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Of Tiny Shoes

For a few days this summer there seemed to be a ray of hope that veteran students at the University would be able to continue their college educations in the manner congress apparently intended when the original G.I. bill of rights was passed.

But it didn't last long. The house of representatives adjourned without passing the bill that would have raised their subsistence allowances enabling at least some of them to go to school full time, to make the best possible use of the months the government theoretically allows them to become bonafide bachelors of arts and sciences.

Observers who have followed the somewhat tangled history of Public Law 346, will remember that congress originally provided that veterans who returned to school would receive \$50 a month if single and \$75 a month if married.

Toward the end of the war congress woke up to the fact of increasing prices, and collectively realized that if the spirit of the original bill were to be carried out the allowances would have to be increased. So they upped the figures to \$65 and \$90.

In this session of congress the same situation came up again. Oregon's Senator Wayne L. Morse, who apparently pays a grocery bill himself, felt the spirit of the measure had again been defeated by the constant rising of prices. So Senator Morse sponsored a bill which would raise the pay to \$75 and \$105. He also added a long-overdue feature which would allow the married man with children a little more money than the married man with only himself and his wife to support. This figure would have been \$120.

Little boy's shoes cost \$5 a pair, and little boys sometimes wear out a pair a month, so the provision doesn't seem recklessly high.

In the senate Robert A. Taft, the Ohio Republican who is usually glaring at Oregon's Wayne L., started beating the drum, too, and the measure passed the upper house with little difficulty. There was never much question that it would pass the house and that the President would sign it.

But something went wrong. The measure went to the house just as the congress was getting ready to close up shop for the year, just as congressmen's minds were on the grassroots and the broken fences of the home bailiwick.

The house didn't defeat the bill. Nothing so clear cut and simple. There was no roll call on it. The house just quit without passing it.

Ask any member of the house of representatives and the chances are you'll find the man was all for this bill, felt it absolutely essential to the fate and the state of the nation.

There's nobody you can vote against, nobody you can blame save only that rather impersonal group known as "congress."

It is the opinion of the page that the house of representatives made a mistake. The original bill, as we understand it, was passed to allow the veteran to make up for some of the lost years—for the years he suffered through battle and humiliation, for the years spent in learning to destroy, to polish brass, and to trim lawns.

Sure the money helps. Most of the veterans who will return this fall could not return without it. But there are many of them who will not return at all this fall, simply because they cannot hack it, simply because they can't go to school and eat, too.

Congress doesn't owe us a living, and congress isn't bound to pay us a dime. But if it is going to claim credit for the G.I. bill, for the

idea that "nothing is too good for our boys," then it should also make it possible for the veteran to go to school full time, to make the best possible use of these precious months, and to graduate from these great institutions while he is still on the tender side of 30.

Worth the Candle

The Eugene city council now has \$10,000 which they may or may not spend on restoration of the millrace, Eugene's and the University's Number 1 tradition, landmark, trysting spot, and spring term picnic ground.

Chances are good that we will have a millrace again if the city council sees fit to spend this money, if they decide not to spend it then it is a fair bet that somebody will come along and fill the ditch with dirt.

Everybody says he wants the millrace back. It's like American womanhood, home, and mother. Everybody is for it.

But to see realization of the project—and it may be a long and expensive one—we've got to keep after it. We can't let 'em rest. We've got to get the money and the plans for this thing, and we can't wait.

The city's \$10,000 won't do the job. After the race is restored, there is still the problem of maintenance. That, too, is expensive.

ASUO President Stan Williamson has pledged himself to do all he can to restore the race. Thus far he has done remarkably well—much better than campus cynics thought he would do. And fall term hasn't started yet. Stan Williamson can be counted upon to push the thing, but he must have a lot of support.

The interfraternity council, in appointing Don Malarkey to promote the millrace idea, did a real service to its own members and to the school as a whole. Their action is one that might well be followed by other campus "service" organizations.

If everybody gets behind this thing, if we prod the city, the millrace property holders, and the University; if we give 'em no peace, then, and only then, have we a good chance of getting water in the millrace.

The game is well worth the candle.

Postponed Again

All friends of the University will be disappointed to learn of the action of the state board of higher education, which knocked in the head plans for a science building—not for a science building some day, but for a science building now.

