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Colleges From Coast to Coast

War Conditions Result in Falling Grades

While University of Oregon students are finally forgetting about fall term grades, the University of Oklahoma reports that uncertain conditions in the world have resulted in poor morale and low grades on that campus.

Forty-six per cent of the students came through with grades of "D" or "F" for the mid-semester. Even the girls are jittery, declared the university's counselor of women.

Withdrawals to join the armed forces have numbered 86 from the beginning of fall quarter to Dec. 1. In an attempt to stem the tide, the dean of admissions and records argued that the army wants college-trained men.

The student attitude on this subject can be summed up by the remark of a graduating senior: "It took me 22 years to grow this blood. I don't want to lose it in one hour in Korea."

Sharing the news with Korea at West Virginia University is a controversy over majorettes at basketball games. The AWS has squelched a plan to have a majorette appear during halftime, saying "these appearances would

not be in accordance with standards which have always been maintained by University women."

Women at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., found themselves in a hot situation last week. Eager to try out the swimming pool after the installation of a new boiler, the girls dived in and came up screaming. The temperature had been set at 110 degrees by mistake.

Higher education is in hot water at Appalachian State Teachers College. The Appalachian student newspaper, has declared, "The school system in the United States is a mass production assembly line for gridiron greats and cross-country runners, seven-foot high basketballers, swimmers, wrestlers, and baseball stars."

And the Hawk, newspaper of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, complained recently that "one of the most disheartening features of college life today is the steady decline in the study of Greek and Latin classics . . . genuine culture is in danger of disappearing completely from the American scene."

From Congressman Velde (R., Ill.) have come charges that the University of Chicago is a "hotbed of communism."

Communist propaganda, he said, is being issued from that university and distributed to other schools such as Northwestern and Illinois.

Letters The Campus Answers

Expand Emerald Deliveries
Emerald Editor:

I am not fully acquainted with distribution policies of the Emerald, but I am wondering if it is possible to have the Emerald delivered to the various University family housing projects.

Naturally, as a resident of the University Trailer Houses, I am most concerned about them. The project consists of 55 units, whose membership should be roughly equivalent to the membership of some of the living organizations where the Emerald is now delivered. The telephone booth in the center of the project would be a convenient location for daily delivery.

Many of us on different occasions have had the sad experience of trying to obtain a copy either at the Co-op or at the Student Union, only to find that all copies had already been taken.

Charles L. Diener

The Second Cup

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much of life so. Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something—Thoreau.

The memory of the recent arrival of the new year coupled with the reopening of the near-campus drinkeries calls for a few choice comments on the art and evil of drinking:

Drink today, and drown all sorrows; You shall perhaps not do it tomorrow—John Fletcher.

Water is the only drink for a wise man—Thoreau.

We Want the Facts About Korea

What's the true story about Korea? Are you and I being told the facts—or are the facts being colored?

We wonder about such things as—

The charges recently levelled by Columnist Drew Pearson against General MacArthur concerning false estimates of Red Chinese manpower in Korea.

We wonder even more about the lack of a denial. On the contrary—the Army has indirectly confirmed it.

MacArthur, it seems, estimated that there were more than 1,000,000 Chinese in Korea on Dec. 4.

That's what the public was told, too. At that time the "home by Christmas" pronouncement was quickly withdrawn.

But Pearson claims that "if intelligence is correct, Chinese manpower in Korea was only 285,000 (altogether, including reserves) plus 150,000 North Koreans." He claims the information comes from secret messages sent from Tokyo to Washington.

Has anyone attempted to prove Pearson wrong?

On the contrary—

The army in Washington, according to a report four days ago, announced that Pearson was quoting from secret messages with authorization when he cited intelligence reports contradicting MacArthur's estimate.

Thus, by direct implication, the army concedes that Pearson did obtain his information from valid secret intelligence reports.

We are not concerned whether Pearson did so without authorization, though we wonder whether this whole affair has anything to do with the recent strict censorship of news recently clamped on by the Eighth Army in Korea.

The report is substantially true—or at least all present evidence points in that direction.

If it is—then why aren't you and I being told? Why were the true facts concealed in this country? Pearson says they are not being concealed in the European press.

If the doughboys and the rest of the U. N. in Korea are getting a solid thrashing even though they are NOT vastly outnumbered as reported—then we want to know it.

Yes—we want to know the true story of the Korean catastrophe.

And we want to know why.—T.K.

The Man Behind the Lectures

The Condon lectures are for those of us who know Thomas Condon only as the man after whom Condon Hall, the Condon Oaks, and the Condon lectures are named.

And for those who don't even know that much about Condon.

Dr. Condon was an early Oregon geologist, who first made considerable geological research into the Eastern Oregon country. This research, as is much other research, was paid for by the layman—and the State Board of Higher Education felt that the results of research should be made known to the man who pays for it.

So, once every year, the State Board presents a lecturer, usually a well-known expert in a particular field, who reports on scientific research in such a manner and in such language that we, who have never been fascinated by the scientists of Deady and McClure, can understand scientific research.

The lecturer talks at OSC, at the University, and in Portland—all expenses handled by the State Board.

This year the Condon lecturer is Dr. Perry Byerly. He'll be in the Student Union to talk Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 on Pacific Coast earthquakes.—D.S.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

goes today to J. Van Dyke, Medford attorney, who has been appointed to the State Board of Higher Education by the Oregon Senate. He was speaker of the House of Representatives several years ago.



Sky's The Limit

A Belief to Bridge The Gap in Our Faith

By Sam Fidman

Tons of paper and oceans of ink have been expended, especially within the last year, in an effort to explain to Americans just what it is that is missing in our ideological engine.

There have been scores of answers, approaching what seems to be the problem, from almost every conceivable angle. But none of them has gone far enough to satisfy the gap in American faith.

For example, there is the appeal that claims what America needs is a return to religion. Well, it doesn't seem, if religion is what religion is supposed to be, that millions can turn to it for what they need simply by saying "I'm going to be religious." That would be likened to a New Year's resolution.

Religion implies a spiritual reaction; that is something you must feel within, in order to react physically. And, it would seem that the religious system has failed to keep abreast of the times. The best evidence of that is the fact that many millions of Americans pay no more than lip service to religion, and religion is not going to get those millions back into the spiritual fold merely by beckoning with a come hither motion.

The real trouble, the basic cause of our ideological frustration is caused by the seeming successes of communism, that scavenger that feeds itself on the shortcomings of democracy. The appeal of communism is greatly enhanced by the fact that it offers to the masses an embodiment of all the things that democracy for one reason or another, has left to stagnate in the trash can.

If American faith in American ideals is so weak as to falter in the face of military reverses, a time when the strength of ideals should come to the foreground, then what is needed is a renaissance of belief in ourselves.

A powerful light that tries to diffuse its rays over a vast area loses its brilliance. If that light glows unfalteringly in a dark world, the people in the darkness will see it, and come to it for warmth and escape from the darkness.

Then, we need to bolster our system where it is weak, and we will not have to "sell democracy" with a prayer that its failings on the American scene are not detected. We need confidence in our product; but then, among other things, tolerance cannot be taught in the classroom.

It Could Be Oregon



"Did I get an 'A' outa this course?—Did I get a 'B'?—A 'C'?—A 'D'?—Flunked it huh."