

Vets Swell Spring Term Registration

1-1 Ratio Seen In Registrar's Early Figures

Ratios of the prewar variety are indicated by early spring registration figures released from the office of Registrar Harold B. Jory. Totals yesterday morning showed 647 registrants with 319 men as regularly enrolled students and 314 women in the same divisions. Majority of the new entrants are veterans with more expected during the week, says Jory.

Breakdown of the figures shows a predominance of men in the freshman and senior classes of the College of Liberal Arts. Freshmen number 165 to 136 women and senior men hold a 27-25 margin. Sophomore men number 54 while women outnumber them with 91. Women hold a smaller majority in the junior class, numbering 36 to 27.

In the College of Music the senior class has three men and a lone woman. Junior musicians include one man and six women, while sophomore aspirants number three men and six women. In the first year of their music school education are 11 women and three men.

College of Law students signed this semester are 28, a substantial increase over the 18 enrolled last term. To meet the increasing enrollment the school has added four part-time instructors to its staff.

New students will undergo physical examinations next Tau fraternity will begin Friday week and complete psychological tests on Wednesday. English placement exams are being finished this week. A freshman scholarship chapel is scheduled for today, and tomorrow's chapel will be in the form of a welcome to new students. Regular chapels will begin Monday when Pres. G. Herbert Smith is the speaker.

New men are being housed at Alpha hall, Laurel hall, YMCA and private homes, with Jory asking aid in locating additional housing for anticipated men students. Social hostess at Alpha hall is Mrs. Minnie A. Glessner, and Dr. Ralph McCoy is acting as adviser at Laurel hall. Mrs. McCoy will arrive in Salem next month and will then serve as social hostess there.

Wednesday Set as Wallulah Photo Deadline for Enrollees

All students newly registered this semester are to report to Josten-Miller studios in Miller's department store to have their pictures taken by Wednesday of next week. This includes both men and women enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and in the law and music schools.

Portraits are provided for by the purchase of a student body ticket and no charge is made. If pictures are ordered from these prints, students are allowed a 10 per cent reduction in price. The portraits are the ones which

Wicks Heads 'Cat Cavern

Clarence Wicks, new manager of the 'Cat Cavern, announced this week that hours for the Cavern will be from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and possibly from 7:30 to 9 in the evening if sufficient help can be obtained. It will also be open from 8 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

A new pastry case has been obtained and painted and is awaiting cakes, pies and cookies which will be added very soon. The Cavern also has added glassware and cups and saucers. Sandwiches may be served in the future if there is enough demand but there will be no cooked dishes.

Robert W. Fenix, university business manager, said that a new refrigerator will be obtained before long and decorations will soon brighten the Waller hang-

New Student Body Card Price Faces Vote

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State Tourneys Attract Hoop, Speech Teams to WU Campus

The 27th annual Oregon high school basketball tournament roars on today, packing Willamette's gymnasium from 8:45 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. with enthusiastic high school rooters representing the sixteen district champions. Tomorrow more students arrive to take part in two speech tournaments on the campus.

Particular hoop attention centers on tournament-wise Astoria and Salem, each making their 23rd tournament appearance and each bidding for their seventh state championship. Newcomers to WU's floor are Roosevelt and Central Catholic of Portland.

Other vying teams are Eugene, Hillsboro, Marshfield, McMinnville, Baker, Oregon City, Washington (last year's winner), The Dalles, Lebanon, Medford, Bend, and Rainier.

Carl Kligel, Paul Warren, Hal Eustis, and Emil Piluso will divide official duties between them with Piluso and Warren handling the crucial final tussle Saturday evening. Willamette's newly-sanded and varnished floor provide basis for smooth sailing for the district toppers.

Les Sparks juggles the complicated administrative details with an experienced hand born of years of coaching, refereeing, and timing at the annual classic. Gil Leiser, university publicity director, turned out the 32-page program. Members of the Women's Recreation Association and Beta Alpha Gamma are assisting with the check room.

