go everywhere on the double, eat square meals, sit on the first four inches of our chairs at "chow," turn all corners square, and what was worst of all—wear bucket hats pulled down over our eyes all the time." Sounds like fun, or does it?

Bill Smith has just arrived there to start his plebship, too. Also, Don mentions the names of some other ex-ducks who are attending Monmouth: Dick Schultz, Tom Gunn, Bruce Stephenson, Dick Ward, Ken Lucky, and Dan Mindoloch. It looks like Oregon has moved "en masse" to Monmouth.

Just Recently

Dick Davis, Beta, just recently graduated from St. Mary's, is now stationed at Livermore, California where he is taking navy pre-flight training.

Jack Morris, class of '44, and outstanding track star, is now a first lieutenant in the marine air corps. He is stationed on the Mojabi desert, California.

Ensign Ray Packouz, senior class president of '43, is practically a next door neighbor now, for he is stationed at Marshfield at the naval base there.

Don Malarkey is now a second lieutenant in the paratroopers at Fort Meade.

From the lips of Barbara McClung, we hear that Don McKen-

zie is stationed at Merced, California, where he is taking basic flight training. Don expects to get his wings in about three months.

Clips and Comments

By MARGUERITE WITTEW

A "Fair Bear" wage law has been passed by the executive committee of the war labor board of the University of California. The "Fair Bear" was presented to the board on the grounds that the increase of the minimum wage standard from 50 to 65 cents an hour will eliminate "gross inequalities" which existed between ASUC and off-campus wages. The proposal was confined to part-time student employees.

"The String of Pearls," a chorus of leggy coeds, will be one of the main features on the program

Dr. Erb's Interest In Students Shown in Letter

This is Dr. Erb's last letter to the editor, dated December 16. It is indicative of his interest in student doings, and in the things students think are funny:

"Dear Miss Major:

"A few days ago I got a letter from Elizabeth Steed who was A.W.S. president in 1941-42. She is now in her second year of graduated work at Syracuse University, and among other things she writes of the living conditions of the coeds at that institution. One paragraph is sufficiently amusing and graphic that I thought you might be interested in giving it some publicity.

"The coeds are having adventures galore in the way of housing (though the grapevine says that Dean Schwering is scrubbing fraternity floors) since the boys took over all but four of the coed cottages. So at the last minute, we were delegated to any and every odd structure that could be found. We assigned one of the rarest — three stories tall, sloping floors, caving walls, flapping wallpaper of dreary brown, and puddles of plaster dripping every few feet. By the time I had convinced twenty-one pairs of irate parents that it was possible to pursue life, liberty and even happiness in such quarters, I almost believed it myself! Then, after resurrecting what the girls called the "Bastille" with gallons of chemtone, and a mixture of ingenuity and desperation, we were moved again (by the army) to quarters not quite big enough. So there are two girls living in the kitchen complete with stove and sink, and three hanging from the ceiling of a single room. Fortunately, nothing can dent the enthusiasm of this hilarious gang, though we're all glad for the years of camping experience we've had!"

"Very truly yours,
"DONALD M. ERB
"President"

at the opening of the "Club Neptune," nite club at Northwestern university. Fishnets, mermaids, sea weed, and sea shells holding candles on the tables are part of the decorations to add to the underwater effect. Skits, songs, and the chorus will provide entertainment for the customers between dance numbers by the band . . . And then, of course, there is the "Holland."

Cartoons of Lil Injun and his Squaw decorate the white walls; the piano has been painted a bright red; the bar is made of white tiles with a red linoleum top and block S's on the front; there will be girls, lots of girls, in little red, white and blue aprons to help boost a GI's morale—it is the "Nitefy," the newly opened service men's canteen at Stanford university. The canteen will be open every night, and every weekend different women's living groups will provide hostesses and plan entertainment. This is not only for service men; everyone is welcome.

Former Student Now Public Relations Head

Eugene D. Mullins, former University student and Seattle and Portland newspaperman, has been assigned as public relations officer of the night service command, it was announced December 28 by Major General David McCroach Jr., commanding general.

