

W.F.G. Thacher Returns, Reviews Service Abroad

By Laura Olson

Back on the campus after spending six months in England, France, and Germany as an army instructor in the field of advertising is W. F. Thacher, professor of English and advertising. Professor Thacher left Eugene July 19, 1945, to serve as a member of the faculty of the Shrivvenham army university in England.

He was given what is known as a simulated (field officer's) rank, which may be compared to that of a major or colonel in the army. "Shrivvenham university was established for the benefit of GI's in Europe," Professor Thacher stated. He said that 4000 selected army men were sent to the university for an eight-week term.

"All the selectees were of the college level, and most of my students were non-coms on up to colonels," he said.

No Saluting

The students were not required to salute the instructors. "I heard several men say 'this college is one of the best deals I've got out of the army,'" Thacher declared. The university was maintained while the men were waiting for their demobilization, and it was disbanded after two eight-week terms.

"The classwork was excellent because each of the students were eager to acquire all the knowledge possible," Professor Thacher stated in response to the question of how eager were the men to learn during the eight weeks period. "This was the opinion of the entire staff," he said.

The curriculum was the same as that of college with the exception of law or medicine. There was another GI college maintained in Biarritz, France, and this was disbanded at the end of the third term.

German Trip

When Shrivvenham was discontinued, Professor Thacher and 40 other instructors were invited to go to Germany. While the professor was there he stayed in Hochat, a suburb of Frankfurt.

"The destruction of Frankfurt was the most shocking and memorable thing of all my experiences," Professor Thacher said, "And I saw very little attempt being made at rebuilding the city." Frankfurt is the site of army headquarters in Germany. According to Thacher the army had cleared off the streets and was trying to reorganize the city, but it was a long and tedious operation.

"I was in Europe in winter," he said, "and there was little or no fuel supplies available. I was cold until I got back to the United States. I didn't see any signs of undernourishment in Germany," Thacher continued, "but, then, it's hard to tell anything about the German people."

Modern Conveniences

The house that the professor stayed at during his stay in Hochst was very modern in style and equipped with all the modern conveniences. In every town where the army is to remain, a section of it is blocked out. This is where the men are to be billeted. The owners are required to move out. They may take only their personal belongings with them, leaving everything else as it is, so that the army will not be inconvenienced.

Professor Thacher's explanation as to why GIs seem to prefer the Germans to the English is the soldier's impulse to do exactly the opposite of what the army tells them.

In England Thacher met Hans Schneider, nephew of Hans Schneider, well-known skiing instructor in New England. The nephew was a prisoner of war and had been designated to do menial work for the army.

The army sponsored sight-seeing

tours in England and Germany to acquaint the men with the country. On one of those tours, in Edinburgh, Scotland, he saw the king and queen of England and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. "It was during Scotland's celebration of the Allied victory," he said.

"When I went through Paris on the way to Hochst, one out of every three persons was in American uniform, but on my way back, there was a very noticeable decrease in GIs," Thacher stated. He met Professor and Mrs. Gordon Wright in Paris where the member of the faculty of the history department at Oregon is now serving with the state department.

Thacher came home on a victory ship. The trip required 10 days. He was quartered with 11 others in one room, which measured 7 by 15 feet. He landed in New York February 2, 1946, where he was met by Mrs. Thacher.

The Thachers met several Oregonians in New York, including Mrs. Lucy Schreff, formerly of the school of fine arts, and Fletcher Udall, former student.

In Washington, D. C., they were entertained by Senator and Mrs. Wayne Morris (Senator Morris was formerly dean of the school of law at Oregon), Congressman and Mrs. Harris Ellsworth (graduates of Oregon's school of journalism) and Mrs. Ivan Duff (the former Betty Ann MacDuff, daughter of Mrs. Alice MacDuff, housing secretary at the University).

Professor Thacher has served in both World War I and II. He was an army officer in the first war.

He is now teaching two classes at the University: advanced writing and short story writing and is national president of Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising honorary for men.

Physics Seminar Scheduled Today

The weekly physics seminars for spring term on the University of Oregon campus will deal with various phases of the x-ray, with the first scheduled for today in Room 105 Deady Hall at 4:15 p.m.

Leading the first two seminars will be Dr. E. G. Ebbighausen, physics instructor, who will discuss the industrial and medical uses of the x-ray. He will also give descriptions of some x-ray generating mechanisms.