Playing host to the twelfth annual high school speech tournament tomorrow and Saturday, Willamette forensics students

will judge the tournament which will consist of contests in debate, oratory, extemp, serious and humorous interpretation. Oregon high schools registered for the event are Washington of Portland, Dallas, Salem, Roseburg, Springfield, Grants Pass, Sheridan, Medford, Eugene, Corvallis, Hillsboro, Oregon City, McMinnville, Vernonia and Beaverton.

The two-day schedule of contests will begin in the music hall auditorium, headquarters for

New Theory, Organ Prof Begins Duties

Joseph Schnelker, who comes to Willamette from Central college at Pella, Iowa, has been appointed as associate professor of theory and organ and assumes his duties with the beginning of this semester, announces Dean Melvin H. Geist of the university music school.

Geist interviewed applicants for the position while in the east last month for the annual conference of the National Association of Music Schools. The post was vacated by Lewis Pankaskie when he went into Red Cross rehabilitation work at the beginning of last summer.

Schnelker received his B.M. degree from Oberlin college and his M.M. degree from the University of Michigan after taking graduate work at the Juilliard school of music in New York City. Before going to Central college he held positions as organist and choir director with several large churches in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Detroit and Cleveland.

In addition to instructing in the university Schnelker will serve as organist for the First Methodist church. He will begin his work there on Sunday.

Geist, who is the regional vice-president of the NAMS, music accrediting agency and delegate of the northwest conference, presented his report of examination of the Whitman college conservatory of music at the conference in Detroit. The curriculum committee of the association will consider the report.

the tournament, at 8:00 a. m. tomorrow when all participants must report. At 8:20 will be round one of serious and humorous interpretation and a draw for extempore topics. Round one for extempore and oratory contests will be held at 9:20. A draw for extempore topics and round two of interpretation will take place at 10:20 after which extempore and oratory contests will follow at 11:20. After lunch the first four debate contests will be held from 1:30 until 6.

From 8:00 a. m. until 10 the semifinal debates will be held on Saturday. Finals in interpretation and a draw for extempore will be at 10:15 after which will come finals in oratory at 11:15. At one and 1:30 the results of the contests will be announced.

Since enrollment is much heavier than in previous years, many Willamette students are needed to assist in judging, timing and playing host to the high school students participating in the contests.

Also to be held on Willamette's campus tomorrow evening is the fifth contest in the state contest series, the Old Line Oratory contest. The contest was started over 50 years ago on this campus which makes it the oldest oratory contest in the northwest.

Representing Willamette in the women's contest at 7 p. m. is Vinita Howard, while Marion Edwards will participate in the men's contest at 8:15. Other schools sending representatives are University of Oregon, Linfield, Pacific University, Pacific College, University of Portland and Oregon State College.

WU Confers Top Degree

Eight Willamette students received degrees at the formal convocation exercises held Tuesday in Waller chapel. Speaker for the program was Amy Burnhan Orken, national president of Panhellenic council, who was given an honorary degree as doctor of laws by the university.

Miss Orken is national president of Pi Beta Phi and was honored by the campus chapter during her stay in Salem.

Receiving bachelor of arts degrees were Virginia Barber, Frances DeLancy, Gilbert Kister, Irving Miller and Juanita Moe. Elizabeth Nicholson received a degree in public school music. Degrees were conferred in absentia to Frank Herrick and Jack Hedgecock.

"Farewell Willamette" was sung for the class by Mrs. Betty Jory Nicholson following the conferring of degrees by Dr. G. Herbert Smith.

Tuesday's convocation ceremony was the last in a series of semesterly graduations since the accelerated program at Willamette began in 1942.

This Week's Abnormal

Combined elements of registration, budgets, and first period classes convinced staff members of the need for a four page paper. However, with more normal conditions returning next week, the regular eight page Collegian will go to press.

Classes Elect New Officers Next Friday

First issue to come before students via ballot box this semester is the \$5 hike in ASWU membership costs proposed for next year and outlined in yesterday's chapel. The increase will be put to vote on Tuesday and balloting for new class officers for the semester will start Friday.

The increase in student body funds, though not going into effect until the fall semester, must be decided upon before next Wednesday's 1946-47 catalog deadline. More information on the issue will be found on page three and on the sport page today.

