

# Lowdown on Pilot Training Revealed by UO Alumnus

Dr. Lloyd Humphreys, U of O graduate and newly appointed associate professor of psychology at the University of Washington, spoke to the Research Symposium last Tuesday on tests given to aspiring pilots, bombardiers, and navigators.

Dr. Humphreys stated that reliable tests for pilots and navigators have been developed, but as for testing bombardiers, little progress has been made. Would-be pilots, who are examined for speedy, accurate perceptions and on motor skills, need a score of 100 or more on the army general classification test, indicating that a man of little education may become a good pilot, he said. Navigators are given the standardized college ability tests.

He explained that a battery of three short tests by flight surgeon's interviews administered to large groups predicted success in completing training more accurately, whereas the individual interviews previously given had consumed much time.

As a member of one of the three army research units which devised these various tests, he had opportunity to see the tests being constantly improved until at the end of the war, the rate of wash-outs among pilot trainees and potential navigators had rapidly decreased. Six months after the unit's formation, organized tests were being turned out and used, he added, also remarking that the army depends heavily on these measures in selecting men for training.

### Ex-Serviceman

Dr. Humphreys graduated from the University of Oregon in 1935, receiving a bachelor of science degree in psychology. He did graduate work at Indiana university and received his doctor's degree from Stanford university. He also held a post-doctoral research fellowship at Yale and an anthropology fellowship at Columbia.

Dr. Humphreys, who was only recently discharged from the army, will assume his associate professorship at Washington this semester. Later he will serve as director of the student testing personnel bureau.

## Infirmary Crowded With Record Number

Breaking all previous records for 1946, the University medical authorities announced Thursday that 6 men and 15 women were confined at the infirmary.

Those under medical observation are Cecile Noren, Mildred Anderson, Lois Chitty, Janet Hicks, Sue Sullivan, Carol Pearson, Pat Percival, Arbertha Daniels, Elaine Coleman, Mary Rafferty, Ruth Schneider, Jim Longwood, Tom Knapp, Don Breeden, Carl Strong, Barbara Pearson, Sally Johnson, Eleanor Toll, Jim Cassell, and Robert Thomas.

## Ducktation

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the Alpha Chi Omega house dance and now that she's on crutches from a skiing trip, her morale is doubly low . . . Marilyn Williams, Kappa pledge from last year, arrived on the campus for a visit this week and immediately was dated by Bob Smith, Sigma Chi, one night, Jim Lund, ATO, another night, Howard Harper, Pi Kappa Alpha, a third night, and at last reports the Fijis and three other houses were putting in their bids for Marilyn's time. We wonder who will be on top at the end of the week . . .

Another Milt Sparks item: This popular lad talked to Phyllis Bruggman, Kappa, on the telephone for two hours the other night. His DU brothers finally smoked him out of the phone booth by slipping pieces of paper under the door and setting fire to them . . . G. Duncan Wimpres, SPE, was a "good boy" at the Kappa dessert. He spent the complete hour teaching the KKG song-leader the new Sigma Phi Epsilon sweetheart song.

Hazel Roake, Alpha Phi, still swears true to navy man Bill Shumaker, but forgets him on weekends . . . Paul Everett, Kappa Sig, is phoning the wrong Alpha Phi for dates these days. He should contact Jean Merrifield . . . Phi Delt pledge Walt Kirsch is hitting it heavy with Chi O Joy Hamm . . . Overseas and no letters for two months, that's what Pi Phi Mim Becke has had to put up with from her man. Things picked up, however, last Wednesday when a sultry orchid arrived by wire . . . Bob Hill, associate editor of the Oregonian, displayed his ability as a cook Sunday when he helped Alpha Gam Berta Reische prepare tea . . . The Chi O houseboys were quite the practical jokers the other night when they sent their new man Don Wingate, Kappa Sig, wandering around the second floor with coffee for the house-mother. The gals finally set him wise . . . Best wishes for a speedy return to health of the Theta house-mother who is temporarily bed-ridden . . .

Gamma hall's Roseanne Hill returned from the Christmas holidays with a honey of a sparkler, that's causing many "ohs" and

"ahs." . . . Jean and Betty Jones, Janice Crabtree and Kay Sauve are taking off for Seattle for the weekend; to see the scenery, they say . . . ATO Prexy Erle Swanson, the rugged old man of the campus, seems to be alternating between Jean Walters, Alpha Phi, and Betty Carlson, Kappa redhead . . . A pleasant repercussion from our last column was seeing Liz Gilmore, Gamma Phi, and Ted Baker, SAE, dating again . . .

This study business is pretty heavy right now, but things are bound to change. All our agents are on the lookout for rumor and

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