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To Aspiring BMOCs . . .

War priorities have taken their toll of campus activities; war activities keep many students busy, and studying keeps most students going at full speed. Yet there are some aspiring young men and women here who want to be in more activities, who want to gain the valuable experience that comes from holding top positions on the campus and being in the swing of things.

From such people we often hear complaints that all the big jobs for students on this campus are held by a few persons who seem to have a corner on the market of appointments so that no one else has a chance.

It is true that many people are doubling in positions, holding several offices and thus cutting down the number of students who can get into the big things. But remember, most of these people who do have such jobs have them because they have proven themselves capable and because they have put in the time and effort to acquaint themselves with the work of the office they hold. No one is likely to become chairman of a large event, editor of a publication, or president of any group if he has not served more or less of an apprenticeship learning how to do the job. When we check back through the years and look at which seniors of this year were willingly working in the lowly jobs when they were freshmen we find that they are the ones who have the important jobs now. They aren't the kids who were out just to earn activity points for pledging, or just fooling around in their spare time—they're the ones who really worked because they wanted to help.

Actually there is a lot more than just learning to do a job to be profited from activities. There are new people to meet, fun and valuable experience to be gained.

Consequently, if you want to work up to a top position and get your share of the appointments, start now to prove that you can do something. There is plenty to do despite the various cancellations due to the war. There is still the Emerald, the Oregon, the YWCA, and the YMCA; and there is hardly a day goes by that the Emerald does not carry a story about petitions being called in for another committee. So if you have big ambitions, don't be frightened by the fact that they all seem to be gone this year—prepare now for the positions you will desire in the future.

Is This Trip Necessary? . . .

A request may well be impending from the ODT that the University of Oregon cancel spring vacation in order to eliminate unnecessary wartime travel by students. Such requests have already been received by several other colleges in the nation.

While the motive for this action seems valid enough, we question whether the elimination of the spring interval will really achieve the result that the ODT desires. Some students, especially among the freshmen, are addicted to dashing home every other weekend—some of them every weekend. The lack of a week or two in the spring would more than likely result in an increase in short visits home to more than make up for the falling-off in volume of travel by college students hoped for by the government. The only students whose trips would be genuinely curtailed would be those who live long distances from the institution of choice. These are in such a definite minority at the University of Oregon that we believe the increase in travel by those students who live comparatively close at hand would more than cancel out the decrease achieved by the abolishment of spring vacation.

Personally, we do not care whether we have a spring vacation or not. The lack of it merely means that we shall finish the year a week sooner and have that much more time in which to work and play during the summer. If the ODT also has the view in mind that an earlier closing of colleges and universities in the summer will aid the war effort by rendering students able to put in more man-days on defense jobs, then we will allow that their reasons for dropping the spring travel are sound. But we have frequently noticed that government agencies defeat their own purpose by ordering moves, such as this one, which bring about unprovided-for results that nullify the benefits expected. We believe that they will have to exercise a great deal more foresight in the future if the country is not to become disgusted and adopt a reactionary attitude toward government enterprise.

Town Hall

By GEORGE LUOMA

(The following article was submitted by a member of the student body with the express purpose of opening up a discussion on ways and means of solving a pertinent wartime campus problem. Further contributions on this subject will be welcomed and will be published under the heading, "Town Hall." —Editor.)

"Dad's Day Off" read Wednesday's Emerald, followed by student comment filled with sadness and pessimism.

Sadness is justifiable. We planned to have dads here; many worked hard to prepare a grand welcome and program.

Pessimism and inactivity are inexcusable. Yet, in the student comment were included: "disappointed, unfortunate, disappointment" . . . and not one iota of affirmative comment or possible constructive action cited.

Comment on defeat needs no further description than a tribute to those who worked hard for naught and simple acknowledgement of sorrow. The "too bad" attitude, assumed whenever some-

thing may go awry, will get us only where we are now.

The ODT order provided an opportunity time to test ingenuity and initiative. This was a challenge for the ASUO president, Dad's Weekend officials, other student leaders, and for you and me.

Comments herein submitted are not to be interpreted as a campaign effort for the "girl-date-boy dance," suggested by the Secret Six, as an idea for a substitute program to counteract the surprising developments. That is only one idea. A little thought and interest could have churned out many more. Perhaps a "Dad's Weekend" Emerald edition, as a substitute means of telling parents about war-time U. of O., classes, campus, activities, and our life here.