Substance of the proposal is the turning over of financial responsibility for all athletics to the university at the cost to the student body of \$5 per member. The increased percentage of present funds thus necessary for athletics would cut out other student activities to such an extent that only alternatives to raising the membership cost would be elimination of a large portion of the activities now carried on in the student program. The increase will permit needed expansion of activities which have in recent years been more and more cramped by skimpy budgets.

Voting on the proposal will take place at the polls in Eaton hall Tuesday. Student body tickets must be presented to vote, and hours for balloting are from 9:30 to 11:30 and from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

All nominations for the new semester's class officers must be turned in to the student body office Tuesday at 4:00, announces Jan Patterson, ASWU vice president in charge of elections. Present officers are to announce time and place of class nomination meetings in tomorrow's student chapel.

SOS Issued

Increasing shortages of materials have not slackened on the book-front, and a special plea has been issued by Mrs. Delsia Larson, manager of the book store, for anyone possessing copies of the following texts, not in use, to make arrangements with her for resale: Culler's Creative Religious Literature, Perkin's Development of European Civilization, Cross' A Shorter History of England and Great Britain, Cohen's Milestones of the Drama and Mould's Bible History.

Fraternities Open Rushing

Open and unlimited rushing by the three campus fraternities will begin March 25 according to the decision reached by the interfraternity council Tuesday afternoon. No date for close of the rush period has been set.

The council's action was another step in the direction of full reactivation of the campus organizations which was begun in the fall with limited pledging allowed during the first semester. Fraternities will not have pledge quotas this semester but may take as many pledges as their activities permit.

The three campus fraternities, Alpha Psi Delta, Kappa Gamma Rho and Sigma Tau, inactive during war years, also decided through the council to put the fraternity scholarship cup into circulation again with the fraternity having the highest grade average winning it each semester.

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At It Again

We're back on the campus now—from a brief week's vacation after finishing up semester exams or from a more extended interruption of studies enforced by a thing called war. And we're just beginning—a new semester, a new college course or making a new beginning on that interrupted education. There's a clean slate which couldn't have been much disfigured by two days of classes. The record that's chalked up there this semester will depend, true, on a good beginning, but even more important is a strong and consistent follow through. Success comes if we get at the job and keep at it.

An old proverb informs us that a journey cannot be completed until one has taken the first step. Experience warns us, too, that we'd better keep on step by step—stay at it.

On The Beam

The really sizzling topic right now for vet and non-vet students, educators, in fact all Oregonians, is the proposed Klamath Falls educational program. Ask a vet what he thinks about the marine barracks as a veteran's school for undergraduate students; and you are apt to stir up some rather pointed as well as picturesque comment. Typical line of thought seems to run something like this: *Deliver me from any more barracks life! What, no co-eds, why do they think we enrolled in college? What, no ivy-covered halls of learning? No more pioneering for us—we've established too many beachheads! Why didn't these men high in state and educational politics use a little foresight and PLAN for the long foreseen bloating of college enrollment by the benefits of the GI Bill. So GI-Joe becomes the fall guy?* . . . and ad infinitum . . .

Down at U of O, Ted Hallock, a vet himself, rails at these last minute plans and suggests that "too many fresh, clean, high school graduates, with dad's money," are possibly the root of the trouble. Looking at Klamath Falls as somewhat on the order of a concentration camp, he proposes a system of student "banishment" to Klamath in this order: (1) Undergraduate non-veterans; (2) Upper Division non-veterans; (3) Undergrad vets; (4) Upper Division vets. There should be no exceptions among the non-vets because of married status . . . Let those who, though without blame, assumed the norm throughout war years, be the first to discover that the norm no longer exists. Do not give that task to the veteran, who has lived with the abnormal for the past five years."

We admire the fine emotional tone of the appeal, we agree with many of the legitimate gripes: but we wonder if possibly these vets are not only looking for trouble, but are also weighted down by that well-known chip in their collective shoulder. Undoubtedly this plan was proposed in good faith.

If the idea of a campus with modern theatres, swimming pools, marvelous hospital facilities (ideal for those vets in need of constant medical care), and opportunity for limitless sports, is completely against veteran's wishes, perhaps some arrangement for non-vet students can be arranged. Oregon is a fast growing state and certainly a junior college would have become necessary in due course of time. Personally we feel that giving veterans preference would solve the pressing problem posed by the 17-year-old kids who left high school sans diploma, to enlist, and returned—grown men, loathe to go back to public school, and still not quite ready for college.