In later lectures, Dr. A. E. Caswell, head of the physics department, will speak on the x-ray defraction in crystal, and Lyman Webb and Stanley Minshall, laboratory assistants, will tell of the scattering of x-rays.

AROUND THE CLOCK

(Continued from page four) captains for any type of seasonal fray, the procedure being that the captain ordinarily chosen from the first senior class of that season. Athletic ability alone did not form the basis for the choice of position, their overall ability and stability and attitude to their work in school being of prime importance.

WEATHER HAMPERS

(Continued from page four) at present so numerous that an accurate survey of that situation is impossible. Candidates for the end spots total better than twenty, and aspirants for the tackle, guard, and center positions are numerous enough to cause no concern. The spring workouts are certain to reveal line candidates two, three, and in some spots four deep, few of whom will show much more than their rivals.

Condon Club Sees Gold Rush Slides

C. L. Andrews talked to the Condon club members Tuesday night in Condon hall at the club's regular monthly social meeting, according to W. J. Colegrove, president of the organization.

Andrews, who has lived in the far north for many years as a teacher in a governmental post, talked to the group about Alaska and illustrated his lecture with pictures that he had taken of the Alaskan gold rush. He also showed a series of slides showing the recession of glaciers in Alaska for the past 30 years.

The club, whose membership consists mainly of geography and geology students, is considering a field trip to Pesgah Butte south of Eugene for its next social meeting scheduled for May.

Nursery Facilities For Vets' Children

Cooperative efforts of the University YMCA and the Lane County chapter of the American Red Cross will result in enlarged recreational facilities for student veterans and their wives at the University, it was announced at a meeting of the executive board of the county Red Cross.

Plans were also made for establishing a nursery for use of student veterans' wives on the campus in order that mothers of small children may have more time for attending classes and for recreation.

Dean Karl W. Onthank, president of the advisory board of the University YMCA, attended the board meeting Tuesday as campus representative to the Red Cross, and informed board members that a portion of the YMCA building on the campus will be available as a much-needed center for recreational purposes for student veterans and their wives.

A large appropriation was made by the executive board for the purpose of furnishing articles needed at the building for community activities. At present the Red Cross is attempting to find sewing machines for the use of veterans' wives, and will furnish other articles as the needs become apparent.

A TOUT'S REPORT

(Continued from page four) ed, "where do you dig up all those alleged jokes for your column?"

"I make 'em up," I retorted proudly, "out of my head."

She grimaced. "You said it!"

Miffed, I stirred my coffee in quiet rage and cast about for a new topic of conversation. "I see where the footballers are all bruised up and had to lay off practice for a day. Maybe they're going to teach them all to swim so they won't bog down in this Oregon mist."

"Football is indeed a rough game, but it has certain compensations," she said, cinching up her shoulder pads.

"I presume you mean the nectar of adoration bestowed upon them by the hungry homus-femalius on the campus," I asked.

"Well," she mumbled, struggling into her jersey, "yes and no. At a school like USC, most of the gridgers have to take some kind of math to be able to figure out their income tax. It's educational."

"You can't be trying to say that commercialism has reared its ugly head in the sports field!" I said, horrified.

"Don't be naive," she smirked, giving me a friendly shove which sent me sprawling into the next booth. "See you later!"

"Where are you going?" I wept. "Say! Don't you know what's going on around here?" she snapped. Right now there are 20 percent more men than there are women on the campus, and I'm

Way Back When... Spring Vacations Spent Boosting UO at Home

By

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Thirty Years Ago

"Times have changed department": Many students, while dashing to leave for spring vacation, were preparing speeches to be given to audiences in "home town" high schools during vacation, to boost Oregon. The Greater Oregon committee was formed to lead the campaign for new students.

Convict 27-440, at San Quentin, completed a course in geology from the University extension division, thereby ending the correspondence which frequently accompanied his returned lessons. His after-prison plans included prospecting in Mexico and South America.

Twenty Years Ago

"Buried here beneath the skies
Is Amos Oscar Dorants,
The poor man never knew that
flies,
When dead, look just like cur-
rants."
Sorry.

A cock fight, battle royal, jockey contest, and a quartet comprised entertainment at a men's smoker. . . Question: who now has possession of the silver loving cup awarded the men's organization cock victor?

