

Prof, Now Army Man, Does Teaching Abroad

Here I am head over heels in university work again, and I mean just that." Thus wrote Lt. Col. Freeman Glenn Macomber, professor of education at the University now on leave to the armed forces, in a recent letter to Dean James R. Jewell, of the school of education. Colonel Macomber is on the faculty of the army university center No. 2, located at Biarritz France.

Going on to explain the army college in France, Lt. Col. Macomber said: "This is one of the few times in history that a full fledged university of 4000 students and 270 faculty members will have been organized from the ground up, including the procurement of a very well known staff, all within a period of few months. We are scheduled to start classes on August 20, yet right now most of the faculty is still in the United States, and building facilities are just being procured—with me right in the middle of it all."

Executive Officer

"I am executive officer for the chief of the academic division, and with the chief operation out of Paris with the job of obtaining sufficient classrooms, laboratories, library, etc., seems to have dropped right in my lap, as has the laying out of the several schools of the university—science, education, fine arts, liberal arts, commerce, agriculture, and journalism. It is quite some little undertaking, and we are just about taking over the town for the purpose."

"There is no university here, so the school of education will occupy three or four large villas, a department store will become the library, a small hotel the school of liberal arts. We will have a 20-minute break between classes as some of the buildings will be about three-quarters of a mile from each other. The library of congress is sending over a reference library; the faculty comes from the army and from the universities of the United States, with a number of nationally known men secured."

"All in all, it will be quite an experiment, with me in a sort of modified dean of faculties position. Dean Russel of Chicago comes over as advisor to the general; Unstadt probably will head up the school of education. Must run now to keep a date to look over some buildings. More later."

"Sunday morning—clear and beautiful. I have a room in the Palais hotel, one of the world famous hotels, where I literally can spit in the Atlantic—at least during extra high tide, and with no head wind. Later, we will move into villas as the hotels will all be used for students."

"George Godfrey is here as public relations officer. It was good to run into him." (Major Godfrey is on leave of absence for war duty from his position as director of the University News Bureau).

Pressure Required

"I've been on the job only a few days now. I should have been here a month ago but my former unit would not release me until considerable pressure was brought from above. I enjoyed my former assignment most thoroughly, so I didn't care too much one way or another. I probably would have been able to have returned home earlier if this transfer had not been made. On the other hand, I am getting back into terms, which I like—if we don't all go crazy in the process of getting it running."

"As an example, a major just reported in to teach electrical engineering, so I stopped this letter long enough to participate in the following discussion:

Major: 'What equipment has been ordered?'

Me: 'I don't know. They are working on that in Paris. Did you check on that up there?'

Nothing Done

Major: 'Yes. They think nothing has been done as there were

no electrical men available until I came in.'

Me: 'Can you use standard army equipment? If so, we can probably get it out of Marseilles. If not, we will have to try to get it from Germany or Switzerland. Can you make out a list of what you need?'

Major: 'Yes. I'll have it ready within two days.'

Me: 'OK. By that time, we should have the classrooms and labs fairly well set so we can give most of our time to following up on equipment.'

Major: 'Very well, sir. I'll get to work on it. I think I can get by on army equipment.'

And so on far into the night.

"Must get back to work now. Have some hopes of breaking away from this job and getting home after we get it to running. Will write later."

Lieutenant Colonel Macomber has had duty with the intelligence division in north Africa, Sicily, France, Germany, and Switzerland. Prior to this, he had charge of the entire educational program of the WAC with his headquarters at Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Macomber and their three children are remaining in Eugene.

Grad Publishes Book

A copy of "Some Time" by Major George L. Hall, U of O graduate, was recently sent Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, director of dormitories, as a personal remembrance by the major. This is the first book by the 1939 Oregon graduate to be published. Major Hall was winner of the Failing Beekman speech award in his senior year.

Visiting Law

The appointment of Vernon Abram Vrooman as visiting professor of law at the University for the coming year, has been announced by Orlando John Hollis, dean of the law school. Mr. Vrooman, who has also taught law at St. Louis university, is on leave from Drake university, Des Moines, Iowa, where he has been professor since 1926.