We have no reason to believe that enrollment would be limited to men or vets, nor is it remotely possible that the semi-permanent barracks, would NOT be converted to dormitory and other acceptable college housing.

Let's give it a chance—what do you say?

Collegian Features

Ten Tournamites Expect Return to Normal After Nerve-Wracking Meet at Linfield

Last week some of the more avid devotees of that Rahe of sunshine made the supreme sacrifice of giving up three days of spring vacation in order to attend the Linfield speech tourney. Of course, you all know what a speech tourney is. You don't? Well, come to think of it, neither do we. Fooled you, didn't we? You thought we were going to make a joke. One unknown scholar (lucky fellow) has made the profound statement that a speech tourney is a place where students gather to discuss things they don't understand, meet people they won't remember, and win trophies they can't keep. (This is one man's opinion and does not necessarily represent the view of the writer.)

"Mister Toastmaster, and fellow tournamites, I am here to undress you—that is, address you on the topic of . . ." and so on into the night. Everybody kept everybody else entertained so that it was difficult to tell who was going out for serious speech and who was going out for that of the humorous variety, or who was just going out—of his mind.

Introducing . . .

Bwong! A sterling representative of the new vets on the campus is Charles (Chris) Crecelius, who began his college career Monday the hard way, in the old army game, "sweatin' out the lines." How did he feel about Willamette? "We-ary!" with a sigh from the bottom of his tall, lean frame.

Interspersed with comments, sallies, and jokes—son—jokes, from roomie Dick Andrews, another newcomer, Chris obligingly talked, sang, and laughed to make good copy—promised at \$10 if he can find a backer. His talk with a twinge of home-state Indiana atmosphere was good enough, but his singing . . . That's all. The man can croon!

His singing debut was begun at an army air corps talent show, and ever since he's been sitting in with bands making like Frankie with his made-to-order baritone voice. Most fun was singing in night clubs in Brussels, Belgium, but now he'll be content with a good spot on the radio. Chris is also a Krupa disciple and beats on the trap drums like mad. "Just a hobby," he said modestly, juggling a record player and his own platters.

After serving as a pilot in the air corps with 41 bombing missions to his credit, he still likes to fly better than anything else. A far away look came into his bloodshot, er, blue eyes, and he muttered about "it's another world." And perhaps dreaming about France, his old stamping grounds. "Oui oui" (we we) is still his favorite expression.

In the meantime he'll make records for his gal, practice bending low over a mike—now he hasn't enough strength—and continue moaning blissfully a la Sinatra "Full Nev-uh Smile Again . . ." and we'll race ya to pick up the fainting females.



JUST PLAIN BULL



Thank Caesar's ghost registration is finally over. Was beginning to see long lines of humans in my sleep. It's funny though, how you can get acquainted with your fellow students after being merrily squashed together for 2 or 3 hours at a time.

It was good to find a few familiar faces beaming away in that vast ocean of dramatis personae that filled the library. A few of those present were "Marvelous Marv" Goodman, Ted Ogdahl, Rex Hardy, and "Hello, Hello, Hello" Con Pavlock.

Seeing all these vets around the campus brings to mind parts of Max Shulman's newest book, "The Zebra Derby." In said book, Asa Hearthrug, of B.B.W.C.* fame, return once again to the University of Minnesota. Asa, the lucky fruit, gets his tuition paid and \$65 a month with which to live as hilariously as he wishes.

But, when Asa disembarks at the University, is he allowed to return peacefully to his old haunts, to fit himself into the new civilization, to find his cubicle in the modern era?—NO! And in his frustrated efforts to pick up again the flaming torch of knowledge he comes into contact with Max Ivy-covered, one of the staff of veterans' program advisers. This meeting results in a fast friendship. What Asa went through was rough—the main idea was something like this—

*"Barefoot Boy With Cheek"

Impromptu is a lovely type of speech contest to enter. One is given a topic and is required to speak on that same topic. He is given one whole minute to correlate his thinking to present a reasonable speech of five minutes. Corky Engdahl was more enthusiastic than most. Corky talked for five minutes. Corky talked for six minutes. Corky talked for seven—eight—nine—ten minutes. "Stop! Stop!" screamed the judge, but Corky, determined, went right on and won second place.

