

Wanted: Nice Warm Tent For Light Housekeeping

The \$5 board and room increase for dormitory space effective the first summer session of 1948 completely demolishes the old illusion that living in a dorm is cheaper than living in a fraternity or sorority. Sadly enough there doesn't seem to be anything dorm students can do except pay up, pledge, or look for a tree-house.

The state board of higher education felt forced to pass on the raise because of the increased cost of labor and food during the past year. The labor angle has become especially potent since the civil service took all state employees under its wing recently thereby cutting down the number of working hours from 44 to 40 a week and raising employees' wages. The obvious reasoning is that they have to eat too, even during inflationary times. However, this meant that the John Straub and veterans' dorm dining halls had to employ more help. More help means more money and so John Q. Student is asked to dig a little deeper and come up with \$62 a

month rather than the present \$57 and then pay his house dues.

Board bills in the Greek houses run between \$60 and \$62 a month and there is no contemplated increase according to Bresee-Warner, local accountants for affiliated groups. This is more understandable when one realizes that fraternities and sororities are not state institutions and therefore not bothered by the civil service employees problem. As long as they keep their membership up they can keep their house bills down.

Also, anyone who has compared the quantities of food served in the dorm dining halls readily see why rising food costs would hit the dorms harder. The dorms serve a large meal at both lunch and dinnertime, which is not the rule in the houses.

And so the noose settles snugly around the dormitory student's neck. Possibly he can gain some mental lift or prestige by knowing it is costing him more to live than his affiliated neighbor. More likely he will start haunting the war surplus sales looking for a swell tent. M.E.T.

Letter Writers Object to UMT; Call It Obsolete for Atomic Age

To the Editor:

Regarding the letter of Lieutenant Colonel Sheets in Wednesday's Emerald, he assumes that universal military training will provide security; therefore, anyone who is against UMT is against security. That is a fine basis upon which to argue, but it isn't true. Nor is it true, as he stated, that General Holdridge is against preparedness. He, along with many other of those "average veterans" for whom you claimed to speak, fails to see how UMT will provide security.

May I quote such a "pacifist" as the president of the Reserve Officers' association, Col. William Neblitt, air reserve. He wrote in an editorial in the December, 1947, Reserve Officer Magazine, "The professionals have no plan to meet the menace of these frightful weapons. Instead of going to congress with a plan for national security, our military leaders seem to be in disorganized retreat from the problem of peacetime preparedness presented by the atomic bomb, radioactive dust, and bacteriological warfare. They do have some vague idea that UMT would meet the emergency presented by these weapons. They have pinned all their hopes on UMT. The fright campaign which our military leaders are making to obtain UMT is not well founded."

Nor is this all. Our highest military leaders, in testifying for UMT, have made the following statements: It would take at least six months to mobilize the reserves; population, manufacturing, and transportation centers would be the chief targets in a lightning war; the war would be decided within 60 days after it began.

When confronted by these statements from their own side, proponents of UMT provide no explanation for them, but fall back and parrot their previous arguments. They should be told that repetition of an argument does not increase its validity.

The colonel speaks fondly of "marshaling and maneuvering a unified army should the need for one arise." Exactly what benefit would the nation derive from mobilizing men several months after the war was over, when many transportation centers would have been crippled? It still resolves to the fact that only with a well-trained professional force can security and retaliatory power be maintained.

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To The Editor:

I would like to draw to Lieutenant Colonel Sheets's attention and to anyone else's who might be interested, that his arguments presented in the January 28 issue of the Emerald were excellent ones for a strong and well-organized voluntary reserve organization which can be immediately and effectively activated. However, I fail to see the necessity of enacting anything so drastic as compulsory military training. If the armed services can't get enough volunteers for their regular and reserve forces for any emergency, then there must be something inherently wrong. I should like to present the

following arguments for a strong voluntary reserve organization and against any form of compulsory military training:

1. Our country is faced with three possible situations in the near future. They are:

- Peace
- War of the atomic bomb, guided missile, and bacterial types of mass annihilation
- War essentially as we knew it in World War II

If we have peace, our problems will be of an internal economic nature. Certainly UMT can't help us in this situation.

If we have war of the atomic bomb type, it will no doubt mean near total suicide for both sides. We won't even have time to get all of the regulars out of their sacks let alone mobilize thousands of peacetime trainees.

If another country who also possessed atomic bombs, guided missiles, and germs should remember that we too have them, they might not wish to start a war of this type because they would know that they couldn't get all of our arsenals at once and would thus run the chance of being annihilated themselves. They might, however, decide that they could invade us without our using atom bombs against them because we knew they had them too—a vicious circle somewhat like the poison gas situation of World War II.

(2) The major reason we defeated the enemy in the last two wars was because of our tremendous productive capacity. Our efforts therefore should be directed toward those goals rather than towards a massive armed force which would sap our internal economic strength.

