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On Leave of Absence

Dr. C. Valentine Boyer, head of the department of English has been granted a spring term leave of absence because of poor health. The large, neat desk in the southeast corner of Villard will seem vacant without his crisp, warm efficiency

Dr. Boyer hasn't confined himself to the southeast corner of Villard during his eighteen years at the University. His has been a long and large service. To have it terminated, even for a short space of time is to cause both students and the faculty to pause and realize the extent of Dr. Boyer's contribution, and to appreciate what he has done,

For four years, from 1934 to 1938, Dr. Boyer was president of the University, succeeding Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall. Poor health, then too, prevented Dr. Boyer from continuing in his office. In 1939 he was named the first citizen of Eugene for his drive and efforts toward building up our University. He has a record of ten years as dean of the college of arts. He felt a challenge and met it, through depression years and difficult men is rarely a follower of wom-

Ernest G. Moll, newly-appointed acting head of the depart ment of English, is known to undergraduates chiefly through his appreciation of literature course and his reputation in the field of poetry. They know him for his sensitive tribute to Dr. Erb and his book on the appreciation of poetry. In temporarily taking the place of Dean Boyer, he will be further known for his keen understanding and breadth of knowledge. -B.A.S.

A Drive's Last Day

This is a drive-conscious campus. When there is some task to be done-whether that task is worthy, trivial, necessary, or merely time-consuming-when there is a task of any kind to be done, students at the University of Oregon do not simply go out and do it. They hold a drive. If there are tickets to be sold, they have a drive to sell 'em. If there are rolling green lawns to be preserved in all their springtime splendor, they have a drive to tell everybody to keep off the grass. If wounded soldiers and sailors need blood plasma, a drive is held to obtain

So the word "drive" has lost much of its forceful meaning fiance, not to be outdone, as a crusading effort, and has become merely a nuisance. When established a new tradition; he students hear that a drive is going on, their usual reaction is a muttered, "What, again?" which is a combination of groan and patient sigh. They no longer even bother to inquire the nature of the drive-it's enough for them that it is a "drive." Nor does the companion, synonymous, substitute "campaign" have any better reception.

Today is the last day of another of those tiresome things, a drive. But this drive is not quite like the others. We can't shrug it away because "it's such a bother." We can't ignore it. We can't avoid it. We cannot refuse to listen to its message.

Because this drive is being carried on by the American Red Cross. It's not just another drive—this is a drive with a purpose. The subscribers to this drive will become members of the Red Cross, and thus will send their money into the service.

The service done by Red Cross funds is immeasurable. Our friends and relatives overseas could tell us what the Red Cross does for them. They could tell us about the doughnut girls who follow the battle lines with their sinkers and coffee. They could tell us about the life-giving, strength-building plasma. They could tell us about the cigarettes and food. They could tell us about the entertainers - the singers, dancers, comedians-who put the show on, and over, on battlefields and in hospitals and at front line camps, under unbelievably difficult conditions. More than 4,000 former University of Oregon students and at least 60 staff members are now in the service. They will tell us of the work of the Red Cross. What will we

The Red Cross doesn't need a sales talk. It speaks, for itself. Today is our last opportunity to answer its plea for our contributton to further its work of service. - J.N.

Clips and Comments

Published by the University of California is a ballot for servicemen overseas originated by the Athletic Round Table, Spokane which also sponsored the "Bundles for Congress" movement. This ballot, designed to discover the soldiers' attitude toward questions of the utmost importance, is unapproved by Congress or the President or Willkie, and uncensored by the army or navy or Hays office.

Examples of some of the questions are: (Vote for one) Bonus of \$10,000 and time and a half overtime, or, a gorgeous blonde, brunette, or redhead and no bonus; More sweater girls with less rewith all its evils; (Presidential) The elephant always remembers, or, the donkey never forget; (Congressional) Slapsey Maxie Rosenbloom who called de bum a bum, or, Johnson-not "Eric" but of Olsen and Johnson; (Legislative) Sally Rand, who isn't flat busted but needs the job, or, Red Skelton who wanted to run against S. R.; (County) Bing Crosby for sheriff, or, Bob "No" Hope, a star for a star; (Judiciary) Jerry Colonnainjustice of the piece, or, Dixie Dugan-shoot the piece.

