

# Colonel Fowler, UO Alum, To Head Campus ROTC

ETO Veteran, Served With 44th Division, Takes Over Post Vacated By Major Averill

Lt. Col. William H. Fowler arrived on the campus Saturday to head the department of military science and tactics, the position made vacant by the recent transfer of Major William S. Averill to the Ft. Lewis separation center.

Graduating with an education degree from the University in 1931, when he also received his commission in the officer's reserve corps, Col. Fowler returns to Eugene from extensive combat duty overseas with the 44th division.

After graduating from Oregon, Fowler taught high school in Lane county for four years, later becoming a camp commander and educational director for the civilian conservation corps. He started his

active army duty in December, 1940, completing officers' advanced infantry training at Fort Benning. Then he was placed in charge of the officer candidate program at Camp Roberts, California.

In 1943 he joined the 71st infantry regiment of the 44th division, then stationed at Ft. Lewis. While this unit was preparing for

overseas service, he served as regimental plans and training officer. When the organization landed overseas, Fowler was a battalion commander and led his men throughout the 44th's long combat phase which included the campaigns in Eastern France, Germany, Bavaria and Austria.

For his performance during the capture of Saarburg, Fowler's battalion receiving credit for the reduction of that city, he was awarded the silver star. Later he was to receive the bronze star for meritorious service from the period September 20, 1944, to May 8, 1945. Colonel Fowler also wears the combat infantry badge.

Colonel Fowler's battalion made a river crossing to enter the city of Mannheim and were the first troops to enter that large industrial town. Earlier the unit had breached the Maginot line in the 44th's sector. The same battalion earned credit for the flanking of German defenses at Fern Pass in Austria, the final major defense facing the 71st regiment.

ler, Don Pinkerton, Bea King, and Pat Webber. Members of the retiring council included Ed Allen, Jack Craig, Janet Douglas, Phyllis Evans, Dorothy Godknecht, Phil Dana, Jeanne Simmonds, Bob Davis, Signe Eklund, and Louise Montag.

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### UO War Service Records Assembled

George N. Belknap, University editor, is assembling for permanent preservation the basic records and archival material relating to the history of the University during World War II. As part of this record Belknap is at present documenting information concerning the part University staff members played in the war effort.

The records are being compiled by Belknap at the request of President Harry K. Newburn, and will contain not only the story of military service rendered but also records of civilian services contributed by people directly connected with the University.

### ASUO Officers Dine

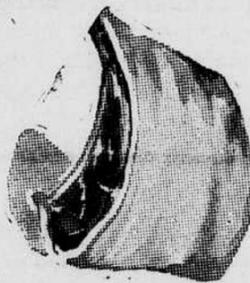
Members of the old and new executive councils were feted at the annual ASUO-sponsored banquet Tuesday night at the Eugene hotel.

New executive council officers attending the banquet included Tom Kay, Gil Roberts, Marge Cowlin, Dave Fortmiller, Dorothy Fow-

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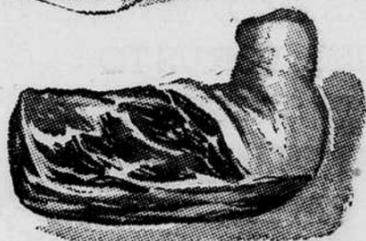
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