Theater Guild Members To Select Play Tonight

Members of the Theater Guild will meet tonight at 7:30 for the selection of the second University Theater play. Following the meet-

Tributes

(Continued from page one)
years will give the true appraisal of the soundness of his work as a President of the University and an executive of the state system of higher education."

Mayor Elisha Large: "Dr. Erb was the finest type of man and university president, a great scholar, yet one democratic and broad-minded enough to meet the common man. The University, Eugene, and the state have lost a great man."

Willard L. Marks, chairman of the state board of higher education: "The death of Dr. Erb is a tragic loss to the state of Oregon. His splendid ability, his poise and dignity have contributed to his outstanding achievements as president of the University of Oregon, attaining for him nation-wide recognition as an educator and the promise of unexpected eminence in his profession."

Major W. S. Averill, head of the military department: "President Erb was a remarkably fine man to work with. No one could ask for better cooperation than he has given the military program. We are going to miss him greatly."

Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel: "From the time that Donald Erb arrived on the campus, he won the respect and affection of all who knew him at the University. He possessed a rare combination of talents. He was an accomplished scholar, a skillful and respected teacher. He had a sympathetic but realistic understanding of students and student affairs. He held the respect and affection of his colleagues. He was an able lecturer and public speaker and a vigorous and effective administrator. His death is an irreplaceable loss to the University and a very personal one to all of us who had the privilege of working with him."

Mrs. Hazel P. Schwering, dean of women: "We all admired and loved Dr. Erb, and it was a terrific shock that such a great and able man should be taken so young. He was, in addition, our personal friend. His loss will be felt by the whole state."

Orlando John Hollis, acting dean of the law school: "Donald Erb's sincere interest in the welfare of each student and faculty member made him a personal friend to everyone on the campus. His effective and understanding leadership have brought to the University a new spirit of cooperation and unity of purpose. His democratic habits, his sense of justice, his broad interests, and his genuine enjoyment of living made him a man with whom we were happy to work, of whom we were proud, and of whom we were fond. We have lost a fine man."

Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism: "Donald Erb will be mourned by everyone who knew him. It would be hard to imagine a man in the difficult

ing tryouts will be held. Horace Robinson, director, requests the attendance of all students interested in trying out.

position of college president who had a greater talent for making and keeping friends and making no enemies. The loss to the University is severe."

Dr. James R. Jewell, dean of the school of education: "Dr. Erb was a great man. Inflexible when he was right, at the same time more than willing to look at any issue from all sides. Always an outstanding teacher, he had become a skillful administrator in his own right. Neither the University or the state could afford to do without his wisdom."

Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of business administration: "Dr. Erb was a sincere friend, wise counselor, keen economist, loyal administrator of the University and productive citizen of Oregon. Out of his own fine character and personality he has infused into the University of Oregon high standards, ideals of scholarship and a democratic administration."

Dr. Theodore Kratt, dean of the school of music: "He was a great leader. A very considerate man, he was always helpful, always encouraging. He will certainly be missed by everyone who knew him."

Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the school of physical education: "The death of President Erb will be a great loss to the University students. His administration at the University was characterized as an administration for the students. He was always vitally interested in their specific and individual problems. The influence of his stimulating personality and his friendly leadership can hardly be duplicated."

Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean of the college of liberal arts and professor of economics: "From the time Dr. Erb came to us as president, he has been an outstanding success and was soon recognized as one of the leading educators of the country. He has won respect and loyalty of students, alumni, and faculty. It is impossible to overestimate the loss to education resulting from his untimely death."

New Students' Photos Must Be Taken Today

Oregana pictures of new students will be taken today only, Helen Johnson, Oregana editor, announced. This service is reserved for students who are new this term.

The pictures will be taken at the Kennell Ellis studio. Students who have their pictures taken, should get the proofs and decide on which one they want printed by Thursday, Miss Johnson added.

The spring term section, end sheets and inserts of the Oregana have already been sent to Portland to be lithographed. A new feature this year, Miss Johnson said, is the inclusion of sports in the activities section. The spring sports are therefore included in the spring section sent to Portland.

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