Answer Yes or No: Do you want a cheaper and simpler income tax? Do you believe that a leader of en? Do you think strikers should have unemployment compensation? Are you in favor of the present plan of having two sexes? Are you in favor of trying these men after the war: Hitler, Tojo, John L. Lewis, Frank Sinatra, and Your Sergeant? Well . . . THAT's settled, anyway.

The University of Connecticut is the first institution in the nation to extend their educational facilities for returning veterans of World War II in the form of an Institute of General Applied Arts and Sciences. The program is primarily one of rehabilitation and will be the state's answer to the problem of making education in the technical, semi-professional, and cultural fields available to those persons whose education was interrupted by the war.

At the University of Washington one little chick presented her sorority sisters a big box of candy to announce her engagement. The and returned to class the next day. ... Probably with slightly green faces covered with that now tropical-dark pancake. Sour gripes (a play on words).



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By MARGUERITE WITTWER

"Times like these teach me the value of friendships, and houses with open doors and hearthfires; in such surroundings dreams and thoughts are born that the grimness and cruelties of war cannot touch," wrote a former UO student now a soldier in Iceland in a letter to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bryant, directors of Westminster house, "Your home

"Aunt Alchie" and "Uncle Jim" are the smiling, white-haired couple who have spent the last twelve years making Westminster the kind of place where students come again and again to have the kind the house present a good cross secof fun you make for yourself and enjoy with other people, to find moments of peace, books, music, to dance, eat food they can make sistance, or, shorter skirts and no themselves in one of the two kitincome tax; Would you like a chens, to give out with their own drink, or, do you favor prohibition ideas at the bull sessions, to learn at the discussions, to meet people in an informal way, and to find there something deeper and finer than is in the atmosphere of their dorms or their houses. And when they have left the campus, the stu-

> Westminster always remember it. from Co. A, recently transferred responsibilities. It is tragic that the to Camp Cooke, wrote:

"Keep up the good work.

"Here's hoping Westminster will continue going strong and be a good substitute for the Student Union on the campus for the dura-

"As a parting shot, let me impress upon you the seriousness of your responsibility to the students, now more than ever. Your every thought, every plan, every action must be toward finding your place in the peace effort! Remember that most of your education comes not from what you study but from the way you apply this knowledge in seeking your goals."

Soldiers Like House

According to Mrs. Bryant the AST's have added interest to the house and seemed to enjoy being there whenever they had the opportunity. Discovered listening to music before the huge fireplace after having had hot chocolate cooked by two coeds there, Pvts. Joe Kross and Jack Causey, new AST pre-meds on the campus, had already discovered the hospitality of Westminster. "This is a homelike, relaxed place where you can life and activities they were misscome and do as you please," they grinned contentedly.

After twelve years of life on the campus and watching three generations of students come and go through Westminster's doors, the gave her sisters a box of cigars. Bryants have been able to observe mented, were displaying no interquite accurately the attitudes of est, no group loyalty, no house least—they smoked all the cigars, these people. They believe that loyalty. There is a real necessity there has been a general improve- for better advising to orientate ment in the students as the years

away from home" at 1414 Kincaid. have gone by; there have been less social misfits recently, and this year more campus leaders than ever before have become regular participants in Westminster House activities. The students who frequent tion of the campus. "This is a melting pot; we have all kinds of boys and girls here, but they are all 'just folks' and their differences are forgotten.

"Since the war," commented Aunt Alchie, "there has been a general let-down of enthusiasm in anything. It is very necessary that the ones who have the opportunity to go to school now, instead of having to go to war, should make the best of themselves. Many of dents who have taken advantage of our finest people are going to get killed, and it will be up to those Three former ASTP engineers who are now in college to take the girls here do not wake up to their opportunities."

Student Union

Asked whether the proposed building of a Student Union would affect the activities of Westminster, Mrs. Bryant said that the Student Union was a good idea and will be able to take care of more students than her house, but that she was not concerned over any possibilities of students neglecting Westminster because of it. It is only logical that no largescale organization like the student union would be able to maintain the genuine homelike atmosphere for which Westminster is outstanding. She stated that despite the fact that almost full advantage was being taken of the house, there was always spacious room for additional students.

Concerning the campus, Aunt Alchie was of the opinion that the professors and advisers were too busy to give adequate counciling, especially to freshmen students who often went through four years of college without ever being conscious of the many sides of school ing. "Often when folks get to be seniors they are disillusioned and disappointed, and realize that they have not gotten everything out of college that they expected."

Most of the students, she com-

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