The disappointment these friends feel is doubtless as nothing compared to the feelings of a certain group of alley-dwelling fraternity men, but nonetheless they are a little heart-sick about it—and with good reason.

We needed that building and we needed it badly. The chemistry department which has grown enormously since the "pure sciences" were restored to the University in 1941 is going to carry on this year with some of its classes meeting in a Quonset hut. The department has also squeezed the offices of the Oregon Daily Emerald into a hut. The department is on the way up, and as the University grows it will grow, too. In a modern University the chemistry department cannot be stuffed into a cramped old building which looks like nothing so much as a 60-year-old grade school.

Okay. Granted we needed it. Granted we didn't get it.

Now the point is: How valid was the board's reasoning that building costs were too high.

Ask anybody who has tried to build a garage or a chicken coop since the Potsdam parley. He'll give you a large earful about building costs, about the high costs of labor and materials, about shortages and inferior goods (labor and materials).

The odds are that the board was wise in that coldly wise way that those of us too close to a project may fail to understand. It is probable that in the long-run the University will be better off for the board's decision to wait until borrowed dollars do not come quite so easily, and labor and materials do not come quite so dearly.

Ducks to Dance To Charlie Barnett

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in the fall will have a good idea of what Oregon's all about by the end of the program.

A new feature this year will be a half hour diving exhibition by state diving champions in the outdoor pool, while at the same time in another section of the park movies of the Oregon campus will be shown. That's the plan for this year's fun fest; something going every minute.

To climax the occasion, students, prospective Webfoots, and alumni will dance to the music of Charlie Barnett and his orchestra.

Lemon and Green decorations to carry out the Oregon theme are planned to add color to the festivities. Picnickers taking over the park the evening of August 21, may obtain a 20 per cent reduction on all rides by buying script in the picnic area. The same holds true for dance tickets.

Assisting Miss Benke and Bob Chaney are: Don Londer, entertainment; Dorothy Wightman and Bess Basler, decorations; Sue Mercer and Al Pietschman, games; Hal Schick, park arrangements; Joan Minnaugh, co-ed board arrangements; Mary Lou Timmons and Wayne Roecker, telephone invitations; and Bob Chapman, publicity.

Federation post cards mailed earlier in the month will be used for admission, although a 10 cent park charge must be paid at gate. Additional tickets may be obtained in Portland in any of the larger college shops.

New Co-op Rebate Plan Announced

number on the receipt, which will be retained by the co-op.

At the end of the year a certified audit will determine the rate of rebate. The \$1 membership fee will be returned in all cases. Rebates will be held at the store for the student to call for, or will be mailed to his home address.

When the system goes into operation, students may turn in all receipts accumulated since May 20 for credit. These receipts must be

converted to credit on the co-ops before October 20, 1947.

Co-op board members voting approve the new system. James H. Gilbert, faculty member on the board, and student members Ray Johnson, president Gloria Grenfell, Don Dole, Woodworth, and Wes Nicholas.

Picnic Racket More Than Just Fun

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The idea now is "Come to Charlie Barnett and learn about Oregon."

Plans are still going forward not with a whimper but a bang.

Most committee members live Portland, but getting them together in one little spot where they can talk over their plans no simple matter. Miss Benke however, says she has a system that works pretty well. She just invites everybody over to her place for "free pretzels" and the show goes on.

Archeologists Observe Chiloquin Indian Ruin

Indian house pits near Chiloquin, Ore., are being excavated this summer by an archaeological party under the direction of Luther S. Cressman, head of department of anthropology.

The field party of 14 students left Eugene on the beginning of first summer session for the Klamath lake region, and are working on the problem of the origin of the Klamath Indian culture. Funds for the research came from the University's research council and the Viking Fund, Inc., of New York.

Students Must Submit New Registration Cards

Fall term registration materials for old students will be prepared only for those who have returned the advance registration card which were sent to them with the spring term grades, according to Associate Registrar Clifford Constance. He urged the cards be returned as soon as possible.

Receipt of the cards does not mean the student is scholastically eligible to return, Mr. Constance emphasized, since all students who received grades also received cards



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