He has been admitted to the New York, Nevada, California, Missouri, and Iowa state bars besides being admitted to practice before the United States supreme court. The visiting professor received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nevada, his L.L.B. and L.L.M. from Albany law school, and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Stanford.

Mr. Vrooman served as an infantry lieutenant-colonel for two and a half years in world war II. In world war I he was a captain serving overseas, where he won the distinguished service cross with citations.

Robert C. Hall, known to students as an associate professor of journalism and superintendent of the University press, and Mrs. Minnie P. Guy, University press secretary, were married Tuesday, September 11, at the First Baptist church in Eugene.

Gage Due Back

Daniel D. Gage, Jr., associate professor of business administration, has resigned his post as office of price administration rent director in Portland. He has been on leave of absence for three years and will return to the University.

There are eight generals among the alumni of Ohio State university.

8 Housemothers New On Campus

Eight new or transferred house mothers have been appointed at women's living organizations on the campus. They are: Alpha Chi Omega, Eva Monahan; Alpha hall, Aeda Stillwell; Delta Gamma, Mrs. Fay Dillingham; Hendricks hall, Miss Estelle Armitage; Kappa Alpha Theta, Agnes Hansen; Hill-yard house, Mrs. C. Wilson; Rebec house, Miss Claudena Holm; Sigma hall, Madeleine Bounell; Delta Zeta, Mrs. Mary Sharp formerly of dean of women's office.

Returning house mothers are: Alpha Delta Pi, Mrs. Floyd West-erfield; Alpha Gamma Delta, Mrs. H. J. Boyd; Alpha Omicron Pi, Mrs. A. F. Rapp; Alpha Phi, Mrs. Charlotte Anderson; Alpha Xi Delta, Mrs. Evelyn Street; Chi Omega, Mrs. C. L. Van Tassell; Delta Delta Delta, Miss Pearl Bonnisteel; Gamma hall, Mrs. Edna M. Stokes; Gamma Phi Beta, Mrs. Adda Wilson; Highland house, Mrs. Dora McCarger; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mrs. Ruby Marks; Pi Beta Phi, Miss S. H. Devereux; Sherry Ross hall, Mrs. Grace Hopper; Sigma Kappa, Mrs. F. Smith; Susan Campbell, Miss Fannie McCament; University house, Mrs. Lela Fenton; Zeta Tau Alpha, Mrs. Lorraine M. Clancy.

Ducks Rally in Seattle

For University of Oregon students who are in Seattle for the Oregon-Washington football game and Seattle alumni, a special pre-game rally and party will be held at the Washington Athletic club in Seattle at 6 p.m. Friday, September 28.

Taking part in the pre-game activities will be Oregon coaches, Tex Oliver and John Warren, Anse Cornell, athletic manager and Dick Strite, publicity director.



WEBFOOT COACHES RETURN—Howard Hobson, left, and Tex Oliver, right, are shown here in front of their McArthur court headquarters soon after their return as head basketball, baseball and football coaching jobs, respectively. (Courtesy Register-Guard)

Pacific Basin Studies

An enlarged liberal arts program of Pacific Basin studies has been organized for the coming year under the chairmanship of Dr. Harold J. Noble, associate professor of history. The new curriculum will be administered by an inter-departmental committee and will include courses from the various departments.

Required for a major in this field are the following courses: Geography of Asia, Geography of the Pacific, Peoples of the Pacific Rim, History of Oriental Art, Civilizations of China and Japan, Far East in Modern Times, History of China or History of Japan, Economic Problems of the Pacific, and Living Religions of the Orient. These courses are recommended

in addition: two years of Japanese, Beginnings and Development of Civilization, International Relations, Civilization and Art Epochs, History of Social Thought, American Foreign Relations, and History of the Pacific Northwest.

Meritorious Service

For meritorious service against the enemy in the Villa Verde trail in northern Luzon, Sgt. Kenneth E. Shetterly, law student from 1941 to 1943, has been awarded the bronze star.

The medal winner plans to return to the law school upon his return to the states.

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