The after dinner speeches were so hilarious in the men's section that Benny the Mosher and his cohorts threw pennies to each other, thus "coining every word."

Margaret Allen dedicated herself to helping those in need—namely "Granny" Lane. "Granny" had to be helped up the steps, down the steps—said M. Allen to A. Lane, "Don't stare up the steps; step up the stairs." Addyse had a twisted back during the tournament. No, it didn't come from riding over with Roger Fogelquist!

But throughout the meet, by far the most outstanding were the students on the grounds pacing back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth (monotonous isn't it?) and mumbling incoherently.

"Free trade as defined by the AMBO (another bureau founded by the makers of Lifebuoy) is free trade among . . . sewing circles and poker clubs . . . this of course is subject to the rules of the . . . American Society of Professional Inebriates . . . but, in time this shall be outlawed because . . . it is better to get something than nothing or everything for something . . . is that point clear?"

By this time we were completely confused. So, taking heed of one of the speeches, "Stop and meditate. No, on second thought, perhaps we'd better stop. It's too late to meditate now."

G. H. Schwalen Is a Calm Man

G. H. Schwalen is a calm man. As head custodian of Willamette University, he has to be a calm man. Getting ready for a huge basketball brawl is nothing to a man of his calibre. Waxing floors and stairs and oiling down desks during vacation is no hardship to such impenetrable calm.

G. H. Schwalen calmly stepped out into the driving rainstorm to his car after a hard day's work. It was not there. He looked several times. It was not there several times.

G. H. Schwalen calmly walked into Waller and called the police. Then he returned to the scene of the crime to find the car pulling in with an unidentified man at the wheel.

"I had to get to the gym and it was raining," he said simply.

G. H. Schwalen is a calm man, BUT.

"I'm Asa Hearthrug," I said, "and I've come to you for advice."

"Well," Mr. Ivycovered sighed, "I suppose we might as well get right to work on this nasty problem. How do they expect us to fit you back into college life? You come back from the battlefields brutalized, narrow-eyed killers . . . You're impatient with the cloistered atmosphere of academic life."

"To the contrary, sir," I replied, "I . . . Shut up when I'm talking," he said kindly. "We've got to let you go to school, Hearthrug. It's your right, even if you've been turned into a ravaging beast, a bloodthirsty engine of destruction."

"I snarled and kicked over a lamp. I upset a settee and clawed plaster from the walls. Without my realizing it, I had indeed become that brutalized, ravaging beast."

And so we leave Asa and return to Willamette's fair soil, happy in the thought that none of our students have yet faced Asa's troubles—or have they? However, if any of them have become used to mayhem and uproar we hope they spend their leisure time, not in demolishing the tennis courts but in filling up that ever-constant landmark in front of the library.

Now, with one of Dr. Rahe's quotations, the writer again returns to "the little grey cell in the west." Remember, "a chip on the shoulder indicates wood abo—"

Lois Messing, Sophomore, Weds at March Ceremony

Rose City Park Methodist church in Portland was the scene of the informal wedding March 1 of Lois Messing, WU sophomore, and Ensign H. E. (Ted) Todd, USNR. The couple's engagement was announced late in January on the campus.

The bride was given in mar-

riage by her father, C. A. Messing of Portland and her sister, Mrs. Richard W. Leake, was matron of honor. Earl Fedje was best man. Mrs. Wesley Sanford Todd, mother of the groom, played the organ music.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The couple left immediately after the reception for San Francisco where Todd was stationed with the navy before going overseas last week. Mrs. Todd has returned to the Delta Gamma house at Willamette where she is house manager.

Mrs. Todd was drama manager last semester and has been active in both speech and drama on the campus. She holds a scholarship awarded by the National Methodist foundation and is president of the Oregon Methodist Student organization.

Todd received his commission last fall at Columbia university after completing two years at the University of Colorado in navy V-12.

