

Housing, Labor To Feel Impact Of Vet Grads

Graduating ex-GI students will exert their greatest impact on Oregon's labor and housing markets in the spring of 1950, as nearly half of all veterans now in college are sophomores.

This forecast, described today by Richard Mengler, veterans administration training officer in this area, is based on a VA survey covering nine colleges in the state.

Accounting for nearly 90 per cent of Oregon's college enrollment under the GI bill, the nine schools reported a total of 11,780 veterans for fall term. Among these, class percentages were 20.4 for freshmen, 45.9 sophomores, 14.9 juniors, 14.1 seniors and 4.7 special or graduate students.

Nearly half of the undergraduates were expected to finish in June of 1950, provided they stick with their studies, the VA found. Seniors and juniors, those due to graduate this spring or in 1949, are about equal in numbers, but together represent less than one-third of all student veterans.

Freshmen are fewer than half the sophomores in numbers, despite an always heavy drop-out rate between first and second years. A sharp decline in veteran graduations after 1950 is in prospect. Next year's freshman class of ex-GIs, it was predicted, is likely to be much smaller than this year's.

No assurance was given that the record sophomore class would escape heavy withdrawals, but most colleges reported that veterans are proving more determined than non-veterans. One state school forecasts that about two-thirds of its ex-GIs could be expected to graduate, including six out of seven present sophomores.

The nine reporting schools, in the order of their veteran rolls, were Oregon State college, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Vanport college, Pacific university, Willamette university, Linfield college, Reed college and Eastern Oregon college at LaGrande.

At the same time, a VA tally on length of entitlement remaining to enrolled ex-GIs disclosed that most students will be able to complete school with federally paid tuition and subsistence, but for a great many present sophomores it will be a "tight squeeze."

Entitlement for 32 per cent of

Wesley Slates Sunday Talks

"The University of Life," Wesley foundation's new Sunday evening youth program got underway Sunday evening with 74 persons attending the three discussion groups. Speakers for the initial evening of the eight-week series were: Dr. Edna Landros, head of the classics department, speaking on the "United Nations"; Dr. Paul B. Means, head of the department of religion, speaking on "The Beginnings of the Church"; and Glenn Griffith, instructor of music at Eugene high school, giving a background discussion for the course, "Religion in Music."

This Sunday evening, three more speakers will be guests of the University of Life. In the course, "We, The People," Dr. Paul Dull, assistant professor of political science, will speak on "China, and the Orient." In the course, "Methodism Has a Challenge," Dr. Quirinus Breen, associate professor of social science and history, will speak on "The Medieval Church." In the course, "Religion in Music," Mr. Dale Cooley, director of music at the Catholic church, will speak on the "Catholic Mass."

University students and college-age business people are invited to share in these discussion groups meeting each Sunday evening. A get-acquainted mixer is scheduled at 5 p.m.; a supper at 5:30; worship service at 6; and the discussion groups at 6:30 p.m.

those now receiving GI educational benefits will have expired by the end of 1949, and nearly 80 per cent by the close of 1950, the report showed.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

12 noon: Lutheran Student association council members Oregon picture. Lobby of Johnson hall.

7:15 p.m.: Lutheran leap-year party. Meet at the YWCA.

Ping Pong Contest To Begin at Y

The YMCA table tennis tournament featuring both house and individual competition will begin February 5, according to Frank Howatt, tournament director. Deadline for entries is February 3, he announced.

Entry fee will be 25 cents to cover cost of prizes and incidental expenses. Teams and individuals may register at the YMCA office.

Pairings will be posted at the Y and all games will be played there. Each house may enter two teams in addition to their individual entries.

Present holder of the house trophy is Sigma Alpha Mu. A cup will be presented to the winner again this year.

Oregon Mothers Meet

Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, dean of women, and Mrs. Howard Boyd will travel to Salem today to attend the state board meeting of University of Oregon Mothers. Mrs. Boyd is president of the organization.

Group Recreation Opens Tonight at Y

Tonight will mark the inauguration of YMCA Friday night open house. The affair will begin at 8 p.m. and will last until 11:30 p.m. There is no charge to students.

Features of the evening will include dancing, ping-pong, and pool facilities. Cards, checkers, and

chess boards will be available for game lovers, the committee has announced.

Refreshments will include soft drinks and cookies.

Bob MacLay is general chairman of the open house and is also heading the reception committee. Other committee heads are Bill Gardner, publicity; La Verne Huff, music and dancing; and Hal Ross, recreation and games.

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