

## General Clay Retires from Army



GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, second from right, shakes hand with Gen. Omar Bradley, army chief of staff, as he leaves his quarters at Fort Myer at Washington, D. C., on retirement from the army. Acting Army Secretary Gordon Gray is at left and Mrs. Clay at right. Clay, just returned from Berlin where he ran the show for the U. S. army, is going to his Georgia home. (AP Wirephoto)

## Professors Object to Lawn Classes

Why hold classes in a hot and stuffy room when we could go out on the grass and absorb sunshine as well as knowledge?

This is the plaintive cry of the student every year when spring arrives. The green trees, the bright flowers, the lazy atmosphere and eight preceding months of school all add up to a bad case of spring fever on the University of Oregon campus.

Students feel that as long as they have consented to be subjected to lectures, and have attempted to study for unusually ill-timed tests, it is asking too much when they have to miss enjoyable sunny days by sitting in classrooms.

"I'm in favor of classes on the lawn because of the healthful, relaxing qualities of the sun, and because I'm having a hell of a time getting my face tan," is a typical Oregon student opinion.

### Professors Object

And now, the college professor has the chance to give his opinion and, on the average, it doesn't look too good for the student.

In a small survey which was impartial, comprehensive, and everything else a good poll is supposed to be, most of the instructors and professors interviewed couldn't see any advantage in lawn classes, or else said that they were alright—for some other person.

Following are some of the comments and attitudes which a few of the professors and instructors interviewed have toward this world shaking question.

T. F. Mundle, instructor in English, said:

### Idea Good

"I think classes on the lawn a

very excellent idea, but I never put into practice my excellent ideas. Its a very good thing for some other professor to do, but not me."

S. N. Dicken, head of geology and geography department, said, "Lawn classes would be pleasant, but not very applicable."

The instructor who is currently trying to bang into sophomore ROTC students the mysterious workings of the 30 caliber heavy machine gun, Sgt. R. E. Wolford, thinks it is a good idea, except for one thing.

### Tough Haul

"It's a purely selfish reason," Sgt. Wolford said, "but I'd hate to have to cart those machine guns out on the grass every day. It's bad enough to take them from the supply room to the classroom."

Looking at the problem psychologically, it is purely an escapist attitude, according to Lester Beck, associate professor of psychology. There is nothing to be gained except a slight novelty, Beck said.

### Schleicher Agrees Partly

C. P. Schleicher, professor of political science, seems to agree with the students, after a fashion.

"After all," Schleicher pointed out, "as far as nature is concerned, with the birds chirping and the enjoyable scenes on the campus, I think it is better to have pure wind outside, than impure wind inside, at least as far as my classes are concerned."

Concerning distractions out on the lawn, R. R. Huestis, professor of zoology, thinks that bugs and flies biting unsuspecting students might serve to keep them awake.

Radio and lawn classes don't mix, according to Bob Davy, instructor

in speech, who said:

"I don't think that microphone technique could be taught very well on the cool, green grass with the pioneer father as an audience."

### Good for Small Groups

F. P. Sipe, associate professor of botany, wouldn't do it himself, but thinks that lawn classes are a good idea for small groups. It is his opinion that there is less danger of students falling asleep on the lawn than in a hot, stuffy classroom.

V. P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration said:

"I don't care what other professors do, but I prefer to stay indoors. I think there are fewer distractions, and students can concentrate upon the lecture better."

Morris added that he has seen more classes out on the lawn during this year than any other year.

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## Split Verdict Awards \$175 to Plaintiff in Libel Action

A split verdict by the jury awarded Jack L. Hoffman \$175 damages for libel, but dismissed the second charge brought against David R. Williams last night in Judge Orlando Hollis' court.

The dismissed charge was interference with plaintiff's contractual relations by the defendant.

The jury returned to the courtroom for further instructions from the bench after deliberating the case; then, after retiring to the jury room a second time, came in with the split verdict.

The suit was brought as the result of damage to Hoffman's personal reputation caused by a note which Williams wrote to a classmate on May 4, 1949.

The plaintiff alleged that the note was not only detrimental to his personal reputation, but that it was the cause of the termination of a professional agreement with Gunther Krause, Portland lawyer. The agreement provided for Hoffman's entry into a law firm with Krause.

The defendant's reply to the charges admitted authorship of the note, but denied malicious intent and claimed that it was written "for a very good purpose." The note, said Williams on the witness stand, was in answer to information requested by Donald Krause, son of the Portland attorney.

Witnesses for the plaintiff were Edward C. Harms, 2374 Patterson Dr., and Donald G. Krause, 738 E. 12th street. Both are third-year law students, and classmates of both litigants.

Harms found the note in question in the law school, and said he interpreted it as a "slur on Hoffman's character."

Krause admitted on the witness stand that the agreement between his father and the plaintiff was terminated as a result of the note

being brought to the Portland lawyer's attention.

Witnesses for the defendant were Richard E. Eismann, 1315 E. 13th street, and Frederic Starkweather, Jr., 2256 Patterson Dr. They also are third-year law students.

Starkweather testified that he had originally discussed with the defendant information that Hoffman was convicted of passing bad checks during the war. The charges were dropped, however, when the checks were made good. Starkweather said he got the information from his brother, who is assistant United States attorney on Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, where Hoffman was found guilty.

Eismann said he was interested in the charges against Hoffman, because the reputation of each law school student and graduate reflects on the reputation of all the rest.

One member of the jury panel, Mrs. Walter K. Rodman, was dismissed from duty when counsel for the defendant exercised its first peremptory challenge. Miss Barbara L. Squires was then called, and accepted.

Attorneys for the plaintiff were Heisel, Jones and Ouellette. Attorneys for the defendant were Carney and Carney.

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Noon Thursday—Order of the O will meet—Spring sports letter winners requested to attend.

4:00 Thursday—Deseret club meeting for all LDS University students—room 20 Friendly.

6:00 Thursday—Potluck dinner—Westminster house.

6:30 Thursday—WAA Initiation—Gerlinger.