

Review of 44-45 Events Shows Changes of Transitional Year

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Distinguished as one of the transitional years between total war and the postwar period, 1944-45 on the University of Oregon campus has been a year of much activity, much change, much conflict, and no little accomplishment. Many administrative offices, that of the University president and several deanships, were held by acting officers in some cases perhaps hampered by the instability of their position. The death of Dean of Women Hazel Schwering and the advent of a new acting dean helped to create an atmosphere of change.

The return of veterans to the campus helped somewhat to relieve the shortage of men but it also upset some of the provincialism of some students who were forced to realize the existence of a world at war beyond campus boundaries. The return of men who had formerly held responsible campus positions or who felt capable of handling these positions forced the women in power to review their own shortcomings and buckle down

to the jobs they held.

The national elections, the visits of returning alumni, the lectures of visiting assembly speakers who tried to get across to students their responsibility to the future of the world, and the final strangled end of the war in Europe all contributed to the awakening of a more dynamic spirit on the campus.

FALL TERM

September and the Rush . . .

With the total registration 12 per cent higher than 1943 fall term, this school year was launched officially as the yellow leaves began to collect on green lawns. . . . ASTP pre-med students were given

a glimpse of army life when they were allowed to drill ROTC classes. The YWCA started off with a slight explosion and gave a cocktail party for frosh, shocking some old-timers by the interesting name and a redhot pamphlet by Jo Dolph with instructions on attaining BWOC-ship.

The GI Ducks, a handful of would-be medics barracked in Mary Spiller, wrote a column in the Emerald called Biopsy and were not much in the limelight except when occasionally one of them married an Oregon coed.

George Luoma, one of the back-on-campus boys, wrote long, legalistic letters to the editor about how-it-feels-to-be-a-returned-veteran. Veterans became a big issue when they met to decide on proposed organization and turned thumbs down.

October and Football . . .

Intramural football season opened and made a two-bit splash in campus athletic life. Coeds-of-the-Week included: Helen Luvaas, director of the vesper choir; Butch Leckie, Emerald business manager; Edith Newton, Oregon editor; Lorraine Davidson, Panhellenic president.

Men on the campus demanded recognition and first murmurings were heard when they gathered at an all-male smoker. Young Republicans and Young Democrats organized under Harry Skerry and Elmer Sahlstrom, respectively, law students.

A letter to the editor this month was one of the first voices rising out of the masses to heap tribute or wrath on ASUO President Holliday. Said the voice crying in the wilderness: "If we are old enough and capable enough to come to college, surely we should be adult enough to take Holliday's blunt (assembly) speech in our stride."

Miss Holliday's speeches continued to be blunt.

The University Guild theater presented "The Skin of Our Teeth" complete with dinosaur. . . . Jack Craig appeared on the scene writing book reviews for the Emerald. . . . A highly successful rally, reminiscent of pre-war football rallies, welcomed Vice-presidential Candidate John Bricker, led by the Young Reps.

Marie Rogndahl was co-starred with the new rally squad at one of the first ASUO assemblies. . . . The revived Bunion Derby showed the lack of manpower. . . . A British commando speaking at an assembly made a big hit with nearly-swooning women—showing same as above. . . . Orin Weir's notorious gossip column appeared, breaking hearts occasionally to the great delight of readers.

Harry S. Truman, vice-presidential candidate opposing Bricker, also appeared in Eugene and talked to a handful of loyalists at the train depot.

The Hello dance was held, rather belatedly. . . . Raoul Jobin, Metropolitan tenor, sang at the Igloo. A Christian Faith conference brought nationally known religious leaders to the campus. . . . Dime dinners were revived to sell war stamps. . . . The ASUO exec council set up a \$75 scholarship for the freshman with the highest grades. Ed Allen came into the lime-

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