(3) The largest armed force in the world would not prevent such a fiasco as occurred at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

(4) From my own experience and through talking to other veterans, I am led to believe that it was not what we learned in basic training or boot camp, but it was the cooperation we learned from our school mates, the mechanical knacks we learned from our jalopies, and the many other things we learned as civilians which aided us the most in our particular job in the service.

(5) No country in history which practiced peacetime military conscription ever succeeded completely in peace or war. Consider the fates of Sparta and Rome, of Germany and Japan.

(6) Why should we believe that the United States of America would be any better a place to live under a militaristic government which would certainly evolve out of any such program as UMT than Germany was under Hitler?

(7) I am sure that if a little of the unnecessary "H" igh "S" tandards were removed from the armed forces and their social standards were brought up to date, there would be a sufficient number of volunteers to maintain an adequate regular and reserve force.

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Everybody Gets Along Just Peachy at Oregon

By BETTY ANN STEVENS

The following item should be for the blonde Gamma Phi who writes the who-is-with-what column, but this columnist found it first. All mine.

Way last spring, in the SDX edition of the Emerald when "sprig terb" politics were in full blast, Filler Editor T. Berton Moore wrote, "All black Parker pens look alike," and "Stan Williamson and Howard Lemons are very good friends," among other incredible bits. While there have been a few doubts expressed as to the validity of the former statement, the latter is unquestionably true.

Playing escort at the Senior ball to S., pinnee, the ever-efervescent Maggie Harrison, was H. Stan and Howard are such bosomy friends that the independent member of the student body cabinet has been subbing for the prez., on weekends while he has been away chalking up baskets.

This is significant in extreme. If ASA-ISA teeth-baring at Oregon can be transformed into a pearly smile, there seems to be no reason at all why the Americans and Russki's can't waltz in harmony. A likely thesis topic.

Joe Gurley, who would stamp on the foot of any Russian presuming to waltz with him, is deep in economic cycles and their relation to sun spots. (Thesis research sometimes is uncovered in devious paths.) He has been wondering if the "Gypsy" palmist out on Highway 99 might be able to throw some light. A talented soul, she is able to determine the GPA of seekers-after-the-truth, by the manner in which they clench their fists. This is according to Hank Volk.

Sacrelegious note: At a local theater, where the loges are pleasantly overstuffed blocks of comfort, a materialist paused reverently and genuflected before settling himself beside his date. And it wasn't during the chapel scene of "Green Dolphin Street."

Items From Roundabout

By BOB REED

The student who scribbles something and then wants the professor to tell him what he wrote reminds us somewhat of the statesman, tuning in on the radio commentators to see if he said what he said in his last speech.

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Society and etiquet experts point out it is polite for the man to alight from a public conveyance first. Thus, if the lady slips, the gentleman not only can break her fall but is freed from any suspicion of having pushed her.

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A California woman complains her husband thought more of his car than he did of her, "And a 1937 model, too." It is hard to decide the justice of this case, however, without knowing the model of the wife.

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Henry Morgan has a new sponsor, a shampoo company. This will be a new experience for the comedian, who has ordinarily been in his sponsor's hair, instead of vice versa.

Don's Disc Data

I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER has arrived — you know it! You might be surprised by the age of that tune.

FOUR-LEAF CLOVER hit its stride in 1919. The 88th Division (Infantry), with a four-leaf clover as insignia, was in Gondrecourt, France, waiting for the ship home. Nothing to do... an inspiration... an army mess hall... and the biggest musicale in the E.T.O.

Hit of the show was I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER. Also from the same production were MY CLOVER-LEAF GIRL and WHO CAN TELL. We can end that story by saying, yes, who can tell?

Records to look for:

1—NOW IS THE HOUR (Capitol 15024) vocal Maggie Whiting, Frank DeVolorch. Another resurrection. This came from Australia, by way of England and its ambassador of song, Gracie Fields. It's a Maori love song, sweet and simple... clean arrangement... lots of sincerity. If you want to dream—Buy It!

2—I'LL NEVER SAY I LOVE YOU (Columbia 38061) Horace Heidt orch, vocal—and get this—The Masked Spooner. Two reasons for this listing. First, this is the first waxing for Horace after an absence of three years... which gave him time to make money in California real estate. Second, the hidden talents of a gas company testimonial by the Masked Spooner. Listen to him run through his true love story—ugh!

3—IT ALL CAME TRUE (Columbia 37966) Frank Sinatra, Alvy West and his Little Band. Not enough imagination or feeling for Sinatra. This was cut during his "tired and am getting a cold" spell. Watch Alvy. Six well-trained musicians with the feeling for doing great things. The coming tune: Mel Torme's COUNTY FAIR.

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