True, time was short and there were obstacles. The pessimist can always find them. But every problem has a solution. Better to look for the answer.

Our obligation is more than utterance of diplomatic and soothing comments. Give "Duck ingenuity" full play. That is our answer.

Globally Speaking

By BILL SINNOTT

Under British pressure King Peter of Yugoslavia has at last reluctantly agreed to the formation of a regency. This means that the Karageorgevitch dynasty will probably never return to their kingdom.

Marshal Tito is now firmly in the saddle; backed as he is by both Churchill and Stalin. Tito is a Russian puppet. The Kremlin envisages a Greater Yugoslavia after the war—embracing Bulgaria, Albania, Trieste, Macedonia and the present kingdom.

The king was backed in his dispute with Tito by the Serbs in his cabinet. The Serbs look upon Tito as wishing to bring them under pure Croat rule. The hatred of the Serbs for the Croats kept Yugoslavia from ever being a nation.

Fascist-Inclined King

The young king is regarded as being under fascistic influence by the Tito government. He recently married Princess Alexandria of Greece, a niece of King George. He seems to have inherited all the dictatorial tendencies of his father.

Serbia was the trouble spot of the Balkans ever since the country achieved its independence from Turkey. Two rival clans: the Obrenovitchs and the Karageorgevitchs alternated on the throne.

The feud of the rival dynasties came to a head with the murder of the last Obrenovitch king, Alexander, and his wife in 1904.

Rival Line Enthroned

Alexander was a dumb cluck who had married a woman with a past who was ten years older than he. The king and queen were hacked to pieces in their bedroom by a group of officers who threw the remains out of the window onto the main square of Belgrade.

The officers restored Peter Karageorgevitch, the grandfather of the present king, to the throne. This same group of officers, led by General Pera Zivcovich, plotted the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand that led to the outbreak of the first world war.

Old King Peter went gaga and was succeeded by his son Alexander as prince regent. Alexander became king of Yugoslavia as a result of the peace treaties after the last war.

The Serbo-Croat rivalry made parliamentary government in the country a farce. The Croat deputies walked out of parliament after their leader, Raditch, was killed on the floor of the house by a Serb.

Another Assassination

King Alexander set up a personal dictatorship. He tried to

GI Loans Not Open To Students

By DOROTHY HABEL

According to a new release by agency manager of the veterans business loans, veterans of World War II will have the opportunity of applying for loans in pursuing a gainful occupation, any time within two years after their discharge.

There is no relation between the educational aid provision, under the GI Bill of Rights, and this new loan act; but as the matter now stands, a student enjoying benefits from the educational provision will not be eligible to receive the other compensation loan until he ceases or completes his educational program. As soon as that benefit is discontinued, the veteran is qualified to appeal for a business loan.

"The necessary machinery for processing applications by veterans of World War II for business loans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill of Rights) has been set up in the Portland loan agency of the reconstruction finance corporation," William Kennedy, manager of the local agency, announced.

RFC to Review Requests

Mr. Kennedy's statement followed an announcement from Washington, D. C., that the veterans' administration had designated the reconstruction finance corporation as an agency to review applications to banks by veterans for the guaranty of business loans. Under the program, RFC will recommend to the appropriate office of the administrator of veterans' affairs whether that office should approve or disapprove such applications.

Loans applied for may be used in any business, supplies, equipment, machinery or tools to be used by the veteran in pursuing a gainful occupation.

The government may guarantee repayment of such loans to the extent of 50 per cent but not in an amount exceeding \$2,000 as its maximum guaranty. Thus, the veteran who qualifies for a business loan may obtain a guaranty for 50 per cent of any loan up to \$4,000. He may, of course, obtain from his banker a loan of greater amount, for instance, \$6,000; but the guaranty is limited to \$2,000. In loans of less than \$4,000 the government guarantees half; thus, in a \$3,000 loan the guaranty amounts to \$1,500, and no more.

Steps Listed

Mr. Kennedy outlined the following essential steps for veterans desiring guaranteed business loans:

1. The veterans should first contact his local banker. 2. If the veteran is unable to obtain a loan

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