Delta Gamma Coed Tells Engagement

The engagement of Eileen Lytle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lytle, of Portland, and Bradley W. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Young of Spokane, Washington, was announced Monday evening at the Delta Gamma chapter house in the traditional manner of passing a box of candy.

Young, a former V-12 student at Willamette, and active in student affairs while on the campus, wrote the class of '48's Glee song in 1945. He was later transferred to the University of Washington under the NROTC program, where he is at present a junior in pre-law.

Miss Lytle, a sophomore at Willamette, is rush chairman of her sorority and a member of Beta Alpha Gamma, sophomore women's honorary.

No wedding plans have as yet been made.

Lausanne Elects Spring Officers

Officers of Lausanne hall for the spring semester, elected during a special house meeting held on February 21, are: president, June Dunn; first vice-president and head proctor, Pat McCarger; second vice-president and social chairman, Jean Caldwell; secretary, Ellen Forslund; treasurer, Marjorie Stockman; reporter, Mary Lou Ohling; and song leaders, Eloise Rarey and Cloise Wallace.

WU Speakers Take Honors At Linfield

Taking first place in the after dinner speaking contest of the Linfield tournament held last weekend was Kay Karnopp of the WU forensics squad. Ten Willamette students entered the vacation-week meet.

Other Willamette students placing high in their respective contests were Corinne Engdahl who took second place in junior

New students interested in varsity competition in forensics or in assisting with judging of the high school tournament this weekend should contact Dr. Herbert E. Rahe in room 302 of Waller this week.

women's impromptu; Margaret Allen who placed second in junior women's interpretation; Jean Evans, who took second place in the junior women's extemp division, and Addyse Lane who placed third in junior women's interpretation. The Karnopp-Engdahl team tied for second place in junior women's debate.

Other finalists were Joyce Feiden in extemp and Addyse Lane in after dinner speaking. Special note was made of the fact that both Miss Evans in extemp and Miss Lane in interpretation went through three preliminary contests, receiving first place each time.

The Linfield contest helped in making plans for the trip to California planned for the middle of April when WU contestants will compete in meets at Stockton and Hollywood.

Proposed Ticket Increase Will Benefit ASWU Program

By Nancy Stuart

With the backing of athletic interests of the campus and other activities which would also benefit from increased allocations, the \$15 student body ticket plan was presented to students yesterday by ASWU President Harold Malde, Lestle Sparks, Dr. Kenneth McLeod, Fred Graham, Virginia Cannon and Ruth Farmer.

Under the new setup the increase to \$15 for next fall would give athletics a stability it has lacked in the past and the additional funds set free would allow expansion of other fields of student activity. The 31% allotted to athletics each year from the present \$10 fee would be replaced by the new \$5 increase and subtraction of the athletics slice from the budget would leave much needed funds to be distributed among remaining ASWU budget items.

Benefits to athletics would include opportunity for long-range planning in that field and a centralization of control of funds. Protection will also be afforded other activities which suffer from raids to support the expanding sports program needed for the school.

The remainder of the ticket funds will be distributed by constitutional revision along lines to be determined and adopted later in the semester. Allocations just approved for the constitution at the end of last semester would become obsolete at the end of this term but would act as a guide in the new distribution.

Specified in the motion upon which the student body will vote Tuesday is the provision that if the trustees are assured now of the increase constitutional revision will be carried through to make such action positive before the ending of the semester.

Adams Wed On Tuesday

Shirley Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams of Salem, became the bride of Clifton H. Boehmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Boehmer of Salem, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Methodist church. Dean Daniel H. Schulze officiated. The ceremony was performed before an altar lighted by tall tapers and banked with baskets of white flowers.

The bride, a graduate student at Willamette, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin and her veil was of fingertip length, falling from a halo cap of white satin. The bride's bouquet was of calla lilies.

The bride's three attendants were La Verne Harnsberger, maid of honor; Mrs. Dorothy Bairr, and Mrs. Dorothy Applegate, bridesmaids. The groom's brother, Bud Boehmer, was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Carrier room of the church. Dean Olive M. Dahl presided at the tea urns and Mrs. W. E. Knowles served the cake.

Campus friends of the bride who aided in serving were Patricia Carter, Virginia Barber, Dorothy Hoar, Dorothy Kenney, Marilee MacFarlane and Elaine Cloudy.