"Johnson Motor Sales Corporation has just what you want—used

going to get mine while they're in season. Berths for next fall's team are wide open. I'm going out for football."

I looked sadly up into the trusting, crossed blue eyes of the girl into whose lap I had just been tossed. "Don't tell me you are the athletic type?"

"Oh no! I enter hemstitching contests once in awhile, though." She blushed, and wiped the specks of foam from my lips.

"I like you," I confided as I thrust my check into her pocket. "I hope Cynthia makes first string."

cars—1922 Dodge roadster, 1925 Ford roadster, five balloon tires, 1920 Overland Touring." We're waiting for the new 1927's.

The annual Senior Leap Week came in full sway, with senior women asking any of the men for dates during the week. Included in parties were the "Bow Wow Brawl," "Koffee Bust," and "Bar Room Bust." The week was to end with the senior prom.

Ten Years Ago

"OREGON WINS NORTHWEST CROWN AGAIN." Swimming true to form, Oregon's championship squad ran off with first place in the northwest intercollegiate meet. Oregon's northwest and Pacific coast champions placed eight men on the all-star northwest swimming squad.

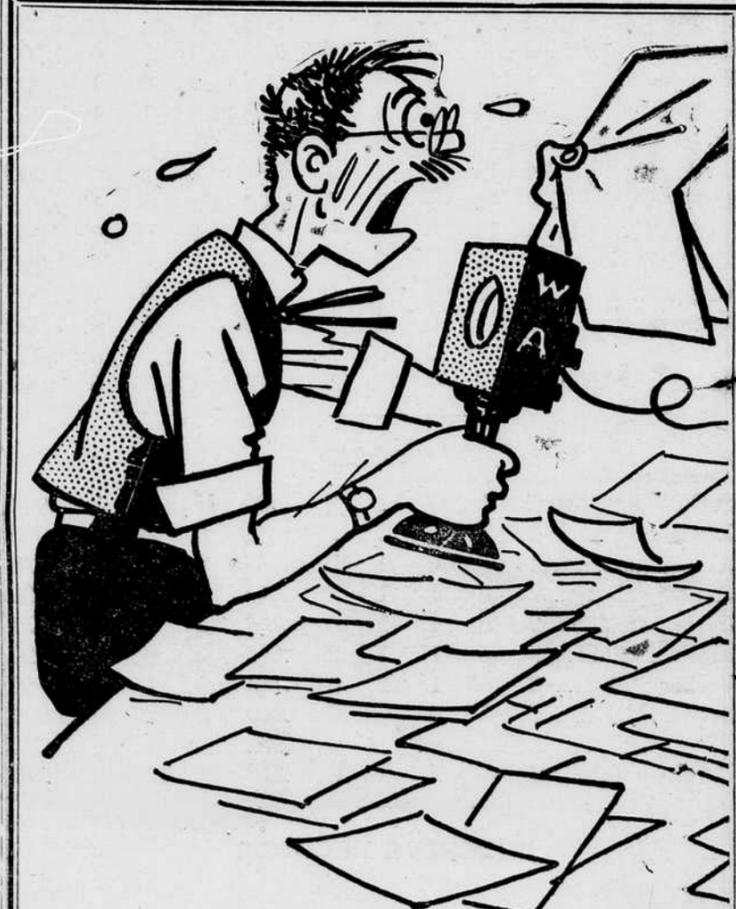
Proposing everything from rigid supervision of classes or the traditional honor system, Oregon faculty and students questioning in regard to the alleged cheating on the campus, have proceeded to admit the condition with reservations, at the same time standing on both sides of the fence in regard to future action.

Pressure of houses and parents in driving students to make grades and the attitude of the faculty itself are the main causes of students cribbing, according to one professor.

"Promenading with Polly"—Are you blossoming out in a flower-trimmed bonnet this Easter? You will find everything—Sailors, Hombergs, Derby, Margots and drooping brims at Beards. Don't forget every man judges a woman by her hats, so choose the latest creations from their selections.

"Stardust" was the theme of the far-famed fete of canoes on Oregon's tradition-rich mill race.

"Goodie Goodie" tops the nation musically this week. A month ago it was "Music Goes 'Round" and on the coast "Wahoo" rates all the honors.



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