The Amen Corner

Another semester has rolled around, along with good old spring. Things look pretty bright now, with a clean slate to start from—hope it still looks bright when our first exams roll around.

Religious activities are off to a good start this week with lots of mixers and parties already in view, so let's take a look and see what's in store for us this week.

Mixer Being Planned
The Interfaith council met Tuesday and discussed plans for an all-student mixer. Although definite plans have not been made it will either take place on March 29 or April 5. If present plans work out, a big surprise will be in store for the entertainment. This is the first combined religious program that the group has planned, so we all hope it really goes over big.

Catholic Club to Meet
Next Wednesday at 7 the Catholic club will meet with Father Vincent and a visiting priest from St. Joseph in Chresto. Refreshments will be served and it will be decided at the meeting how much financial aid will be put toward the Interfaith mixer.

Election to Be Held
The Intervarsity group will meet every Thursday at 7 in the Lausanne lounge. This week a nomination of officers will take place, followed next week by an election of officers. The group invites all students who are interested, and plans are being made for a mixer for new students.

WU Students Elected
At the annual meeting of the Older Girls' conference in Eu-

gene last week Carol Bergstrom, freshman, was elected to the position of first vice-president of the conference.

Also the Oregon Methodist Youth Fellowship conference held an election of officers at the all state conclave March 8-10 in Eugene. Lois Todd was elected president; Earl Fedje, vice president; Mary Lois Cotton, worship chairman, and Dorothy Libby, World Friendship chairman.

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Erickson Slates First Spring Grid Session

Eleven Lettermen Will Form Nucleus for New 'Cat System

Coach Walt Erickson, Willamette's new football mentor, will inaugurate the official return of football to the campus next Monday, in the form of spring practice. This will be the groundwork for next season's Bearcat squad, the first civilian gridder to represent Cardinal and Gold since 1942. Walt promises to turn out the old prewar brand of football with additional speed and power.

Spring practice will continue through April 5. Another two weeks' session will be held after the spring sports wind-up, May 27.

From 2 to 4:30 on Monday equipment will be issued, followed by the first chalk talk, which will be held in the gym. On Tuesday the gladiators will suit up and hit the field for their first workout. Walt plans to concentrate on developing a strong offensive and the fundamentals involved will be stressed throughout spring practice. He also promises plenty of passing and clever backfield strategy.

The new coach will use his own offensive system, known in sport circles as an unbalanced line with a double Q wing-back, which has more snap than a Hungarian sling-shot. He figures it will give the fans fallen arches from jumping up and down for four straight quarters. He also plans to use the tricky squirrel-cage shift, adding color and spark to his offensive system.

Returning lettermen who have registered thus far are linemen Marvin Goodman, Paul Cookingham, Hank Ercolini, Mush Barbour, Bill Reder and Joe Dispenziere. In the backfield are Bob Douglas, Cece Connors, Larry McKeel, Earl Hampton and Rex Hardy.

Willamette's football record is one to be envied, as the Bearcats can boast eight Conference championships in the nine years prior to 1942. Walt is anxious to have a big turn out, regardless of previous football experience.

State Casaba Tourney On At Willamette

Once more holding the spotlight in Oregon basketball circles is the historic Willamette university gym, where 16 teams representing all of the high schools in the state are battling it out on the traditional maple boards of state high school tourney play. This year's fracas is the first of the postwar affairs but already it has added to the long history of the annual meet.

The whole thing started way back in 1917, 1918 and 1919 when Willamette university held an invitational meet for high school basketball teams at the local armory. Willamette's athletic director at that time was R. L. Mathews, now the director of athletics at Lewis and Clark college in Portland. The 1917 tourney can not be said to be a real all-state affair because only various schools in the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon attended. The 1920 tournament is really the first state tourney for it was this year that twelve teams participated, coming from various parts of the state. Salem won the first tourney by defeating Lincoln of Portland by the close tally of 12 to 11.

Genial Les Sparks, Willamette Coach, athletic instructor, director, manager and any other title not mentioned that would fit his many jobs, is in charge of making the arrangements for this tourney and it is 23rd tournament.

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SPORTLIGHTS

By GRAHAM

The new semester commencing Monday brought much joy to Coach Walt Erickson and his coaching cohorts, for on that day athletes by the droves registered for the spring term and none too soon either, what with spring football beginning next week. This host of men consisted of footballers, basketballers and baseballers, who competed many, many times for Willamette in the past and also a good many boys who will be seeing plenty of athletic competition in years to come. Heading the list of ex-Cat greats are Bill Reder and Ted Ogdahl of 1940 and '41 football fame. Ogdahl received the highest honor possible for a small college athlete, by being placed on the little All-American in 1941, which is definitely no soft touch. Reder, a teammate of Ogdahl, was one of the crew to be stranded at Pearl Harbor in 1941, when the Japs attacked shortly after the completion of a ball game between University of Hawaii and WU. Among others in the group just enrolling are Bob Douglas, '42; Earl Hampton, '41; Rex Hardy, Hank Ercolini, only to mention a few. What with athletic programs expanding all over the northwest, looks as though the Bearcats will be up there somewhere near the top of the bunch. The weeks to come will give a good indication as to what's to be expected.

UBC Captures League Title

The University of British Columbia walked off with undisputed possession of the Northwest conference basketball title last week by dropping the equally potent CPS loggers 56-50, in a game which decided the championship. Had the Lumberjacks been able to top UBC, considered to be the best quintet in the Northwest, they would have been crowned champions. With the defeat, however, they were dropped to third place, while Linfield, who was beaten out of the championship bracket by Willamette, remained in full possession of second place. Willamette held fourth place with Pacific, Whitman and College of Idaho following in that order.

Good Idea

A new proposal presented to the student body in cooperation with the board of trustees recently and which will come before the students for a vote next week stands to help the expansion of the university's activities and particularly athletics, provided the students vote for said proposal. The gist of the new proposal is that the university will take over the athletic program, whereas at present the students now have it (that is, as far as we know). The new idea has a number of good points which will have a great effect on WU's future status as an athletic school.

In the first place where in the past, when a sport such as football went deep into the hole during the course of a season, the remainder of the sports had to dig to make up the deficit, and with the result that they could not survive as they should, in a style fitting WU. The spring sports were the ones which usually took it on the chin. A second very important point has to do with long range planning, which is important in the consideration of future athletics.

Can Count On It

With this new plan the coaches quite constant from year to year plan from year to year instead of from sport to sport as has been the case in years before. That is to say, any particular sport will know pretty nearly exactly how much money there is available when its particular season rolls around, because when the student enrollment becomes consistent from year to year as it was in pre-war years, and money is apportioned on a percentage basis it will also remain quite constant from year to year—with no fear of being given up for the benefit of other athletic activities. So, fellow students, a vote for the proposal will make for a much better and more effective athletic program in the future.

Two Students To Coach Golf And Baseball

With appointments of two student coaches and one prof, prospects for Willamette baseball, tennis and golf seasons loomed brighter. With Bill Hanska taking over the baseball angle, Rich Wicks the golf slot, and Bud Gilmore the tennis field, Willamette's venture into the NW conference spring athletic program should prove to be an interesting one.

First turnouts for baseball have been set for next Monday in preparation for their opener against the University of Oregon April 5. Golf and tennis turnouts have not been set, but will begin next week.

Wicks, a graduate in liberal arts in 1945, entered law school this year after a short stay at Stanford university. During his four year term in WU he played on several varsity golf squads.

Gilmore is an ex-Willamette student, who is back as a teacher of history, and is taking over the reigns as acting tennis coach. This job is a non-paying one and will allow Bud to maintain his amateur status.

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Hoop Squads Eat

February 22 marked the finale to Willamette's basketball season, when the teams, varsity and frosh were feted with a banquet presented by coach Leslie Sparks. About twenty members of the '46 aggregations were on hand with dates to make the finish a fitting one.

Irv Miller, veteran Bearcat guard, acted as master of ceremonies, introducing the speakers and keeping the guests entertained. During the course of the evening captains for the respective squads were picked by vote and the result was that Marshall Barbour, captain of the varsity through most of the season, was selected honorary captain and Bob Jewell was recorded a like honor for the frosh.